## AFRIC 2



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#### **ABOUT KENYA**

Karibu Kenya!

The Actuarial Academy of East Africa is hosting 2025 **Actuarial, Finance, Risk and Insurance Congress** 2 (AFRIC2) from 08 to 13 June in Kenya. This booklet has been produced to provide useful information about Kenya and to help participants in the AFRIC 2 during their stay.

#### **EVENT**

AFRIC 2 will be hosted in Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya at Muthu Keekorok Lodge from the 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2025. The Lodge is located right inside the Park.



In 2025, UNSW has launched a new Strategy: Progress for All. Through the strategy we reaffirm our commitment to advancing expansive and inclusive global positive impact. Building on 75 years of impact, UNSW strives to address pressing global challenges - from climate change and renewable energies to lifesaving medical treatments and breakthrough technologies - and ensure communities worldwide can thrive socially, economically, culturally and environmentally.





Maasai Mara, Kenya

#### ABOUT KENYA

Kenya is located on the eastern coast of Africa and borders Ethiopia to the north, Somalia to the east, Tanzania to the south, Uganda to the west and the Indian Ocean to the southeast. The country covers an area of approximately 580,367 square kilometres and boasts a coastline of about 536 kilometres.

With its varied landscapes, Kenya features highlands, the Great Rift Valley, savannahs, and a diverse range of lakes and mountains. Inhabited since prehistoric times, the region was home to early human ancestors and later to Cushitic and Nilotic peoples before Bantu migrations and later Arab and European influences.

During the colonial period, Kenya was a British colony from 1920 until it gained its independence on 12 December 1963. The country experienced significant political changes in the post-independence period, leading to a strong multiparty democracy and ongoing social development.

Kenya's ethnic and cultural richness is shaped by over 40 communities, including the Maasai, Kikuyu, Luo, Luhya, and Kalenjin, along with Indian, Arab, and European influences. Today, Kenya is an energetic nation with a growing economy driven by agriculture, technology, tourism, and services.

As political and economic reforms advance, Kenya continues to invest in infrastructure, education, and health, aiming to improve the quality of life for its people and strengthen its position as a key economy in East Africa.

Official Name: Republic of Kenya

Capital: Nairobi

Official Languages: English and Kiswahili

Currency: Kenyan Shilling (KES) Population: 54.4 million inhabitants

Time zone: UTC +3

Climate: Equatorial, with wet and dry

seasons varying by region.

LOGISTICS, REPUBLIC OF KENYA



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#### **VISA & DOCUMENTATION**

Visitors must carry a valid passport and, depending on their nationality, an entry visa (eVisa). It is advisable to check in advance with the Kenyan embassy or consulate in your country of origin whether you need a visa or whether your country is on the visa-free list.

Among the African countries benefiting from this exemption are:

- Burundi
- Comoros
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Namibia
- Rwanda
- SeychellesSierra Leone
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe



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It is important to note that although there is a visa exemption for tourism or official visits for some countries, visitors must fulfil other formalities, such as holding a passport valid for at least six months and, where necessary, presenting a yellow fever vaccination certificate or other required health documentation.

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#### **HEALTH & SECURITIY**

Yellow fever vaccination is recommended for all visitors. Drink only bottled or filtered water to avoid health issues. General security precautions should be observed, especially in busy urban areas.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

In Nairobi and other major cities, popular modes of transport include public minibuses (matatus), bodabodas (motorcycle taxis), and ride-hailing apps such as Uber, Bolt, and Little Cab.

For convenience and safety, delegates are encouraged to use private transport or trusted mobility apps.

The Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) is the main point of entry into the country.

Reservations for transfers can be made directly by emailing Ms. Lynee Nyagaya on nyagayasafaris2@gmail.com and cc Ms Pauline Nyagaya on nyagaya.pauline@yahoo.com They are also reachable by calling/ WhatsApp +2547 11 861368.

#### **PAYMENTS & EXCHANGE**

The Kenyan Shilling (KES) is the official currency. Exchange should only be done at authorised forex

bureaus or banks.

Current exchange rates are approximately:

- 1 USD ≈ 130 KES
- 1 EUR ≈ 140 KES

Rates may vary based on market dynamics and Central Bank of Kenya policies. For daily updates, visit the

Central Bank of Kenya at https://www.centralbank.go.ke

Credit cards are accepted in many urban establishments, but carrying some cash is advisable, especially when travelling outside major towns.





#### **FOOD**

Participants will be provided with coffee/tea and lunch throughout the event (08 - 13 June 2025). There will be bed, breakfast, lunch and dinner for conference participants that will have booked accommodation with Muthu Keekorok Lodge for the duration of the conference.

Participants will be responsible for other meals and any additional personal expenses.

#### **TOURISM POINTS**

- Nairobi National Park
- Giraffe Centre
- David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust
- Karura Forest
- Bomas of Kenya

- Maasai Mara National Reserve
- Nairobi National Museum
- Karen Blixen Museum

#### **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Emergency Services: 999 / 112

Police: 999 / 112 Ambulance: 1199

Embassy/Consulate: Please check the address and contact details of your respective embassy or

consulate in Kenya.



The Actuarial Society of South Africa serves the public interest through regulating and supporting the actuarial profession in South Africa.



Founded in 1895, and reformed in 1998 with a new constitution, the International Actuarial Association (IAA) is the worldwide association of professional actuarial associations, with a number of special interest sections for individual actuaries. The IAA exists to encourage the development of a global acknowledged as technically profession, competent and professionally reliable, which will ensure that the public interest is served.

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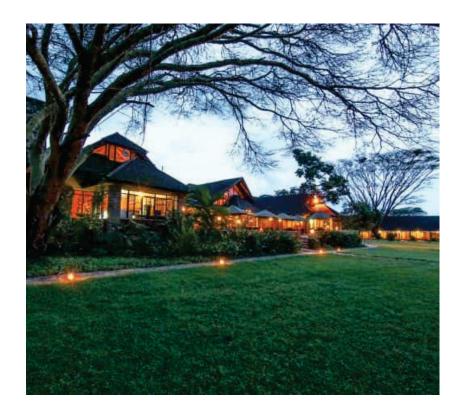




#### MUTHU KEEKEROK

- Location: Inside Maasai Mara National
- Distance to Sekenani Gate: Approximately 7.5 km
- Price Gide: \$200

Muthu Keekorok Lodge is a historic safari retreat nestled within Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve. Established in 1965, it holds the distinction of being the first lodge built in the offering guests reserve, immersive experience amidst the African wilderness. Surrounded by 700 square miles of lush sundrenched plains; Keekorok Lodge is right in the heart of the Maasai where you can enjoy the sights of hippo and zebra grazing in the lodge.



- ttps://www.muthuhotelsmgm.com/muthu-keekorok-lodge-maasai-mara-kenya-hotel.html
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The Actuarial Society of Kenya (TASK) serves as a unifying platform for both seasoned and aspiring actuaries within professional, educational, and research sectors. Its core mission is to champion the development and recognition of the actuarial profession within the nation and the wider regional landscape.

With a growing membership and a commitment to excellence, TASK continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the actuarial profession in Kenya and beyond.









#### AA LODGE MARA

- Location: Talek
- Distance to Muthu Keekerok Lodge Mara: Approximately 4 km
- Price Guide: \$230

AA Lodge Maasai Mara is situated on 30 acres of land, uniquely laid out over sprawling grounds that include rolling manicured greens and a mini forest of indigenous shrubs and exotic trees. The lodge features a large swimming pool overlooking the bonfire area, a main restaurant, and a bar. It's located 4 km from the Sekenani main gate and offers a comfortable stay with various amenities.



- https://aalodges.com/
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#### Sentrim Mara Game Lodge

- Location: Maasai Mara
- Distance to Muthu Keekerok Lodge Mara: Approximately 6 km
- Price Guide: \$288

Sentrim Mara Game Lodge is located in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, 3 km from the Sekenani gate. The entire camp is spread out over 100 acres of tranquil surroundings, offering a serene comfortable escape with accommodations. The lodge features an outdoor pool, spa facilities, a restaurant, and ensuring relaxing and connected stay.



- https://www.sentrim-hotels.com/sentrim-mara.html
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#### Mara Leisure Camp

- Location: Talek
- Distance to Muthu Keekerok Lodge Mara: Approximately 6 km
- Price Guide: \$307

Mara Leisure Camp is located along the Talek River, at the confluence of the Masai Mara's four wildlife viewing areas, on the northern boundary of the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The camp offers accommodations in what is considered Kenya's prime wildlife area, featuring safaristyle décor, a swimming pool, and an on-site restaurant.



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#### Fig Tree Camp

- Location: Maasai Mara
- Distance to Muthu Keekerok Lodge Mara: Approximately 6 km
- Price Guide: \$307

Fig Tree Camp is nestled along the Talek River's banks, providing range of accommodation options, including luxurious tents and cozy chalets. The camp features meticulously designed interiors that harmoniously blend diverse textures and a modern interpretation of the essential elements of a romantic, luxurious tented safari. Guests can enjoy amenities such as a swimming pool, restaurant, and unique experiences like Champagne Bush Dinners under the moonlight.



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#### **Alternative Options**

#### Transport & Accommodation

For local transport arrangements to and from Nairobi, as well as budget accommodation options within a 10 km radius of Muthu Keekorok (ranging from KES 5,000 to KES 15,000), please reach out to John on +254 723 603 201 or email adminoffice@actuarialacademy.a frica for assistance.



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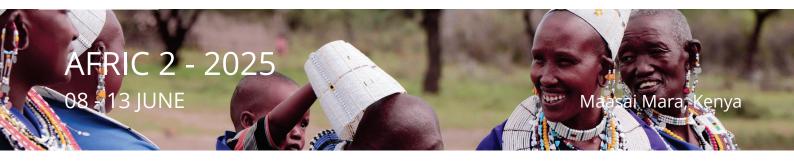
#### HOTELS IN NAIROBI

Hotel Name	Location from JKIA	Approx. Price (USD)	Website	Phone	Email
Emara Ole Sereni	~7 km (5 mins)	\$150-\$250	emara.ole- sereni.com	+254 732 191 000	info@ole- serenihotel.co m
Eka Hotel	~5 km (10 mins)	\$120-\$180	ekahotel.com	+254 719 045 000	sales@ekahot el.com
Radisson Blu Upper Hill	~16 km (20 mins)	\$180-\$250	radissonhotels .com	+254 709 810 000	info.nairobi@r adissonblu.co m
Radisson Blu Arboretum	~20 km (25 mins)	\$170-\$240	radissonhotels .com	+254 709 031 000	info.residence. nairobi@radis sonblu.com
Villa Rosa Kempinski	~20 km (30 mins)	\$250-\$350	kempinski.co m	+254 703 049 000	[email protected]
Hyatt Regency Westlands	~20 km (30 mins)	\$200-\$300	<u>hyatt.com</u>	+254 709 049 000	nairobi.regenc y@hyatt.com
Sarova Panafric Hotel	~18 km (25 mins)	\$130-\$200	sarovahotels.c om	+254 20 276 7000	panafric@saro vahotels.com
Nairobi Serena Hotel	~18 km (25 mins)	\$180-\$250	serenahotels.c om	+254 732 124 000	nairobi@seren ahotels.com

#### Notes:

- Pricing: The approximate prices are per night for standard rooms and may vary based on the season and availability.
- Distances: Travel times are approximate and can vary depending on traffic conditions.
- Contact Information: For the most accurate and up-to-date information, it's recommended to contact the hotels directly through the provided phone numbers or email addresses.



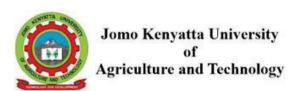


#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Shopping centres in Nairobi are generally open from 9am to 9pm, offering a comfortable environment for shopping, dining, and leisure. Some of the main malls include Sarit Centre, Two Rivers Mall, The Hub Karen, and Yaya Centre, which provide a wide variety of shops, restaurants, cinemas, and essential services to cater to visitors' needs.



The Actuarial Academy of East Africa (AAEA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing actuarial education and professional development in the region. Recognized by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA) as an official tutorial provider, AAEA offers high-quality tutorials, mentorship, and university support to help students and young professionals bridge the gap between theory and practice. Through initiatives like the Africa Scholarship Fund, the academy also provides financial aid to deserving candidates, fostering a strong pipeline of qualified actuaries equipped to meet the region's growing demand for risk and financial expertise.



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#### UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

The University of Nairobi (UoN), based in Kenya's capital, is the oldest and largest university in the country.

It was first founded as the Royal Technical College in 1956 and, after a number of transformations and name changes, in 1970 it became known as the university it is today.

The university claims strengths in the areas of teaching, research, development, consultancy and professional excellence. It has also produced more trained graduates in human resources than any other higher education institution in the country.



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