



KENYA: SWAHILI COURSE

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WHAT DO YOU GET?

- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into Africa and the many diverse cultures in Kenya.
- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market
- Experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who'll meet you at the airport on your arrival - helps you feel safe and never alone!
- An in-depth Induction makes you feel local straight away!
- A unique insight into another culture – see it from the inside in a way you could never do as a tourist.
- An opportunity to make lifelong friends from all over the world.
- And best of all ... an unforgettable experience!



► SUMMARY FACTFILE

Start Dates	All year round - you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	1 week.
Requirements	No qualifications needed
Price	For up-to-date prices, please check our website www.travellersworldwide.com
What's included	► Course fees and some materials ► Accommodation ► Food ► Meeting you at the Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Transport to and from you project every day ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support.
What's not included	Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Return transfer to airport.
Who can do this Project?	All our projects are open to all nationalities. Unless otherwise stated, you need to be aged between 17 and 70+

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

JAMBO! You'll hear that all day long in Kenya, so **Hello!** and **Karibu** (welcome) to Kenya, the 'Cradle of Humanity'.

Before commencing your project in Kenya, you would find it very useful to learn a little of the local language. We have set up a One-Week Intensive Swahili Course, which will run for the week prior to commencing your Project.

After the course, when you try your new-found language skills, you'll find that your Kenyan colleagues will be very keen to give you a helping hand. Every new word is seen as a small triumph! Learning a little Swahili will enrich your time here immeasurably, as you find out things about the culture and the way of life that someone without language skills simply would not have access to.

The Swahili Programme

Swahili (also called Kiswahili) is a Bantu language the most widely spoken language of sub-Saharan Africa. Swahili is the mother tongue of the Swahili people (or Waswahili) who inhabit several large stretches of the Indian Ocean coastlines from southern Somalia as far south as Mozambique's border region with Tanzania.

It is spoken by tens of millions in two countries, Kenya and Tanzania, where it is an official language. The neighboring nation of Uganda made Swahili a required subject in primary schools in 1992 and declared it an official language in 2005. Swahili or closely related other languages are also used by relatively small numbers of speakers in Burundi, Rwanda, Mozambique, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Start your time in Kenya with a one-week Intensive Swahili Course - this will enable you to get a lot more out of your placement because you will have the basics to communicate in your day-to-day working, living and socialising. You don't need any Swahili to teach, as the children have a reasonable level of English, but learning a little of the local language would definitely be of benefit to you while in the country.

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These courses are meant for volunteers who are already doing a Travellers placement, but can be done by anyone, whether or not you're on one of our placement.

The course will take place immediately prior to your placement, and is a one week intensive course. The course will be held at the Airways Travel institute which was established in 1995. The Institute is recognised by the Ministry of Science and Technology. It's also an IATA and a City and Guilds Centre.

Work Content

The course will be given by a local teacher - and all the teachers have either degrees or diplomas. The course itself will be about 5 or 6 hours a day.

All lessons will be set at your level of expertise and will also take into account what type of voluntary placement you will be doing. So you may either be on your own or, if other volunteers are doing the same placement as you and wanting to learn Swahili tailored to their placement, we will put you altogether.

If you are the only volunteer we can possibly arrange a private one-to-one lesson at your accommodation.

The lessons will include:

- Basic Swahili



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- Salutations
- Sentence construction
- Question asking and answering
- Commonly used vocabulary
- Written and spoken Swahili
- Basic tenses, adverbs, adjectives and phrases
- Swahili culture and norms

They'll use visual aids like videos, PowerPoint presentations and also some locals will visit so you can practice the language and have chats with them.

Classes are available at various levels from beginners to advanced, so no matter what your level of Swahili is, there will be a class to suit you. We can offer beginner, elementary, intermediate or advanced classes.

You may be required to purchase some text books for the course. These will be available for you to buy once you are out there.

At the end of the course, you may have to sit an exam and on completion of the course and exam, if you pass, you will receive a Certificate issued by the Institute stating that you have completed the course, to what level, and the duration in hours of the course you have completed.

LOCATION:

Mombasa is an island connected to the mainland by bridges and ferries and the town itself overlooks a fascinating harbour of traditional sailing dhows alongside commercial shipping. To most people, Mombasa is a wonderful place, a combination of a tourist resort and a working city with a throbbing heart and laid-back attitude. This sultry area offers interesting things to see, beaches to relax on and beautiful nature reserves to visit. Mombasa is a bustling city with a history stretching back to the 12th century. There is a vibrant mixture of cultures, architecture and entertainment.

The true heart of Mombasa is the exotic old town. Here the streets are narrow and winding and filled with the heady scent of spices. Amongst the Arab architecture you'll find women wearing the traditional bui bui and busy markets that throb with life and colour, all added to by the wrap-around cloth of the traditional coastal khanga and kikoy that is worn by both men and women.

Fort Jesus lies at the edge of the water. This is an imposing fort that stands watch over the harbour. It was built in the 16th century and has high gun turrets, battlements and underground passages. Modern Mombasa is a city of great diversity and life. This is a town where all are welcomed and quickly absorbed into this great coastal melting pot. Mosques, Hindu Temples and Christian churches surround streets that thrive with a world of cultures.

Outside Mombasa, at the Shimba Hills National Reserve, you will encounter a lovely forest setting with elephant, leopard and the rare, sable antelope. Towards the south, there are a number of beaches and resort hotels. The beaches are white and sandy with coral reefs which are heaven to scuba and skin divers. Further south, on Shimoni and Wasini islands, authentic Swahili culture survives and you can also visit the protected marine reserve. North of Mombasa there are also several beaches like Nyali, Bamburi, Shanzu, Kikambala and Vipingo.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

Your accommodation may vary, but you will most likely live with a local host family. This will give you the opportunity to experience the true African experience from the inside and not just as a "tourist" on the surface of the country.

We will try to accommodate you as close to your project as we can, so you are able to walk to work, but this may not be possible in which case you will have to use local transport, called Matatus.

Mombasa is the second most important city in Kenya (after Nairobi) It is



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the main port for Kenya and the surrounding countries, as well as being the oldest town. The pace of life is relaxed and people of Mombasa enjoy themselves (particularly on Friday and Saturday nights!). A spectacular coral reef runs for 480 km along the palm-fringed coastline. The waters below are filled with marine life, while up above a huge diversity of birdlife occupies the mangrove forests or overhanging cliffs.

Food: Meals will be provided by your host family, and they will be local cuisine.

VISAS:

You do need a visa for Kenya; this can be purchased before you arrive or upon arrival into the country. We'll liaise with you about your visa requirements and make the visa process very easy.

FLIGHTS:

You have the option to arrange your own flights or we can assist you with your flight arrangements. If you would like us to do this for you, we will liaise with you regarding available flights and dates to suit you. All arrangements for your flight bookings/payments will be fulfilled by [Murray Rogers Travel Limited](#), ATOL No. 6856.

INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our Kenyan Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Mombasa and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

COSTS:

Please see the prices pages of our website [Full Price List](#). The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Course fees and some materials
- ✓ Certification fees where applicable
- ✓ Accommodation (if concurrent with your main Travellers placement)
- ✓ Food (if concurrent with your main Travellers placement)
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Transport to and from your project each day
- ✓ Local in-country team support and backup
- ✓ 24hr emergency helpline
- ✓ Full pre-departure support
- ✓ UK administration
- ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations)
- ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection
- ✓ Staff Training/Equipment
- ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

For every volunteer, a donation is made by Travellers on your behalf into the [Bridge The Gap Foundation](#). This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.



COUNTRY PROFILE:

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Think of Kenya and you think of ...

- Safaris,
- Elephant, lion, zebra, giraffe ...
- The Masai Mara stretching to infinity,
- Serengeti, the Great Rift Valley
- Children barefoot in the African dust,
- Masai resting under baobab trees



"Revered by anthropologists as the 'cradle of humanity', Kenya is also the heart of African safari country, boasting the most diverse collection of wild animals on the continent. And no matter how many Tarzan movies you've seen, nothing will prepare you for the annual mass migration of wildebeests."

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Kenya is not just about big game - it also has beautiful unspoilt beaches, thriving coral reefs with their glorious colours, memorable mountain vistas and ancient Swahili cities. It is an independent republic which lies on the Indian Ocean coast and forms part of the East African Region. The capital city is Nairobi, and its' other major towns are Nakuru and Kisumu and the port of Mombasa.

The topography and scenic beauty in Kenya is breath taking, ranging from: the vast rift Valley to the rolling savannas, the isolation of the desert regions in the north, the magnificence of the highlands, with its central piece - the world famous glaciated peaks of Mt. Kenya. Mt Kenya, situated in the Laikipia district, is one of the greatest sites in Africa. There are many tours which will allow you to climb this magnificent natural site, and it is only one of the things you will not want to miss out on!



The people here are extremely friendly and their hospitality can sometimes be over whelming. Their culture and traditions date back for centuries, and with up to 70 different tribal communities you will find plenty to talk about.

The transport and open markets are chaotic and summarise Kenya in a word. They will have you wondering where you are, but also glad to be in one of the most intriguing and amazing places available to travel to.

THINGS TO DO IN: KENYA

- **The Masai Mara** is Kenya's finest wildlife sanctuary. Everything about this reserve is outstanding. The wildlife is abundant and the gentle rolling grassland ensures that animals are never out of sight. Birds too are prolific, including migrant birds and 57 species of birds of prey. The first sight of this park is breathtaking. Here the great herds of shuffling elephants browse among the rich tree-studded grasslands with an occasional sighting of a solitary and ill-tempered rhino, Thompson's and Grant's gazelle, topi and eland and many more species of plains' game offer a rich choice of food for the dominant predators; lion, leopard and cheetah which hunt in this pristine wilderness.
- **The Wildebeest Migration** Kenya's most spectacular annual event is staged by wildebeests. Literally millions of these ungainly antelopes (about 2 million) move en masse in July and August from the Serengeti in search of fresh grasslands. They head south again around October. The animals spend the rainy season (March – April) widely scattered in the area around Ngorongoro in the southern part of the Serengeti Park (Tanzania). By March this area usually dries up and huge herds form and the animals start moving north towards Masai Mara in Kenya. The herds arrive in Masai Mara around August – September and stay there until November. The best place to see this migration is at the Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya.



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- **Tsavo National Park** is set on nearly 22,000 sq km Tsavo is the largest national park in Kenya, and for administration purposes is has been split into Tsavo east and Tsavo west. The most developed area is in the northern area of Tsavo which has some beautiful scenery, especially in the wet season when the countryside is green. With the animals ranging from ostriches to elephants.
- **Safaris** are the obvious Kenya activity, but there are many ways to safari. For something different, Camel safaris - in the Samburu and Turkana tribal areas between Isiolo and Lake Turkana - must rate as the most unforgettable. The countries most talked about wildlife park is the quintessential Masai Mara National Reserve west of Nairobi. Other highly rated parks include the Amboseli for its backdrop of Mt Kilimanjaro, the dense Kakamega with its 330-plus species of birds and the equally fecund soda lakes of Baringo or Nakuru.

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- 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK:

'The Swahili course was very, very useful, living in the country when you speak their language makes the experience even better, and you get treated as if you are a Kenyan. Also, my teacher was possibly the best tutor I have ever had, I even met up with him and his family after the lessons.'

Alexander Hunter

'My family were fantastic and went beyond their duties to make me welcome. Njeri [Travellers' Mombasa Organiser] was always helpful should I need anything.'

Caroline Chadwick

HOW TO BOOK:

Please complete a [booking form](#) online or you can send a postal booking from our free brochure. When we receive this, we'll telephone you to discuss the details and then start the exciting process of planning your trip!

We do hope you'll join us and are confident that you'll find this an incredible experience. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions - we'll be happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!

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