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What has changed?

Kenya has changed the age for the vaccination requirement. Please see the section on Covid requirements for more details.

Kenya

Travelers arriving in Kenya will need:

- A valid passport
- A visa
- A Covid-19 certificate of vaccination or negative PCR test (please see details below)

Passports

- Must have at least six months remaining before expiry
- Must have at least two empty pages

Visas

Most travelers visiting Kenya require a visa. For almost all travelers, a standard, single-entry visitor's visa will be sufficient.

Visa applications must be made in advance online using the approved website - <https://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>

During the application process, you will be asked for the following:

- Travel itinerary
- List of hotels you are booked to stay at
- Copy of your return flight ticket
- A scanned copy or photo of your passport's main data page
- A clear passport-style photograph

The acceptable formats for the attachments are PDF, JPG, or MS Word

The visa fees are payable online by major credit/debit card and there is a US\$1.00 processing fee.

The visa, once issued, is valid for travel within three months of issue. Sadly, should you have to postpone travel, you will need to apply for a new visa.



Travelers who are spending time in Kenya and then traveling to another neighbouring destination (Tanzania including Zanzibar, Rwanda or Uganda) may re-enter Kenya on the same visa so long as they have not returned to their country of residence between entries.

Yellow Fever

It is not a requirement to have a yellow fever vaccination certificate to enter Kenya **unless** you are arriving from a destination or have been to a destination that is considered endemic for yellow fever by the Centre for Disease Control. <https://www.cdc.gov/yellowfever/maps/index.html>. You should always consult a medical professional for advice on precautions prior to travel including against malaria and yellow fever.

COVID-19

Who Can Travel

- All travelers aged 5 and older require a valid certificate of full vaccination or a negative PCR test taken fewer than 72 hours before arrival to enter Kenya.
- Travelers who have not been vaccinated but have a negative PCR test will also have to take a Rapid Antigen Test (at their expense) on arrival.
- Travelers aged younger than 5 do not require a vaccination nor a PCR test.

Vaccination certificates or exemption documentation must be loaded on the Global Haven Portal <https://globalhaven.org/> before travel and you need to present the digital proof on arrival. Paper copies of vaccination certificates are not accepted.

Travelers younger than 5 years of age are exempt from having to have a PCR test or vaccination certificate.

Travelers are required to complete the Travelers' Locator Form https://ears.health.go.ke/airline_registration/ before arrival. Once you have completed the online application, you will receive a QR Code by email or check the downloads folder on your PC, laptop, or phone. You should retain and have it available on arrival (either on your phone or printed out – we suggest you print out a copy and also keep the code on your smartphone.)

Currently, no travelers face quarantine on arrival. Travelers from all destinations may visit Kenya so long as they meet the entry requirements outlined.

Trusted Travel Initiative

Before you depart, once you have your negative PCR Test, you need to have it validated by a validation company such as <https://globalhaven.org/>. Once you have completed this, you will be issued with a Digital Travel Code.



The Jitenge App/Website

Travelers should report their location daily via the Jitenge App. The app is available for users of Android based mobiles. iPhone and those without a mobile can access the website using Google Chrome as the browser on https://ears.health.go.ke/follow_up_registration/

Reporting is required for 14 days.

Whilst on Safari

Travelers are required to wear masks in confined spaces such as hotel lobbies, busses, aircraft, and airports. Travelers may also be required to wear masks in their safari vehicles at certain times.

Departure from Kenya

Kenya has no requirements that travelers are tested before they depart from Kenya. However, airlines may have requirements for a PCR test and/or Rapid Antigen Test. Also, the country guests are traveling to or returning to may require a PCR or Rapid Antigen Test before arrival. These tests can be arranged during travel. Rapid Antigen Tests are generally conducted at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Please see our separate document on testing.



Tanzania (including Zanzibar with separate section on COVID-19)

Travelers arriving in Tanzania will need:

- A valid passport
- A visa
- A negative PCR test certificate **or** a vaccination certificate

Passports

- Must have at least six months remaining before expiry
- Must have at least two empty pages

Visas

Most travelers visiting Tanzania require a visa. For almost all travelers, a standard, single-entry visitor's visa will be sufficient.

Tanzanian visas can be purchased at points of entry, but we highly suggest that visas are secured online in advance. Travelers arriving into Tanzania and connecting with an onward flight (to a park or other location) are strongly advised to get their visas in advance to avoid missing the onward connections.

Visas can be applied for at <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/>. Guidelines are available at <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/guidelines>. This will advise you of the items you will need to make your application.

The visa, once issued, is valid for travel within three months of issue. Sadly, should you have to postpone travel, you will need to apply for a new visa.

Travelers who are spending time in Tanzania and then traveling to another neighbouring destination (Kenya, Rwanda or Uganda) may re-enter Kenya on the same visa so long as they have not returned to their country of residence between entries. Please remember that Zanzibar is Part of Tanzania, and you may cross between Zanzibar (including Pemba Island) and Tanzania.

Yellow Fever

It is not a requirement to have a yellow fever vaccination certificate to enter Tanzania **unless** you are arriving from a destination or have been to a destination that is considered endemic for yellow fever by the Centre for Disease Control. <https://www.cdc.gov/yellowfever/maps/index.html>. You should always consult a medical professional for advice on precautions prior to travel including against malaria and yellow fever. **Please remember that Kenya is listed as an endemic area so travelers who are also visiting Kenya should have a certificate to enter Tanzania.**



COVID-19 – MAINLAND TANZANIA

Who Can Travel

There are no restrictions on where travel originated from with respect to COVID-19

Fully vaccinated travelers [see definition on last page] and those younger than 5 years of age are exempt from having to have a PCR test on arrival to Mainland Tanzania [Dar es Salaam's Julius K Nyerere International Airport, Kilimanjaro International Airport, Mwanza International Airport, Namanga Border, Isebania Border, Taveta Border].

Unvaccinated travelers, regardless of reason, will be required to present a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of departure.

Before You Arrive – All travelers including vaccinated

All travelers must complete a per-arrival document at <https://afyamsafiri.moh.go.tz>. This document must be completed no more than 24 hours before arrival but must be completed before arrival.

When using this website, you can also pre-book your arrival Rapid Antigen Tests and pay for these online (see more details below). **This site is currently under review and the link should take you to a notice that the site is being revised. Completion of the information is not required at this time.**

On Arrival

Unvaccinated travelers from the following countries will be screened on arrival and will also be required to take a Rapid Antigen Test:

South Africa, Ethiopia, Yemen, Nigeria, Zambia, Cameroon, Botswana, Algeria, Zimbabwe, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Malawi, Rwanda, Mongolia, Germany, United Kingdom, Russia, Turkey, The Netherlands, Poland, Czech Republic, Belgium, Ukraine, United States of America, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Canada, Chile, Iran, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Malaysia, Viet Nam, South Korea, Singapore, Philippines, & Laos

The cost of the test is \$10.00 (mainland) and must be paid in cash at the time of arrival or online in advance on the government site (see above).

Departure from Tanzania

Tanzania has no requirements that travelers are tested before they depart from Tanzania. However, many airlines may have requirements for a PCR test and/or Rapid Antigen Test. Also, the country guests are traveling to or returning to may require a PCR test before arrival. These tests can be arranged during travel. Please see our separate document on testing.



COVID-19 – ZANZIBAR (UNGUJA AND PEMBA)

Who Can Travel

There are no restrictions on where travel originated from with respect to COVID-19

Fully vaccinated travelers [see definition on last page] and those younger than 5 years of age are exempt from having to have a PCR test on arrival to Zanzibar [Zanzibar's Abeid Amani Karume International Airport or the seaports Zanzibar Port in Stone Town and Mkoani Sea Port in Pemba].

Unvaccinated travelers, regardless of reason, will be required to present a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of departure.

Before You Arrive – All travelers including vaccinated

All travelers must complete a pre-arrival document at <https://healthtravelnz.mohz.go.tz>. This document must be completed no more than 24 hours before arrival but must be completed before arrival. When using this website, you can also pre-book your arrival Rapid Antigen Tests and pay for these online at <https://zanzibarcovidtesting.co.tz> (see more details below).

On Arrival

Unvaccinated travelers from the following countries will be screened on arrival and also be required to take a Rapid Antigen Test:

South Africa, Ethiopia, Yemen, Nigeria, Zambia, Cameroon, Botswana, Algeria, Zimbabwe, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Malawi, Rwanda, Mongolia, Germany, United Kingdom, Russia, Turkey, The Netherlands, Poland, Czech Republic, Belgium, Ukraine, United States of America, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Canada, Chile, Iran, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Malaysia, Viet Nam, South Korea, Singapore, Philippines, & Laos

The cost of the test is \$25.00 (Zanzibar) and must be paid in cash at the time of arrival or online in advance on the government site (see above).

Unvaccinated travelers from the United Arab Emirates will be required to take an Exponential Deep Examination on arrival at a cost of \$35.00.

All travelers arriving by Fly Dubai, Etihad, and Emirates Airlines (even if vaccinated or with negative PCR) will be required to take an Exponential Deep Examination on arrival at a cost of \$35.00.

Departure from Zanzibar

Zanzibar has no requirements that travelers are tested before they depart from Tanzania. However, many airlines may have requirements for a PCR test and/or Rapid Antigen Test. Also, the country guests are traveling to or returning to may require a PCR test before arrival. These tests can be arranged during travel. Please see our separate document on testing.

**The Exponential Deep Examination is a thermal imaging scan using a mobile scanner.*



Travel between Masai Mara National Reserve and Serengeti National Park via Isebania

The Migori airstrip has reopened after extensive renovation allowing the reinstatement of flights between Masai Mara National Reserve and Serengeti National Park. Flights in Kenya travel between Masai Mara National Reserve and the Migori airstrip. In Tanzania, the flights are between Serengeti National Park and the Tarime airstrip. Travel between the two airstrips is by land using shared buses arranged by the airlines and the border is crossed at Isebania.

Though it is normally possible for people to get their Tanzania visas on arrival, time constraints for the connecting flights prohibit travelers from using this crossing. Travelers must have their visas in advance.

Travelers must have the following ready when traveling from Kenya to Tanzania:

- Passport
- Yellow Fever Certificate
- Completed entry declaration form found [here](#)
- E-Visa
- Health Surveillance Form (as mentioned in the Tanzania section)
- PCR Test

When completing the application:

- Mode of transport is **LAND** (remember, you are crossing the border by a bus provided by the airline to link the two airstrips).
- Point of entry is **SIRARI OSBP**

Travelers from the following countries will have to take a Rapid Antigen Test at the border at a cost of \$10.00 per person – United States of America, India, Uganda, Rwanda, France, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Malawi and the United Kingdom.

Travelers must have the following ready when traveling from Tanzania to Kenya:

- Passport
- Completed entry declaration form found [here](#)
- E-Visa (must be purchased in advance)

Please remember to review all of the entry requirements as shown in the sections for Kenya and Tanzania.



Uganda

Travelers arriving in Uganda will need:

- A valid passport
- A visa
- A yellow fever vaccination certificate
- Proof of full vaccination or a negative PCR test certificate

Passports

- Must have at least six months remaining before expiry
- Must have at least two empty pages

Visas

Most travelers visiting Uganda require a visa. For almost all travelers, a standard, single-entry visitor's visa will be sufficient.

Ugandan visas **cannot** be purchased at points of entry and can only be arranged online.

Visas can be applied for at <https://visas.immigration.go.ug/>. Details of the requirements are found on the online application site. You will need a passport photo, a copy of the bio-data page of your passport, and a yellow fever vaccination certificate.

The visa, once issued, is valid for travel within three months of issue. Sadly, should you have to postpone travel, you will need to apply for a new visa.

It is possible to get an East African Tourist Visa that covers entry to Uganda, Rwanda, and Kenya. Please note that this visa does not cover entry into Tanzania and if you enter Tanzania from one of these other countries having traveled on the EA Visa, the East African Tourist Visa will no longer be valid.

Yellow Fever

All travelers entering Uganda must have a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate. The vaccination must be within the last ten years and should have been at least 14 days before arrival.

COVID-19

Who Can Travel

Travelers are welcome from any country that could normally visit Uganda before COVID-19. All travelers are required to either present a certificate showing that they are fully vaccinated or a negative PCR test certificate on arrival. This test must have been conducted at no more than 72 hours before departure to Uganda. Travelers younger than 6 years of age are exempt. Fully vaccinated travelers are exempt from having to have a PCR test.



On Arrival

Travelers who meet the following all the following conditions will not have to quarantine on arrival:

- Negative PCR Test Certificate
- Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19
- Body temperature (taken on arrival) that is not higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius (99.5 degrees Fahrenheit)

Travelers who fail to meet all conditions will have to remain in a Kampala or Entebbe hotel at their expense until they have been cleared to travel.

During Travel

- Mandatory temperature checks will be required before game drives and primate treks
- Mandatory handwashing and use of sanitation gel required before game drives and primate treks
- A maximum of 8 people will be permitted to track a gorilla family at a time
- A maximum of 6 people will be permitted to track a chimpanzee group at a time
- Visitors must carry at least two surgical N95 or similar masks and wear them during activities
- A minimum distance of 10 meters must be kept between primates and visitors during treks
- Travelers must sanitize their hands once the primate group has been located

Departure from Uganda

All **non-vaccinated** travelers departing Uganda must take a PCR test and present a negative PCR test certificate at the airport. The test must be taken no more than 72 hours before departure. Please note that there are no testing facilities at the airport.

Fully vaccinated travelers do not have to take a departure PCR test unless it is required by the country they are flying to or their airlines.



Rwanda

Travelers arriving in Rwanda will need:

- A valid passport
- A visa
- A negative Rapid Antigen Test or PCR Test

It is recommended that you carry a yellow fever vaccination certificate (details below)

Passports

- Must have at least six months remaining before expiry
- Must have at least two empty pages

Visas

Most travelers visiting Rwanda require a visa. For almost all travelers, a standard, single entry visitor's visa will be sufficient.

Rwandan visas can be purchased at points of entry and generally cost \$50.00 US. These are payable incash. Visas can also apply for and purchased online at https://irembo.gov.rw/home/citizen/all_services.

The visa, once issued, is valid for travel within three months of issue. Sadly, should you have to postpone travel, you will need to apply for a new visa.

It is possible to get an East African Tourist Visa that covers entry to Uganda, Rwanda, and Kenya. These need to be purchased from our first country of entry. Please note that this visa does not cover entry into Tanzania and if you enter Tanzania from one of these other countries having traveled on the EA Visa, the East African Tourist Visa will no longer be valid.

Yellow Fever

It is not a requirement to have a yellow fever vaccination certificate to enter Rwanda **unless** you are arriving from a destination or have been to a destination that is considered endemic for yellow fever by the Centre for Disease Control. <https://www.cdc.gov/yellowfever/maps/index.html>. You should always consult a medical professional for advice on precautions prior to travel including against malaria and yellow fever. **Please remember that Kenya is listed as an endemic area so travelers who are also visiting Kenya should have a certificate to enter Rwanda. Further, as Rwanda is on the list of endemic countries, a certificate will be required to enter other East African countries.**

COVID-19

Who Can Travel

Travelers are welcome from any country that could normally visit Rwanda before COVID-19. All travelers are required to present a negative Rapid Antigen Test or negative PCR certificate on arrival. This test must have been conducted at no more than 72 hours before departure. Travelers younger than 5 years of age are exempt. Fully vaccinated travelers are **not** exempt from having to have a Rapid Antigen Test.

**Be tested and receive negative results no more than 72 hours before their first flight.*



Locator Form

All travelers must complete the online Passenger Locator Form no more than 72 hours before arrival. The form is online and can be found at this link

<https://travel.rbc.gov.rw/travel/>.

On Arrival

All travelers should meet the following conditions:

- Negative Rapid Antigen Test/PCR Certificate
- Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 (recommended but currently not required)
- Body temperature (taken on arrival) that is not higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius (99.5 degrees Fahrenheit)

Travellers are no longer required to take PCR tests on arrival.

During Travel

- Temperature checks will be conducted on arrival at all hotels, lodges, and camps
- Mandatory temperature checks will be required before game drives and primate treks
- Mandatory handwashing and use of sanitation gel required before game drives and primatetreks
- A maximum of 8 people will be permitted to track a gorilla family at a time
- A maximum of 6 to 8 people will be permitted to track a chimpanzee group at a time
- Visitors must carry at least two surgical N95 or similar masks and wear them during activities
- A minimum distance of 10 meters must be kept between primates and visitors during treks
- Travellers must sanitize their hands once the primate group has been located
- PCR tests may be required before visiting some parks or taking part in specific activities

Departure from Rwanda

Travelers are not required to take any test before departing Rwanda. Should testing be required by the airline or the travelers' next destination, this can be arranged. Please refer to our Guide to Covid-19 Testing document for details.



Requirements at a Glance

Item	Kenya	Tanzania	Uganda	Rwanda
Passport required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Visa required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Visa available online	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Visa available on arrival	No	Yes	No	Yes
Yellow Fever Certificate	Conditional*	Conditional*	Yes	Conditional*
Yellow Fever Endemic	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
PCR tests before departure to country	No***	72 hours ³	72 hours ³	Optional
RAT before arrival	No	No	No	Yes
PCR tests on arrival	No	No	No	No
Rapid Antigen on arrival	No***	Conditional**	No	No
Screening on arrival	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Full vaccination required	Yes ¹	No ³	No ³	No ⁴
Quarantine on arrival	No	No	No	No ²
Test required before departure	Only if airline or destination requires	Only if airline or destination requires	Yes (fewer than 72 hours before flight)	Only if airline or destination requires

*Required if you have been in an endemic country within 6 months of arrival. Remember that many countries in East and Southern Africa are endemic so travel between them will require a certificate.

*Only those arriving from specific countries. See the details in the sections for Kenya and Tanzania.

*Except for travelers older than age 5 who are exempt from vaccination.

All travelers older than 4 must have proof of vaccination when arriving in Kenya. Proof must be uploaded to the Global Haven Website. If they do not have a vaccination certificate, then you must have a negative PCR test. See the Kenya section for further clarification.



Travelers must self-isolate until they have received the results of the arrival RAT test. This means they can travel in vehicles but not next to the driver; they can eat in restaurants at their own tables, and otherwise maintain social distancing. **They cannot trek to view primates (gorillas, chimpanzees, golden monkeys, etc.) until they have results of a PCR test which must be negative.**

Fully vaccinated travelers do not need a PCR Test to enter Tanzania or Uganda. Unvaccinated travelers are required to have a negative PCR test taken fewer than 72 hours before departure to those countries.

Recommended but not required.

During Travel at All Destinations

Many lodges, camps, and hotels will have screening on arrival with temperature check taken. This applies to all destinations.

Travelers will be asked to wear masks when arriving at hotels, airstrips, and other times when congregating with others. Travelers should bring a supply of masks.

Masks are strictly required on internal flights.

Travelers will also be requested to sanitize their hands frequently.

Definition of Fully Vaccinated Travelers

A person is considered to be fully vaccinated if they have completed a minimum of the following:

- Two doses of Pfizer-BioNTech
- Two doses of Moderna
- One dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen
- Two doses of AstraZeneca
- Two doses of Covaxin
- Two doses of a mix of the above vaccines