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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

WE WISH ALL OUR CLIENTS AND GUESTS A MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY KWANZA & HANUKKAH AND A VERY BLESSED EID MUBARAK.

News

East African Rock Art Site Now Open

News Overview

"Engravings and paintings on stone are the oldest surviving record of human communication as well as being some of the earliest known cultural and historical records. With its long history of human settlement and migration, Kenya has a rich history of rock art, ranging over several thousand years with a variety of styles and themes. However, until now it has not been possible for visitors to view rock art in Kenya. The Trust for African Rock Art (TARA) have opened the first ever rock art visitor sites in Kenya at Mfangano Island in Lake Victoria. This is part of a project that TARA is implementing to conserve rock art across Kenya in association with the National Museums of Kenya (NMK).



The visitor sites include several on Mfangano Island, in the spectacular setting of Lake Victoria, Africa's largest lake. Visitors can view two painting sites, where red and white geometric symbols 1000 to 4000 years old can be experienced. A hike over the hilly center of the island also passes *cupules*, or small cup-shaped indentations in the rocks, possibly much older than the paintings."

For information on AfricanMecca Kenya Rock Art Site Programs, [contact us](#)

Safari Destination Guide

Lake Victoria

Lake Victoria is the world's second largest freshwater lake covering an area of 67,850 square kilometers. This vast expanse, about the size of the Republic of Ireland, forms the headwaters of the River Nile. The nearest major town next to the lake is Kisumu, which is 350 kilometers from Nairobi by road. Three nations share the waters of the lake - Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Kenya's share is the smallest (3785 square kilometers) but there is a busy network of waterways between the trading towns and villages, which lie along the shores of the lake. Passenger boats and small cargo vessels ply daily from Kisumu as far as the Tanzanian border and north to Port Victoria near Uganda. Kisumu, the largest town in western Kenya and the nation's third largest (population over 250,000), is the home of several small industries notably fish processing and cotton goods manufacture.

Kisumu town came into existence with the completion, in 1901, of the first section of the Kenya Uganda Railway five years after plate laying began 1000 kilometers away in Mombasa. It was briefly called Port Florence. Only forty years earlier, the English explorer Speke, having traveled along the western shore of the

lake reached a place he named Ripon Falls. It was these cataracts, at what is now Jinja in Uganda, which he proclaimed the source of the Nile.

[Click here](#) for a complete guide to Lake Victoria.

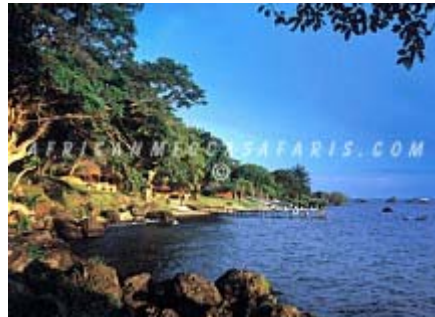


Mfangano Island camp - Lake Victoria

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Mfangano Camp is situated on the unspoilt island of Mfangano in Lake Victoria and occupies an entire secluded bay on the western shores of the island. This great lake has romantic associations as the source of the River Nile, ever since explorers such as Speke and Burton came to the area at the end of the last century.

Mfangano Island Camp, a small remote hideaway, is a perfect place to combine with your safari. It is only 40 minutes charter flight from the Masai Mara followed by a relaxing 15 minutes boat ride along the tropical shoreline.



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