



# REPUBLIC OF KENYA



## COUNTRY PROFILE

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SITUATED ON THE EQUATOR ON AFRICA'S EAST COAST, **KENYA** HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS “**THE CRADLE OF HUMANITY**”. IN THE GREAT RIFT VALLEY PALEONTOLOGISTS HAVE DISCOVERED SOME OF THE EARLIEST EVIDENCE OF MAN'S ANCESTORS.

KENYA, OFFICIALLY THE **REPUBLIC OF KENYA**, IS A COUNTRY IN AFRICA AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE **EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC)**. ITS **CAPITAL** AND LARGEST CITY IS **NAIROBI**. KENYA'S TERRITORY LIES ON THE **EQUATOR** AND OVERLIES THE EAST AFRICAN RIFT COVERING A DIVERSE AND EXPANSIVE TERRAIN THAT EXTENDS ROUGHLY FROM **LAKE VICTORIA** TO LAKE TURKANA AND FURTHER SOUTH-EAST TO THE **INDIAN OCEAN**. IT IS BORDERED BY TANZANIA TO THE SOUTH, UGANDA TO THE WEST, SOUTH SUDAN TO THE NORTH-WEST, ETHIOPIA TO THE NORTH AND SOMALIA TO THE NORTH-EAST. KENYA COVERS 581,309 KM<sup>2</sup> (224,445 SQ MI), AND HAD A POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY **45 MILLION PEOPLE** IN JULY 2014.

**KENYA** HAS A **WARM AND HUMID TROPICAL CLIMATE** ON ITS INDIAN OCEAN COASTLINE. THE CLIMATE IS COOLER IN THE SAVANNAH GRASSLANDS AROUND THE CAPITAL CITY, **NAIROBI**, AND ESPECIALLY CLOSER TO **MOUNT KENYA**, WHICH HAS SNOW PERMANENTLY ON ITS PEAKS. FURTHER INLAND, IN THE **NYANZA REGION**, THERE IS A HOT AND DRY CLIMATE WHICH BECOMES HUMID AROUND LAKE VICTORIA, THE LARGEST TROPICAL FRESH-WATER LAKE IN THE WORLD.

KENYA IS KNOWN FOR ITS **DIVERSE CULTURE**, **SAFARIS**, **VARIOUS CLIMATE AND GEOGRAPHY**, AND EXPANSIVE **WILDLIFE RESERVES** AND **NATIONAL PARKS** SUCH AS THE EAST AND WEST TSAVO NATIONAL PARK, THE MAASAI MARA, LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK, AND ABERDARES NATIONAL PARK. KENYA HAS SEVERAL **WORLD HERITAGE SITES** SUCH AS **LAMU**.

**KENYA OBTAINED INDEPENDENCE** IN DECEMBER **1963**. FOLLOWING A REFERENDUM IN AUGUST 2010 AND ADOPTION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION, KENYA IS NOW DIVIDED INTO **47 SEMI-AUTONOMOUS COUNTIES**, GOVERNED BY ELECTED GOVERNORS.



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