

# Kenya

## Information for applicants

### Kenya

Kenya is East Africa's largest economy and one of the leading economies in Africa. The capital city is Nairobi, with over four million inhabitants, and the second largest city is Mombasa. Nairobi is the only United Nations location in Africa. In 2018, Kenya had 49.7 million inhabitants living in an area of 582,650 km<sup>2</sup>. The country has been independent since 1963 and aspires to become an industrialised, middle-income country by 2030.

### Climate and sights

Kenya lies in the region of East Africa's Great Rift Valley and offers a variety of different landscapes. The national territory can be divided into five different climate zones, with a dry to humid tropical climate on the coast in the east, a hot and rainy climate in the west by Lake Victoria, a moderate climate in the highlands and Nairobi, a desert climate in the Chalbi Desert in the north-east and a mountain climate on snow-capped Mount Kenya. With a height of 5,199 metres, Mount Kenya is the second highest mountain in Africa. The total area of the national parks and reserves is almost the size of Bavaria. The Maasai Mara, located at the border to Tanzania, is world-famous.

### Medical care

Outside Nairobi, medical care does not compare with that in Europe and has multiple problems with regard to technology, equipment and hygiene. In many places, there are no medical specialists with European training.

However, medical care in Nairobi is good. The city is the residence of a regional doctor from the Federal Foreign Office and also has several German-speaking doctors. English-speaking doctors specialising in all fields of medicine are also available. Several hospitals contain wards that meet higher accommodation standards. A medical emergency service for illnesses requiring urgent treatment, accidents and the like is established there.

### Accommodation and quality of life

The real estate market has an adequate supply of both houses and apartments. In Nairobi, in particular, the prices for suitable living space are significantly higher than the corresponding prices in Germany. Nairobi and the surrounding area provide a wide range of leisure opportunities.

### Shops and services

In Nairobi and other major cities, the goods offered in shops are almost comparable to those in Europe, but with significantly higher prices. Everyday provisions can be obtained in Kenya without difficulty.

### Accompanying partners and children

The school situation in Nairobi and the other major cities is very good and several international schools and kindergartens are available. There is also a German school in Nairobi.

It is extremely difficult for accompanying partners to obtain a work permit in Kenya.

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