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### News

#### **BBC Big Cat Diary Moves Into Governors' Camp**

Governors' Camp Kenya is delighted to welcome back for the tenth year the BBC Big Cat Diary Film Crew for one of the BBC Natural History Unit's most ambitious live projects to date. The filming of Big Cat Diary will be broadcast live for viewing on BBC One, [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) and CBeebies from Sunday 5th October to Sunday 12th October. The Big Cat team has extensive experience from their many years of filming in this special corner of the Masai Mara Game Reserve. They will be monitoring the lion, leopard and cheetah families which are resident around the Camp and further afield, and sharing their fascinating lives and daily dramas with their viewers. Neil Nightingale, Head of the BBC Natural History Unit, says: "Big Cat Live is the BBC's most ambitious ever live international wildlife event. Audiences will be transported into the heart of wild Africa to experience the action in one of the world's most dramatic wildlife locations, as it happens". To keep up to date with all the action log on now to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bigcat/> where you can receive field reports from the team, a daily news bulletin and watch live 24 hour webcams straight from the heart of the Masai Mara.

#### **Wildebeest On Migration - 30 September 2008**

Jonathan Scott informs that the Wildebeest have returned to the Masai Mara following recent rain. [Click here](#) to hear Jonathan Scott's commentary. [More details](#)

### Safari Destination Guide

#### **Mount Kenya National Park - Mount Kenya is a UNESCO World Heritage Site**

Mount Kenya is the country's highest mountain. Sitting astride the equator its icy summit reaches to 5199 meters (17,058 feet). The entire mountain above the 3200-meter contour forms a national park. In fact, Mount Kenya consists of three principal zones: the rocky peak area, which is actually an eroded volcanic plug, with its mantle of glaciers and snowfields; the alpine zone with its distinctive giant vegetation; and the vast gentle lower slopes drenched in mountain

forest and bamboo jungle. It is no wonder that awed farmers at its foothills considered this remote majestic wonderland as God's domain.

Many rivers flow from the perpetual snows of Mount Kenya, among them the mighty Tana River, Kenya's largest and longest river and source of much of Kenya's electricity supply. Most visitors are content to marvel at the mountain's beauty but some will want to attempt to reach the peaks; a feat requiring considerable rock climbing skill. But the mountain's lesser peaks and glaciers can be scaled and walked by the fit and the adventurous. Point Lenana on Mount Kenya, 4985 meters, can be easily reached. In fact the majority of visitors go to the mountain to enjoy the walking and especially the high level hut-to-hut hike round the mountain with its humbling vistas. Wildlife within the forests below the park boundary includes elephant, buffalo, lion, several species of antelope including the rare bongo and occasionally the melanistic forms of both the leopard and the serval cat. Much of this wildlife can be seen from the safety of Serena Mountain Lodge, which lies just inside the forest on the south side of the mountain. When climbing Mount Kenya, climbers should appreciate the need for acclimatization over several days before attempting the high peaks. Naro Moru River Lodge specializes in assisting climbers with guides, porters and equipment. It is quite unwise to attempt to climb during the rains.



**[Click here for a complete guide to Mount Kenya National Park](#)**

### **Mount Kenya Safari Club**

**AfricanMecca Tier 1 Accommodation.** [Click here for](#)

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**Mount Kenya Safari Club** is located near the high slopes of Africa's second highest mountain, **Mt Kenya** straddling the equator in a glory of luxurious cottages and elegant buildings set amid manicured lawns and decorative ponds. Ever since the club was founded in 1959 by the late film star William Holden, eccentric American Ray Ryan, and Swiss financier Carl Hirschmann, it has been a Mecca for the international jet set - its list of members reads like a Who's Who of royalty, aristocracy, and the rich and famous.



**[Click here for complete information on Mount Kenya Safari Club](#)**

### **Indian Ocean Beach Destination Guide**

### **Kiwayu Island - Kenya**

Kiwayu lies on Kenya's East Coast on the Indian Ocean, and forms part of the northern Lamu Archipelago. For centuries, the bay of Kiwayu has been a calling point for Arab dhows trading in ivory, carpets and carved chests traveling between Arabia, Mombasa and Zanzibar filling their "debes" with sweet water from wells.

[Click here for complete details on Kiwayu Island](#)



### **Kiwayu Safari Village**

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#### **AfricanMecca Rating**

Nestling amid the mainland dunes, the oasis of Kiwayu Safari Village lies to the north of a sheltered lagoon off the island of Kiwayu. There are few places in our world, which can boast such total seclusion, visited only by fishermen, the dhow that still comes to collect sweet water and the occasional sports fisherman in search of the magnificent marlin or sail fish.



[Click here for complete details on Kiwayu Safari Village](#)

### **Recommended Indian Ocean Beach & Cultural Program**

#### **Overnight Prices:**

- **Kiwayu Safari Village:** From US \$430 or GBP 229 per person/night sharing a cottage.  
**Programs Inclusions:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner and all taxes.

[Click here for more Kenya & Surrounding Beach Island Holidays & Cultural Programs Prices.](#)

### **Recommended African Safari Program**

- **7 Days - Kenya, Land of Contrasts Safari:** From US \$2290 or GBP 1219 per person sharing. **Programs Inclusions:** accommodation, all transfers, local flight, conservancy and park fees, game activities and all taxes. [Click here for a complete itinerary](#)

### **Another Perfect AfricanMecca Honeymoon Customer Experience - Traveled August 2008**

**Destinations Visited:** Nairobi (House of Waine), Amboseli (Satao Elerai Camp), Samburu (Larsens Camp), Masai Mara (Little Governors Camp), Mahale Mountains (Nkungwe Camp - Chimpanzee Trekking) & Funzi Island (Funzi Keys)

Dear Raza, We want to thank all the AfricanMecca team and the people who had made possible such an unforgettable honeymoon. The route and camps you suggested us were amazing and we always were located at the best rooms with a very charm welcome. Also the connections and contacts worked perfectly during the whole trip, so all your arrangements

were perfectly designed. Special greetings to John, thank him for giving us an enthusiastic Kenya's first approach in the Amboseli, and also to the Nkungwe beach lodge (a paradise on earth) for all their attentions in such a remote and beautiful spot. Once back to daily routine, we guess we are going to remember the days we spend in Kenya time and time again. Raza, again, we were delighted with your patient and experienced advice. We are already recommending your services and we definitely will trust on your team whenever we come to visit eastern Africa. Pleased to meet you.

Sincerely

Toni & Raquel  
(Barcelona) Spain. August 2008



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