

Kenya  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Where will our group be staying?**

The groups would be staying at a dormitory with bunk beds. The facility has purified water, hot water showers, and limited internet.

**What is the food like?**

Typical American foods are served like pasta, meat, rice, veggies, mashed potatoes, etc and at the end of the stay several Kenyan foods are served. There will be a food schedule upon arrival in Kenya. Breakfast might consist of eggs, toasts, coffee, milk, yogurt, juices, cinnamon rolls, etc.

**What about the water?**

Bring a water bottle. There will be safe water at the site. Filtered water will be provided at the mission house and is safe to drink. There will also be a place where you may purchase bottled water if desired.

**What is the weather like?**

Nairobi has a mild humid temperate climate with warm summers and no dry season. The month of August is characterized by *gradually rising* daily high temperatures, with daily highs ranging from 71°F to 75°F, occasionally exceeding 78°F. Daily low temperatures are around 57°F, falling below 54°F or exceeding 58°F only one day in ten.

**Is there medical care available?**

Kenyan medical care is generally below western standards, but should you need it, adequate care is available in Nairobi. We require all team members to provide proof of medical coverage. For those who wish, COI provides a plan that includes medical evacuation. See insert.

**How safe is it?**

We have not had any security problems with our groups. We recommend taking certain precautions to avoid any problems. Team members are advised not to be out alone after dark. We have night watchmen on duty at the site. Anything of significant value that isn't necessary for the trip should be left at home. We will review security plans before we leave.

**How do we get around?**

Each team will have a local van with a driver. Transportation within Kenya is included, and set-up, in your COI package.

**What are the requirements for entering and exiting Kenya?**

A valid passport and visa are required for entry into Kenya. Immigration has instituted a new visa policy whereby all visitors must obtain visas by using a new online system: <https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke>. The fees are \$50 for a single-entry visa and \$100 for a multiple-entry visa for each traveler, regardless of age and whether obtained in advance or at the airport.

All travelers must apply online and bring their completed/approved eVisa printout with them to gain entry to Kenya. For more information regarding the Kenyan e-visa program, please contact Kenya Immigration in Nairobi or the Kenyan embassy in Washington, D.C.

Travelers to Kenya should ensure that the validity of their passports is at least six months beyond the end of their intended stay. Kenyan immigration authorities require a minimum of two blank (unstamped) visa pages in the passport to enter the country. If you are NOT a citizen of the U.S., it is YOUR responsibility to check with the nearest embassy or consulate for visa requirements.

Evidence of yellow fever immunization may be requested, and some travelers have been turned around at immigration for not having sufficient proof of immunization. No other immunizations are required for entrance to Kenya, but we suggest you have a current tetanus shot (within last 5-10 years). If you have further questions, please check with your personal physician. For more information, check the center for disease control web site at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and select *traveler's health*. Information may be requested directly from CDC by calling 1-888-232-3299.