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MESSAGE FROM EDITOR

Embracing the Spirit of Adventure

Dear Members,

Welcome to this month's edition of our travel newsletter!

As we kick start the travel peak season, we're reminded of the timeless allure of discovery that lies beyond our everyday routines; Whether you're planning a serene escape to a secluded beach, an adventurous trek through rugged mountains, or a cultural immersion in a vibrant city for your clients, our collective objective remains to promote Kenya as the best holiday destination in the world!

This newsletter dubbed Lenana (Third highest peak of Mt kenya) marks our great achievement as an organization in setting pace in the travel industry; with the tremendious growth of TOSK as an organization, we are aiming to be the ultimate influential organisation to the heights of Nelion and Batian our

upcoming newsletters.

In this issue, we've featured stories from around the country that capture the essence of travel. You'll find hidden gems in familiar destinations, tips for sustainable and mindful travel, and personal accounts that remind us of the transformative power of exploring new horizons.

To the general public, travel is more than just visiting new places; it's about the experiences and memories that stay with us long after we return home. As you browse through these pages, we hope you feel a spark of

wanderlust and a call to embark on your own adventures.

Thank you for being a part of our community. Here's to new experiences, unforgettable journeys, and the endless joy of discovery.

Safe travels, happy exploring and profitable businesses!

Warm regards,

Benard Karigo
Pr & Marketing Chair



Benefits of TOSK

- (a) 30% discount on Maxxis Tyres
- (b) Offer on spare parts at Oriel Ngong Road
- (c) 5% discount to exhibit at Sarit Centre Expo Centre for first timers
- (d) Discounted rates with hotel properties
- (e) Networking & Training sessions
- (f) Marketing and promotion of members' services
- (g) Organise Familiarisation and Site Inspections
- (h) Professional Status Recognition & credibility within the industry
- (I) Advocacy for favourable Tourism Policies

Client testimonials



Kisima The Safari Company Review - Tour Operators Society of Kenya is the Home of Excellence. I have to say that, this has been one of my best decisions to have joined the society, and so far, i have no regrets. It is timely, efficient and has given us the confidence to do business and to know that we will receive all the information required, regarding the current happenings of our Industry. TOSK has proven to be very informative, and has opened up various opportunities to its members across the industry. They have great leaders, who have gone beyond to secure us great Hotel referrals, and very favorable rates that have enabled its members to succeed in their Tour businesses. TOSK has built a very strong support system for their members, and I would personally recommend other Tour Operators to be part of this great Team!

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON

As the Chairperson of Tosk, I am proud to reflect on our collective achievements and outline our ambitious goals for the future. Our organization continues to thrive through a variety of initiatives designed to enhance member engagement, promote sustainable tourism and drive innovation within our industry. From hosting insightful events to advocating for policies that support our sector, Tosk is committed to providing valuable resources and opportunities for our members. Looking ahead, we aim to expand our outreach, foster stronger collaborations and further our mission to elevate the standards of tourism in Kenya. Together, we are shaping a vibrant and resilient future for our community.



Daniel Mbugua

MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY



As Secretary of Tosk, I am delighted to highlight the vibrant and diverse community that our membership represents. Our members are the backbone of our organization, contributing to the rich tapestry of expertise, innovation and passion that defines Tosk. We are committed to enhancing the value of your membership through a range of benefits, including networking opportunities, professional development resources and exclusive events. Our ongoing efforts to grow and support our membership base are driven by a shared vision of excellence and sustainability in tourism. Together, we will continue to build a dynamic and supportive network that advances our industry's goals.

Awa Milimoh

MESSAGE FROM CEO

As we navigate the dynamic landscape of the tourism industry, Tosk remains committed to championing sustainable practices and fostering growth within our sector. The recent regulatory changes underscore the importance of adapting to evolving standards, ensuring that we provide exceptional experiences while safeguarding our natural and cultural heritage. At Tosk, we are dedicated to supporting our members through these transitions, advocating for policies that benefit our community and promoting Kenya as a premier travel destination. Together, we can achieve new heights in our industry and contribute meaningfully to its future.



Raymond Cheruiyot

Kenya Hidem Gem

The amazing NorthRift Tourism Circuit

Kenya is an amazing destination with many unexplored hidden gems that will fill your travel spirits. Our members take a journey to explore the Northrift Tourism Circuit that has so much to fill your travel diary.

Kapedo Hot Springs

Kapedo is a remarkable destination that captures the essence of Kenya's natural beauty and geothermal wonders. Recently visited by members of the Tour Operators Society of Kenya (TOSK), Kapedo Hot Springs is a testament to the geothermal activity that characterizes this region. The springs are located in a picturesque setting, surrounded by rugged terrain and striking landscapes. The water, heated by underground volcanic activity, bubbles up to the surface, creating a serene and surreal environment. The waters of Kapedo Hot Springs form a scenic waterfall where visitors can enjoy a natural spa experience, soaking in the rejuvenating waters while taking in the stunning surroundings.



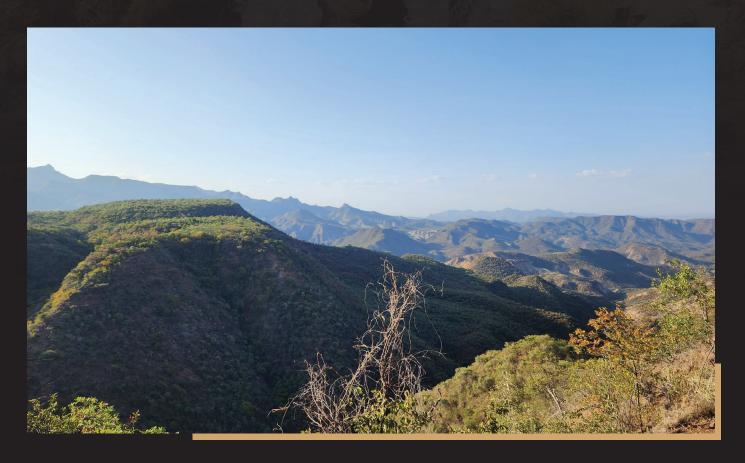
Lomechan Caves

The caves are a series of three interconnected caves, features massive chambers, underground rivers, and unique rock formations. Lomechan caves possess a lava tube of considerable length. A dark outflow shape with a rounded passage.



Kamrio Escarpment

The Kamrio Escarpment offers some of the most spectacular views in Kenya. Visitors can enjoy panoramic vistas of the Rift Valley, lush forests and distant mountains. The escarpment's vantage points are perfect for photography and enjoying sunrise and sunset.

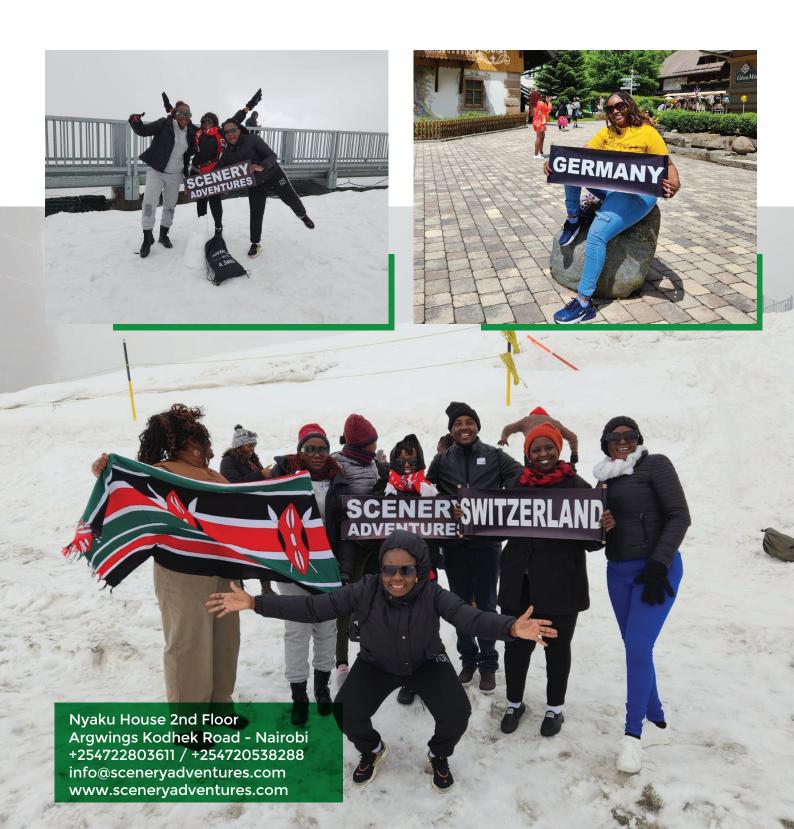


MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

Scenery Adventures Limited

Tour & Travel Company in Kenya, Norway, USA and Canada

Scenery Adventures Limited is a tour and travel company with its headquarters in Nairobi Kenya and Norway established in 2008, specializing in tours and travel world wide. We have an experienced dedicated team that will provide you with a wealth of destination knowledge and the highest level of services to ensure that your journey is one to remember. We pride ourselves on our high standards of personalized service.



Kampur Travel Diaries

When we started Kampur Travel Diaries, our mission from the start was that whatever we do must be of benefit to people and the environment. Since our inception in 2018, we have been true to this and have on-going programs in the areas of education, reforestation, conservation and women empowerment (through reduction in period poverty).

How do we fund all our sustainability projects and initiatives? The answer is very simple. Part of the proceeds from every safari booked through us goes into these programs – essentially making us a social enterprise.

In addition, we try to incorporate measures in our everyday business operations to enhance sustainability. These include (but is not limited to) items like reduction of use of single use plastic bottles, being mindful of how we use resources, reducing the amount of paper we use for printing and sending all itineraries and communication with suppliers and guests digitally.





TOSK 8th AGM - proposed dates 29th November 2024 - Come meet with TOSK members.

Industry Events

- 1. Magical Kenya Travel Expo 2nd 4th October 2024 at Uhuru Gardens, Nairobi
- 2. World Tourism Day Celebrations 27th September 2024



- 1. TOSK members attending Arabian Travel Market in Dubai
- 2. TOSK & TPU Commandant after a meeting on Tourism Security on Kenyan Destinations
- 3. World Environmental Day Clean up in Embu County.
- 4. TOSK members attending a master Class convention in Strathmore University
- 5. TOSK with TRA Director on matters Tourism Regulations
- 6. TRA Public Forum on the Draft Tourism Enterprises Regulations.
- 7. Kakamega International Investment Conference at the TOSK Stand
- 8. TOSK & KTB launch of the Magical Kenya Signature Experiences partners meeting
- 9. An educational seminar by Jordan Minister of Tourism & Antiquities to Kenya
- 10. TOSK & KTB Partnerships Meeting
- 11. TOSK Members after attending a Crisis Communication Course Training by Sonchin Ltd.
- 12. TOSK Members at the PS Tourism Hon John Ololtuaa Thanksgiving Ceremony in Kilgoris



No safari is complete without experiencing a lantern-lit nyama choma (BBQ) under the African stars in Amboseli or Masai Mara.

Time

Time: 6PM

Within Bush Dinner Site Minimum: 7 Guests

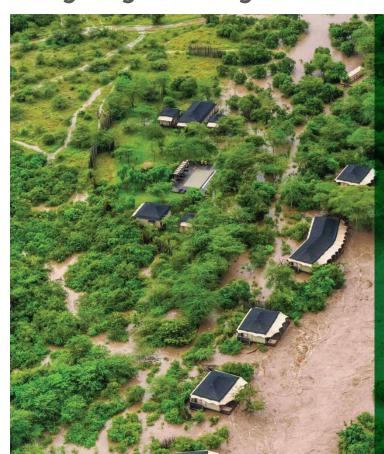
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Trends Corner

Navigating the Deluge: Masai Mara National Reserve



Floods have often led to road closures, flight cancellations and disruptions in transportation infrastructure, making it challenging for tourists to move between destinations.

In light of recent events, we are deeply concerned about the flooding crisis that affected parts of the Maasai Mara region in Kenya. Most of the flood-hit areas revealed are those adjacent to the Mara River, Talek River and Sand River where floods have displaced people, destroyed camps and lodges along their banks and impacted the tourism sector and local economy. In an official statement to the Mara Managers Association on May 4th 2024, Chief Officer Tourism Samwel Leposo confirmed that up to then, no human casualties had been reported within the flooded areas, all tourists were safely evacuated from camps and lodges where it was needed.

Kenya's Tourism Peak Season that began from June 2024 onwards, we reassure visitors and tour operators that the Maasai Mara remains a prime destination for safari experiences and business remains stable. Kenya can continue to showcase its natural beauty and cultural heritage while ensuring the safety and satisfaction of travelers from around the world.

To book your safari adventure or for more information, please contact our dedicated TOSK members at https://www.toskenya.org/tosk-members

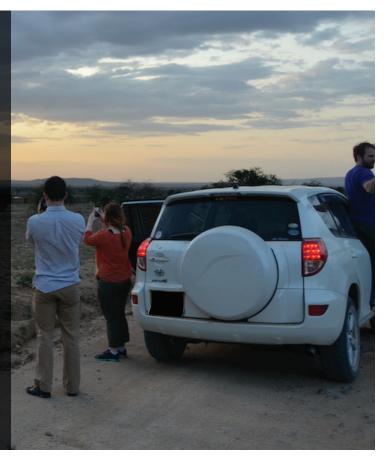
Shifting gears: The future without private vehicles in Mara.

The ban on the use of private cars for game drives in Maasai Mara Game Reserve continues to attract mixed reactions.

On the 3rd of June, the Chief park administrator, Maasai Mara Game Reserve, released a memo on 'Ban on usage of private vehicles for game drives'. The Narok County government mentioned that the prohibition was necessitated by a series of compelling factors including instances of misconduct, off-road navigation and environmental degradation, by drivers and occupants of private vehicles.

This decision has sparked both excitement and controversy among conservationists and wildlife enthusiasts. Some champion the measure as

- Crucial for preserving the Mara delicate ecosystem,
- County's dedication to promoting sustainable tourism.
- Promoting the long-term conservation of Maasai Mara's unique biodiversity, and
- To enhance the safari experience through expert guidance, conservation support and cultural immersion, while also contributing positively to local communities and wildlife conservation efforts.





2023/24 - RESERVE ENTRY FEES - SEASON RATES

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT MEASURE	RATE
Non-Residents (Accommodated in	side the Park) - Per Day	MANO
Adults	Per Person (July - December)	USD 200
Adults	Per Person (January - June)	USD 100
Children	Per Person	USD 50
Students	Per Person	USD 50
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Adults	Per Person (July - December)	USD 200
Adults	Per Person (January - June)	USD 100
Children	Per Person	USD 50
Students	Per Person	USD 50
Citizens - Per Day		
Adults	Per Person	KSH 3,000
Children	Per Person	KSH 1,000
Students	Per Person	KSH 1,000
Narok Residents - Per Day		
Adults	Per Person	KSH 2,000
Children (Under 10 Yrs of Age)	Per Person	FREE
Children (Above 10 Yrs of Age)	Per Person	KSH 500
East African Residents per Day		
Adults	Per Person	KSH 4,500
Children	Per Person	KSH 2,000
Students	Per Person	KSH 2,000
Vehicle Entry Charges - Per Day		
Less than 6 Seats	Per Vehicle	KSH 500
6 - 12 Seats	Per Vehicle	KSH 1,000
12 - 24 Seats	Per Vehicle	KSH 3,000
25 - 44 Seats	Per Vehicle	KSH 4,000
Balloon Services		
Operation Permit	Annually	KSH 300,000
Single Landing Fee	Per Person	USD 80
Single Landing Fee	Per Child	USD 35

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Requirements for Applying for Kenya's eTA

To apply for Kenya's Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA), you will need the following:

1. Valid Passport

Your passport must be valid for at least six months from your planned date of arrival in Kenya and have at least one blank page.

2.Photograph

A recent passport-size photo.

3. Contact Information

Your email address and phone number.

4.Travel Details

Information about your arrival and departure itinerary.

5.Accommodation Booking

Proof of your accommodation booking in Kenya.

6. Payment Method

A credit card, debit card, or other means of payment to cover the eTA fee.

Application Process for Kenya's eTA

1. Complete the Application Form:

Fill out the eTA application form with accurate personal and travel-related information.

2. Upload Required Documents

Provide copies of the required supporting documents, such as your passport photo and proof of accommodation.

3. Pay the Application Fee:

Pay the fee via your preferred payment method.

4. Receive Confirmation

You will receive two emails: one confirming your application and payment, and another within three working days advising on the approval status.

Exempted Countries

Citizens from the following countries are exempt from paying the eTA fee but still need to apply for an eTA before traveling to Kenya:

- Ethiopia
- Comoros
- Congo-Brazzaville
- Eritrea
- Mozambique
- San Marino
- South Africa

Additionally, citizens from Kenya's fellow East African Community member states (Burundi, DR Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda) are exempted from applying for an eTA and can enter Kenya with a national ID card.

By simplifying the entry process and improving the overall travel experience, Kenya aims to attract more visitors from visa-exempt countries. The eTA's convenience and accessibility encourage spontaneous trips and benefit Kenya's tourism industry and broader economy.



General travel tips in Kenya.

Magical Kenya; a land of breathtaking landscapes, vibrant cultures and unparalleled wildlife experiences. Kenya beckons travelers with its diverse attractions, iconic savannahs, pristine beaches, rich cultural traditions just to mention a few. Kenya offers something for every traveler's taste and interest.

As you prepare for your journey to Kenya, it's essential to arm yourself with valuable insights and practical tips to ensure a smooth and unforgettable travel experience;

Research and Plan Ahead: Familiarize yourself with the places you want to visit, local customs, visa requirements and health advisories to ensure a smoother experience.

Visa and Passport:

Visa requirements may vary depending on your nationality, so check the Kenyan embassy or consulate your tour operator for specific information.

Health Precautions:

Consult a healthcare professional for any necessary vaccinations or medications before traveling to Kenya. Malaria could be a problem in certain areas, so take appropriate precautions like using mosquito repellent and taking antimalarial drugs.

Pack Accordingly:

Kenya has diverse climates, from hot and humid coastal regions to cooler highlands. Pack lightweight clothing, but also bring warmer layers if you plan to visit higher altitudes like Mount Kenya. Don't forget essentials like sunscreen, a hat and sturdy walking shoes for safaris or hikes.

Respect Local Customs:

For instance, it's customary to greet people with a handshake and it's polite to ask before taking someone's photos, especially in rural areas. Kenya has a rich cultural heritage.

Safety Precautions:

While Kenya is generally safe for tourists, it's wise to take common-sense precautions. Avoid displaying expensive jewelry or valuables, especially in crowded areas. Be cautious when using ATMs and avoid walking alone at night, particularly in urban areas.

Currency and Payment:

The official currency is the Kenyan Shilling (KES). While credit cards are widely accepted in major cities and tourist areas, it's a good idea to carry some cash for smaller purchases and in rural areas where card acceptance may be limited.

Transportation:

For safaris or remote areas, it's best to arrange transportation through a trusted tour operator.

Safari Etiquette:

If you're going on a safari, follow your guide's instructions and respect the wildlife.

Water and Food Safety:

Carry reusable water bottles to reduce plastic waste and your environmental footprint. Always consult with your tour operator for safe water refills and eatery options.

Enjoy the Local Cuisine and Culture:

Kenya offers a diverse culinary scene influenced by various ethnic groups. Don't miss the opportunity to try local dishes like nyama choma (grilled meat), ugali, and samosas and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere.

Welcome to Kenya, where adventure awaits at every turn, and the magic of Africa comes alive at every moment, enjoy your journey!

Jambojet







Environment and Community initiatives.

TOSK Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project: Namelok Girls Secondary School

We are thrilled to share the wonderful outcomes and heartfelt moments from our recent CSR project, held on the 15th of May 2024. Thank you for your unwavering support and generosity, this event was a tremendous success, exceeding our expectations in every way.

Key Highlights:

Community Engagement:

Our event brought together participants from diverse backgrounds, uniting in a shared commitment to put a smile to the girls of this school.

Fundraising Achievements:

Through your contributions and the dedicated efforts of our partners, we raised a substantial sum to support the construction of Ablution blocks for the Namelok girls.

Impact Stories:

We witnessed inspiring stories of resilience and hope from the teachers and students of the school who have been touched by your generosity. Your support has made a tangible difference in improving access to education, healthcare and environmental conservation efforts.

Recognition and Gratitude:

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our sponsors, donors, volunteers and attendees who made this event possible. Your dedication and enthusiasm are the cornerstone of our success.



Secrets of Makueni.

Wander through the rolling Nzaui Hills to rich culture;

Makueni County has a rich cultural heritage, scenic beauty and hospitable people. Makueni County is home to Tsavo East and West national parks that are great tourist destinations. Through partnership between the county and TOSK, our members got to enjoy breathtaking views of Makueni County after an adventurous hike of Nzaui Hills.

Nzaui Hills is a hidden gem, a picturesque highland area offering stunning landscapes, rich biodiversity and provides an excellent escape for nature lovers and hikers. Nzaui Hills boasts breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes. Visitors got to enjoy panoramic views of the Makueni plains and the distant Chyulu Hills. The area's natural beauty makes it an ideal spot for photography and relaxation.

Participants enjoyed breathtaking views from 1,833 meters above sea level at Nzaui Peak. The six-hour hike included thrilling fun games, health talks, entertainment and comedy, culminating in a tree-planting ceremony in the forest.





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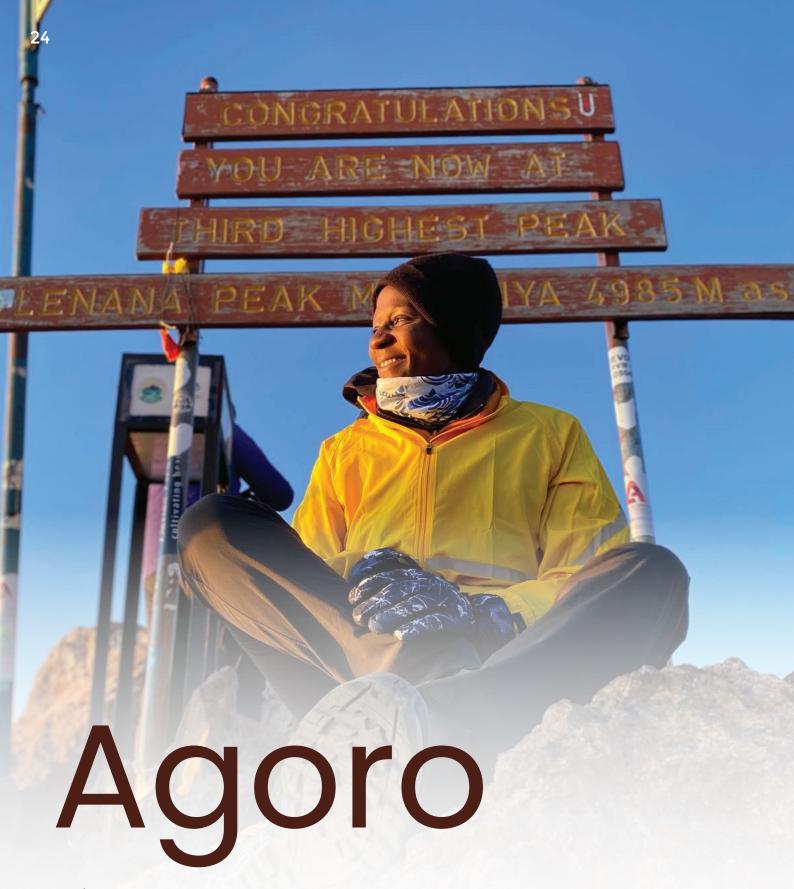
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Who is Agoro?

Agoro is an adventurer who is passionate about exploring the great outdoors. She is a mountaineer, runner, cyclist, podcaster at The About Out Podcast, and trail guide at Avi Expeditions.

What inspired you to start hiking and creating content about it?

When I first booked my hike to Buxton Tunnel in Limuru 5 years ago, I never thought that hiking would become more than a hobby—let alone a full-time profession. Initially, being outside was simply a way to take a break from office work. However, this specific hike changed my perspective entirely. The experience of connecting with nature, meeting like-minded individuals, and discovering the beauty of destinations close to home was transformative. It was beyond hiking because I truly loved being in nature which led me to book more, and do many solo hikes after that. I am a writer who loves to teach and share her experiences. The only way I could keep my trail memories alive was sharing them on platforms; for me to remember, and for others to learn. This passion for discovery led me to start creating content, capturing the beauty of each trail, and inspiring others to embark on their own adventures. The content I create serves as a medium to educate, inspire, and connect with a broader audience, encouraging them to appreciate and preserve the environment.

What are your favourite trails? Why?

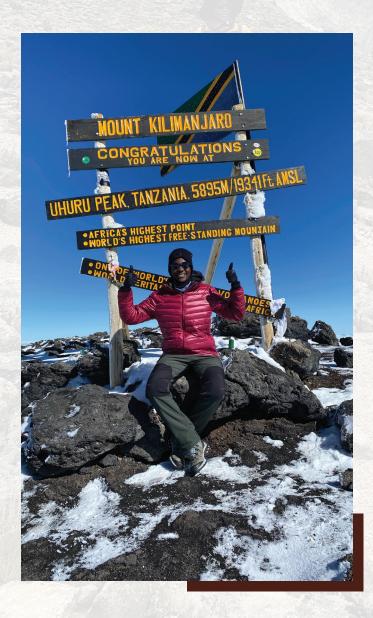
There are so many but these three sets top my list: Mt Kenya, Aberdare Range, and Virunga Mountains, Uganda. Mt Kenya is one mountain with so much to offer. Second highest peak in Africa at home is a great privilege. For me, it stands out as the ultimate peak where you go to test all the effort you have been putting on the other/local trails before upgrading to Kilimanjaro. Having stood on Lenana peak over 10 times now, I find it as one of the calmest and most beautiful places to be on. The Aberdare Range is a high altitude training ground for me. The peaks are not easy at all but I love a good challenge. It is one place that gives you options. You want steep? Views? Waterfalls? Game Drive? Rain? Sun? Hailstorm? Camping? Very difficult? Depending on what you are looking for as a hiker, Aberdares will gladly offer that, and more. I love the Ugandan Virungas (Sabinyo, Gahinga, and Muhabura) because they gave me a renewed appreciation for trails outside the country. These mountains not only tested my limits but also broadened my perspective of getting out of my comfort zone. Trails are different everywhere. On Mount Sabinyo you actually get to stand at the border of Uganda, Rwanda, and DRC. Super exciting experience!

Can you share your greatest and lowest moments that have greatly impacted Agoro?

My greatest moments are Summiting Mt Kilimanjaro, and Summiting Mt Kenya. My Mt Kilimanjaro summit holds a special place in my heart because this was my second attempt for the peak. One of the most difficult hikes I have ever done but standing at 5,895m above sea level was totally a life-changing moment for me. Mt Kenya is great because of the dash moments. Dash moments are when you attempt Point Lenana in less time than the usual 3+ days. This can be in 12 or under 24hrs. I have done each of the routes at different times under 24 hours. These significant moments taught me that it takes work. A lot of it. The effort does pay off with time. There is no shortcut to the top. The higher you go, the more the demand to be better, fit, and stay ready. It stops being a competition with others and shifts inwards. You versus You. My lowest moments are DNFs. DNFs mean Did Not Finish. It is commonly used in sports but somehow found its way into mountaineering. I will call it DNS (Did Not Summit). I have had my DNS days on my hikes. The ones that hit hard were Mt Kilimanjaro and Mt Kenya. In any life circumstance, it does hurt when you set out to do something and not achieve it at all. Sometimes it can be things beyond your control but still, no summit. Years have gone by and I have realized that, on some days, man wins, on others, the mountain wins. The mountain will always be there. It is okay to try another day. You will come back stronger and summit.

What's the rewarding part in hiking?

As a trail guide, I get to share knowledge, empower others, create connections, inspire conservation, and witness growth. Being able to facilitate these moments of personal triumph for myself and others is incredibly fulfilling. As a hiker, starting a hike, summiting, and making it down back to base safely. This is often underrated but it matters a lot. The physical health benefits are immense too. Hiking has provided an opportunity for me to stay active while enjoying nature.













DISCOVER THE GEM OF NAIROBI: KENYA COMFORT SUITES

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Your Oasis in the Heart of the Milimani Suburb

Nairobi, the vibrant capital of Kenya, is home to the bustling Milimani Suburb, where the Kenya Comfort Suites stands as a beacon of comfort and convenience. Nestled only minutes away from Nairobi's business and tourist landmarks, this three-star hotel seamlessly blends affordability with quality service, promising an unforgettable stay steeped in Kenyan hospitality.

A Range of Accommodations to Suit Every Need

Kenya Comfort Suites offers 88 meticulously designed guest rooms, ranging from standard and superior suites to apartment-style units. The hotel boasts 42 standard rooms, catering to single, double/twin, triple, and quadruple preferences. For those seeking a touch of luxury, the 11 spacious superior rooms come complete with a personal mini refreshment center.

Moreover, the hotel offers 24 studio apartments featuring convenient kitchenettes, as well as 11 one-bedroom apartments with separate lounge and kitchen areas. With natural lighting, compact en-suite bathrooms, mosquito nets, premium hotel-quality spring mattresses, and complimentary high-speed internet access, each room promises a comfortable and restful retreat.

Culinary Delights at Sokoni: A Marketplace of Flavors

True to its name, Sokoni, meaning "marketplace" in Kiswahili, the hotel's restaurant sources fresh local ingredients to craft a diverse culinary experience. Open 24 hours a day, Sokoni offers a fusion of Kenyan and Western cuisine with seasonal variations. Whether you dine in or enjoy the convenience of 24-hour room service, Sokoni ensures a gastronomic journey inspired by Kenya's rich history and culture.

Ikulu Lounge: Where Tradition Meets Contemporary Elegance

Step into Ikulu Lounge, named after "the chief's house" in Kiswahili, for a relaxing ambiance and a curated selection of classic and contemporary liquors. With rustic African interiors, this lounge is the perfect venue for a light snack, after-dinner drink, or cocktail. Choose from a collection of local and international beers, spirits, and wines while soaking in the tranquil atmosphere.

Events, Meetings, and More: Tailored Experiences at Your Fingertips

Kenya Comfort Suites isn't just a place to stay; it's a destination for events and gatherings. The hotel offers personalized packages for conferences, meetings, weddings, receptions, corporate dinners, and training sessions. With versatile function spaces, including the Ndovu conference hall and smaller venues like Simba, Twiga, and Zebra, the hotel caters to events of varying sizes, ensuring a seamless experience from planning to execution.

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Relax and Rejuvenate: The Spa and Outdoor Oasis

For a haven of tranquility, guests can indulge in massages, spa therapies, and customized beauty treatments at the hotel's new Spa. With two treatment rooms, the spa is designed to relax and rejuvenate, offering a perfect escape from the hustle and bustle.

Ready to cool off? The heated outdoor pool in the inner courtyard provides a private oasis. Guests can swim laps, bask in the sun, read a book, or even work poolside with complimentary Wi-Fi access.

Explore Nairobi's Wonders: Tours and Excursions

Contact the hotel's reception to book lastminute Nairobi area tours or city excursions. Whether you're interested in the National Museum of Kenya, Karen Blixen Museum, AFEW Giraffe Centre, DWST Elephant Orphanage, Nairobi National Park, or other attractions, the hotel can customize half-day or full-day tours to meet your preferences and budget. Perfect Location for Business and Leisure Conveniently located just 2km from the City Center and Kenyatta International Convention Center, and approximately 18km from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Kenya Comfort Suites provides easy access to corporations, embassies, banks, museums, restaurants, lively bars, golf courses, and iconic parks like Uhuru Park, Central Park, and the Nairobi Arboretum. Shoppers will delight in proximity to Prestige, Junction, and Yaya Center shopping malls, while popular attractions like Nairobi National Park, AFEW Giraffe Center, and DWST Elephant Orphanage are just a short drive away.

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