

# Abercrombie & Kent Kenya: Calendar of Activities

Kenya is a superb year round destination—here is an idea of the best sights each month...

January



February



March



The weather is hot and dry making it the best time to experience Kenya's **wildlife**. With the scarcity of water, the animals tend to gather in more concentrated numbers around permanent water holes, rivers and lakes, so they are easier to find. The vegetation is also less lush thus viewing animals from a distance is much easier.

In March with the long rains in the horizon, there are babies everywhere in the parks. From topi to wildebeest, lions to warthog, this is the **animal calving season**. This is also the best time to **trek Mt Kenya**. The mountain has permanent snow at its summit, so it's cold year round. Typically the early mornings on the mountain are sunny and dry, and clouds often form by noon. It is possible to hike Mount Kenya throughout the year but it gets more difficult during the rainy seasons. It is also a great chance to see the **migrant birds** as they congregate and feed, fuelling up for their big migration back to Europe.

April



May



June



This is the wet season in Kenya and the landscape turns lush with the onset of the rains. The rain is usually in short showers with bursts of sunshine in between, making everything refreshingly beautiful and green. With flowers blooming everywhere, the savannahs turn into a rainbow of colours and the **perfect time for photography**.

This is what we call the Emerald season. The **rates are at their lowest** and with **fewer visitors**, guests can have the parks to themselves.

**Rhino Charge**, an off-road driving competition that attracts both local and international participants takes place in May/June subject to confirmation and sponsorship. The impressive **Lewa Marathon** that is held at the breath-taking Lewa Downs also takes place in June.

July



August



September



These are the country's coolest months and the famous wildebeest migration is traditionally present in Kenya around this time. The incredible **wildebeest migration** only happens in East Africa and around this time the grasslands of the Masai Mara in Kenya are covered by a mass of moving wildebeest as far as the eye can see with a plethora of predators close behind.

With the passing of the rains, other parks in Kenya are also excellent to visit at this time of the year.

The **magical singing wells** of the Samburu can best be seen during this time. When the Sarara River is not flowing, the local people dig wells in the riverbed. The men hoist up buckets of water for themselves and their livestock, accompanied by songs which their cattle apparently recognise. When the song changes, it is another herd's turn for water. The Singing Wells have remained unchanged for centuries and are unique to the Samburu.

October



November



December



This is a delightful time to visit Kenya and compares to springtime, the days are warm and the evenings cool. Short, scattered rains fall in November to freshen up the country and lay the dust.

These are particularly good months for **birding**. Kenya is considered a bird watcher's paradise with over 1000 bird species recorded in the country. Nairobi alone has more than 600 resident species. During this time, migrant birds can be seen flying in from Europe. Some beautiful indigenous varieties can be found around the lakes in the Rift Valley, Arabuko Sokoke Forest in Malindi, Taita Hills near Voi and in the Kakamega Forest.

Whether you want to explore the historical Swahili town of Lamu, or enjoy the picture perfect beaches of Malindi and Watamu, Kenya is excellent for a **beach vacation**. This is a good time to go snorkelling, diving and deep-sea fishing at the coast. The **Lamu Cultural Festival** also takes place in **November** of each year.