



Tour Information

Package #2

November Trip 2018

August 31, 2018

Our departure date is getting very close. Please review all of the information in this package carefully.

You will find:

- Emergency Contact List
- On Arrival
- Luggage & Security
- Entry Visa's
- Van & Roommate List
- A Swahili Vocabulary Sheet

Keeping your family and friends informed while you are away is best done on our website. Please have them look at www.abwcanada.ca and on the opening page will be "Travelers updates" and look for the trip dates. In that section there will be updates posted. Frequency of updates will be done as technology permits from Kenya.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Eric Rajah

Tour Leader

VAN LIST

VAN 1 - Lawrence	VAN 2 - Benson	VAN 3 - Martin
Eric Rajah	Ray Loxdale	Glenn Loxdale
Victor Dias	Kelly Loxdale	Cynthia Loxdale
Mary Dias	Yolanda Hall	Judy Befus
Ed Wright		Laurie Lyons
Debbie Russell		

ROOM LIST

Ray Loxdale	Glenn Loxdale
Kelly Loxdale	Cynthia Loxdale
Ed Wright	Judy Befus
Debbie Russell	Laurie Lyons
Victor Dias	
Mary Dias	
Yolanda Hall	Eric Rajah

IMPORTANT

Kenya Entry Visa:

You will need to apply for your **Tourist** entry visa online approx. one month before your departure date. The web site is <https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=5> . You need to have your passport, an extra passport photo, a Credit Card to process the fee of \$50.00 USD and the name of our travel agent in Kenya: Voyage Afrique, Lutheran Plaza, Nairobi, Kenya. Email address is voyageafrique@swiftkenya.com . When you enter this site you will first create an account with an ID and then apply for the tourist entry Visa. If you need assistance please contact Rajiv at remerson@abwcanada.ca or call 403 347-3344 so he can help complete this with you.

Rwanda Entry Visa

For Rwanda the visa procedure is very different and very strict. When you are visiting Rwanda you must take these steps.

First go to this webpage: www.migration.gov.rw/INFORMATION-FOR-APPLICANTS.html . You are now on the website of the Rwanda Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration. Here you find the necessary information about the 'Class V-1(s) Single Entry Visa-Online Visa' which is suitable for most people who travel to Rwanda. Please read the information on the website carefully.

On this webpage you will see a link to the online application form through which you can apply for the visa you need. Fill this form in its entirety. You will be asked to mention your entry point. When arriving in Kigali by plane, you will use entry point number 1 (Kigali International Airport). You are also requested to attach an invitation letter. This letter will be send to you soon if it hasn't been already. When you send the form you will immediately receive a tracking code. This code helps you to keep track on how far your application has progressed. You can check its status from this webpage: www.migration.gov.rw/tracking.php . The Rwandan authorities will send you a letter in the email after they have approved your application (please check you SPAM folder too). Print this letter and bring it with you when you arrive at the overland border or at Kigali International Airport. You need this letter to be allowed to purchase the entree visa there. It is your own responsibility to arrange your visa(s) correctly and in time, but if anything is unclear of course we will be glad to assist you.

Departure from Calgary:

- Please arrive at the Calgary airport at least 3 hours early. **If you are at the airport less than 1 hour before your flight you will not be checked in. No exceptions.** This will mean rebooking another airline ticket at a much more expensive fare or cancelling your trip altogether.

Upon arrival in Nairobi:

- Now is the time you should get your money changed.
- **Entry Visa – give to agent**
- Go to immigration, show your passport and exit to the luggage area.
- Load only your luggage and the extra luggage assigned to you on your cart.
- Proceed to customs and you will have nothing to declare.
- Do not ask for help from porters outside.
- Keep your small luggage in check at all times.
- Exit and go to the lobby area and then turn left and proceed to the parking lot where you will be met by our agent.

In the Parking lot:

- All luggage will be accounted for and loaded appropriately.
- Be patient as we get organized.

Vans:

- Go to your van. The names are listed on the attached sheet.
- As soon as you are loaded we will leave.
- **Keep your eyes on the luggage in the parking lot.**

Keeping You and Your Money Safe

When travelling to Kenya and to most other third world countries you have probably heard many warnings about staying safe. The general situation in Kenya shouldn't be considered worse than in any other place around the world.

It's only logical that with differences in income, petty crimes like fraud pick pocketing, theft and robbery do exist. We are not trying to scare or upset you, but to caution you and sensitize you to the situation in most third world countries.

Keep in mind that your appearance, behavior and what you are carrying identifies you as a tourist. This can make you a target without you even realizing it. Awareness of your environment and how others may be viewing you is the first step in protecting yourself and your money. We can't list every hazard but with a little common sense and a few tips, you should be fine.

When you venture into a shopping district or on a tour, don't put the main part of your money in one place such as a wallet or purse. It is better to have small bills spread in many pockets. This has three advantages: 1- when paying for something you don't have to open your purse and reveal all your money; 2- nobody can grab all your money in one swoop; and 3- in the unlikely scenario that you are the victim of a robbery; you can give the remaining money from one pocket.

Here are a few more practical ideas on what to do or not do:

- Leave jewelry and expensive watches at home
- Don't show others what you have with you
- Avoid accepting or using large bills. People often don't have change
- Always take your time to count and examine your money carefully
- Even if they are considered safer, do not take traveler's cheques with you. Take US Cash
- Be cautious when people ask you for money
- If you can't afford to lose it leave it at home.



Additional Information

Some Additional Information:

Please check your baggage right through to Nairobi (NBO) from your departure city. Check your luggage as the airline ticket agent is placing the luggage routing tag on it to ensure that the airport code is NBO.

Culture/Religion/Respect/Beliefs - Even though A Better World was founded in the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist church, its primary mission is humanitarian. A Better World does not choose communities or people to help based on denominational affiliation; therefore, it is imperative that we respect the culture and beliefs of those whom we serve and do not attempt to impose our individual faith and beliefs on them. The same principle applies to those that are travelling within our group; A Better World attracts people from all walks of life and faiths and we urge that everyone respect their fellow travelers.

We must also reflect our values as Canadians to those whom we serve. These include sharing, caring and a genuine willingness to understand and appreciate the other unique cultures with which we come in contact. Problem solving begins with dialogue and mutual respect.

Smoking is not permitted in the vehicles, at your tables or in your room; however, stops will be made as needed. Because we promote good health, please be discreet when smoking, especially when near schools and clinics.

Most evenings we will meet for a debriefing of the day's events. This will also allow you some time to reflect and share your experiences of the day. Our drivers will confirm the schedules and we may even learn some Swahili words. Our most important goal is to give you time to relax, participate, enjoy the trip, and get involved in humanitarian causes.

After the tour is over and we return home, you will not be contacted for project funding and your personal information will not be shared with any church or other organization. A Better World will periodically send you information regarding project progress and related humanitarian events. Please visit our website as one way of staying in touch.

Again, welcome to our growing family of caring humanitarians. You have joined 2500 people who have made the journey to help others in twelve countries. It is your involvement that makes A Better World's mission meaningful.

Reminders-

Final payment is due soon. Please call Julie @403-782-0325 to settle your account balance.

MEALS

All airlines attempt to meet special diet needs of passengers, provided that you submit your request at least 48 hours in advance of departure. Among the standard options is Vegetarian, other meal options include Asian Vegetarian, Diabetic, and Kosher. Another option is a Fruit Plate.

Even if you don't make a special meal request, airlines sometimes offer choices for the main course.

Whatever your meal choice, do drink frequently during a long flight, in order to avoid dehydration. Low fluid intake can lead to all kinds of problems, including indigestion, constipation, and a lower tolerance to disease germs that may be inside the cabin.

SLEEP AND JET LAG

Jet lag is the bane of air travel across several time zones. People have different levels of susceptibility to jet lag, but there are a number of things you can do to reduce the effects on your body system. Here are some which we have found to be effective:

Plan your trip preparation so that you get a good night's rest before you begin the journey. Bring some earplugs especially if you are a light sleeper.

Alternate short periods of rest, exercise and sleep during the flight.

Remove your footwear to reduce cramps and sore feet.

Drink plenty of fluids during the flight.

BAGGAGE

If you have ever watched baggage being loaded or unloaded from a plane, you know that Number One Rule is to have a sturdy suitcase, and to place straps around it for extra protection. The trend these days is soft-sided luggage, but make sure you choose one of good quality.

Roll-away luggage (with wheels and retractable handle) is essential for easy movement. Remember, though, that airlines are not responsible for damage to wheels or handles, and avoid carrying or even lifting your case by means of its retractable handle.

Always remove old airline routing tags from your luggage before you arrive at an airport.

It is always a good idea to put a change of clothing in your carry-on luggage in the rare occurrence that your checked luggage does not show up for a day or two. Otherwise you may find yourself shopping for underwear soon after your arrival.

Pack Medications in your carry-on luggage.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS - Leave a copy with Your Family

Kenya is on GMT +3 time (10 hours ahead of Alberta on GMT -7)

To call from Canada, dial 011 and then the number below.

Voyage Afrique - Kenya

Attention: Josephine

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Nairobi Kenya

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External Affairs Canada

1-800-267-6788

613-996-8885 (call collect from overseas)

Kenya High Commission

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Rwanda

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Swahili Vocabulary

English

Swahili

Greetings/Polite Words

Hello.....	Jambo
Welcome!	Karibu
How are you?	Habari yako?
I'm fine/good/well.....	Nzuri
I'm not well/bad.....	Mbaya
Goodbye.....	Kwaheri
Goodnight.....	Usiku mwema
Please/excuse me.....	Tafadhali
Thank-you (very much).....	Asante (sana)
Sorry (to apologize).....	Samahani
Yes.....	Ndio
No.....	Hapana
What is your name?	Jina lako nani?
My name is Tom.....	Jina langu ni Tom

Nouns

Bed.....	Kitanda
Car.....	Gari
Child.....	Mtoto
Children.....	Watoto
Danger.....	Hatari
Doctor.....	Daktari/Mganga
Friend.....	Rafiki
Hospital.....	Hospitali
Hotel.....	Hoteli
Nurse.....	Nasi
Rain.....	Mvua
Room.....	Chumba
Shop.....	Duka
Sun.....	Jua
Today.....	Leo
Toilet.....	Msala/Choo
Tomorrow.....	Kesho

English

Swahili

Pronouns

I.....	Mimi
We.....	Sisi
You (singular).....	Wewe
You (plural).....	Nyinyi
He.....	Yeye
She.....	Yeye
They.....	Wao

Food (Chakula)

Drink.....	Kinywaji
Fruit.....	Matunda
Banana.....	Ndizi
Mango.....	Embe
Orange.....	Chungwa
Pineapple.....	Nanasi
Pomegranate.....	Komamanga
Vegetable.....	Mboga
Eggplant/Aubergine.....	Biringanya
Coconut.....	Nazi
Potato.....	Viazi
Sweet Potato.....	Viazi vitamu
Tomato.....	Nyanya
Yam.....	Mhogo
Corn.....	Mahindi

Animals (Wanyama)

Camel.....	Ngamia
Cat.....	Paka
Cheetah.....	Duma
Chimpanzee.....	Sokwe mtu
Cow.....	N'gombe
Dog.....	Mbwa