

# Kenya

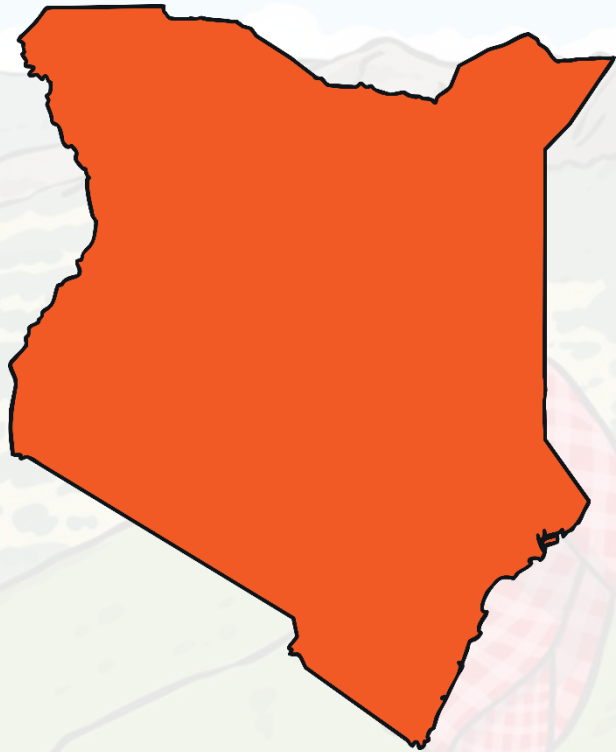


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Kenya is located in East Africa,  
which lies on the Equator

The population of Kenya is



**47.5  
million.**

(2019 Census)

The two official languages in Kenya are English and Swahili, although there are around 60 languages spoken in different parts of the country.

Almost everyone in Kenya speaks more than one African language!



# Swahili



Hello – Hujambo

Goodbye – Kwaheri

Thank you - Asante

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The currency is the Kenyan Shilling.

This is Kenya's flag:

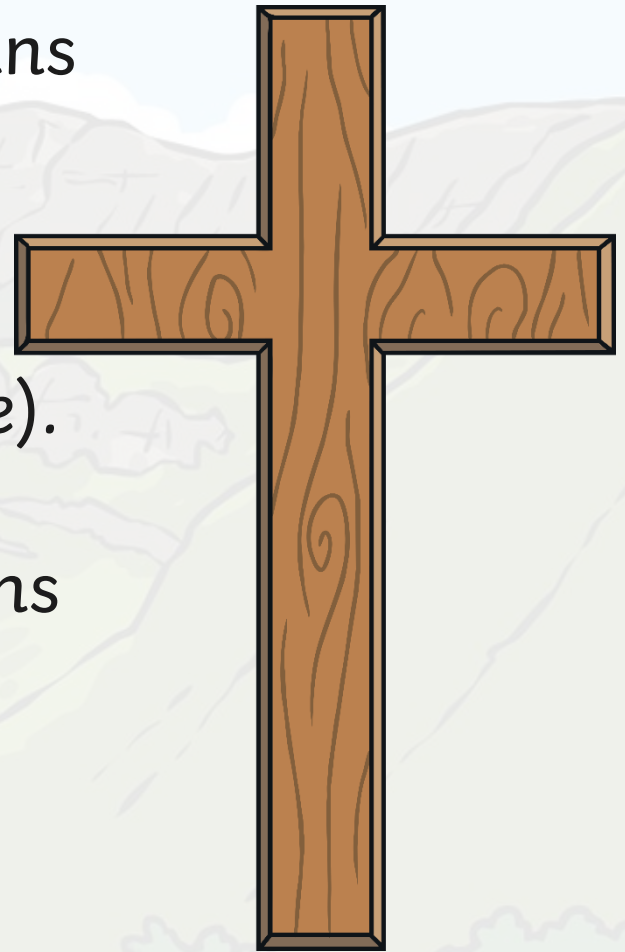


Kenya is officially called the Republic of Kenya.

More than 8 out of 10 Kenyans are Christian.

Islam is the second largest religion (about 1 in 10 people).

The other religions of Kenyans are Baha'i, Buddhism, Hinduism and traditional African beliefs.



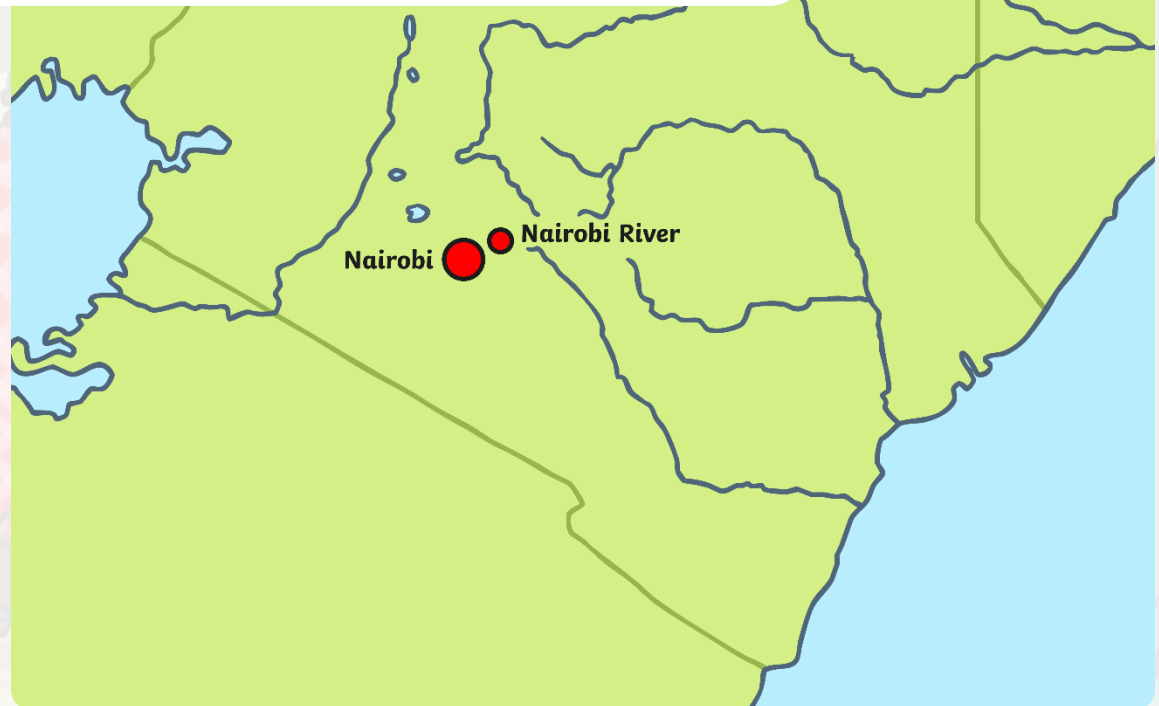


# Nairobi

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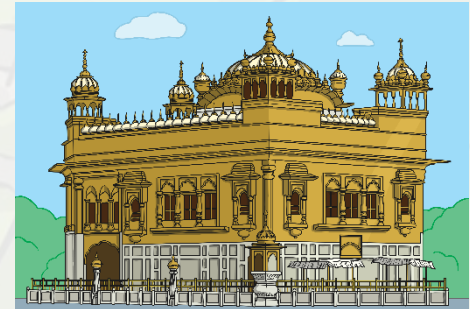
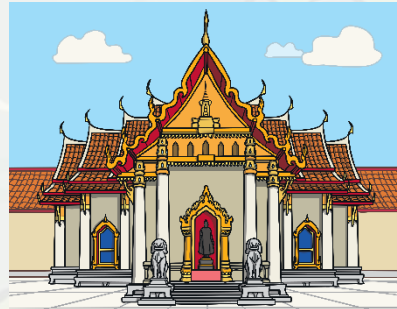
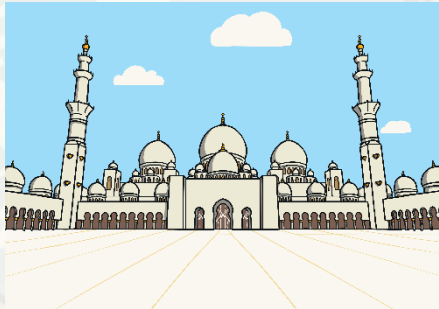




The sunniest time of year is from December to March. The coolest months are June and July. There are only two seasons (wet and dry) because Nairobi is so near the equator.

The people who live in Nairobi come from many different cultures.

There are many churches, mosques, temples and gurdwaras in the city.



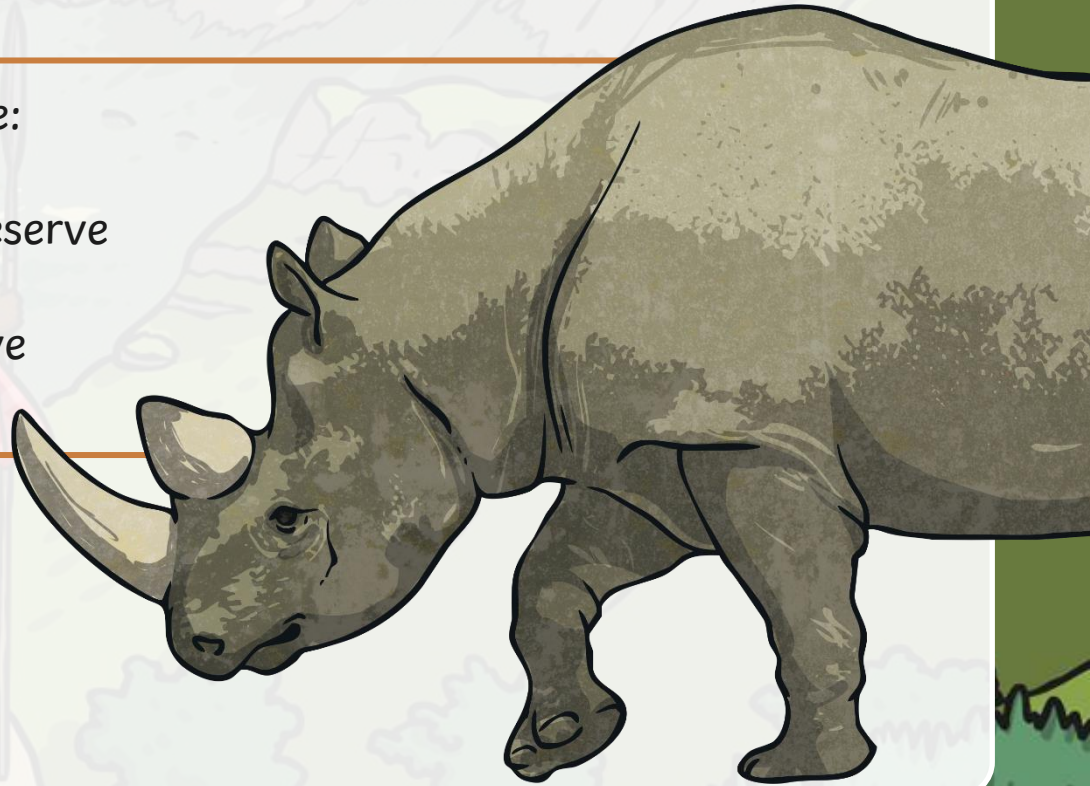
It is one of Africa's most modern cities. There are thousands of businesses and companies in Nairobi. Also, many tourists visit every year.

# Landmarks

Tourism is a popular industry in Kenya. In particular, many tourists visit the national reserves to observe the abundant wildlife. The top five animals to see on safari are: lion, leopard, buffalo, rhinoceros and elephant.

Popular places to see wildlife:

- Maasai Mara National Reserve
- Amboseli National Park
- Samburu National Reserve
- Lake Nakuru





# Landmarks

A visit to Kenya might include swimming with dolphins in the Indian Ocean, feeding orphaned elephants at a wildlife sanctuary, taking a hot air balloon ride over the savannah or sailing in a dhow (a sailboat) for a picnic lunch on the beach.



The Big Five animals of Africa can be found in Kenya (in the Maasai Mara National Reserve in particular): the lion, leopard, buffalo, rhinoceros, and elephant.

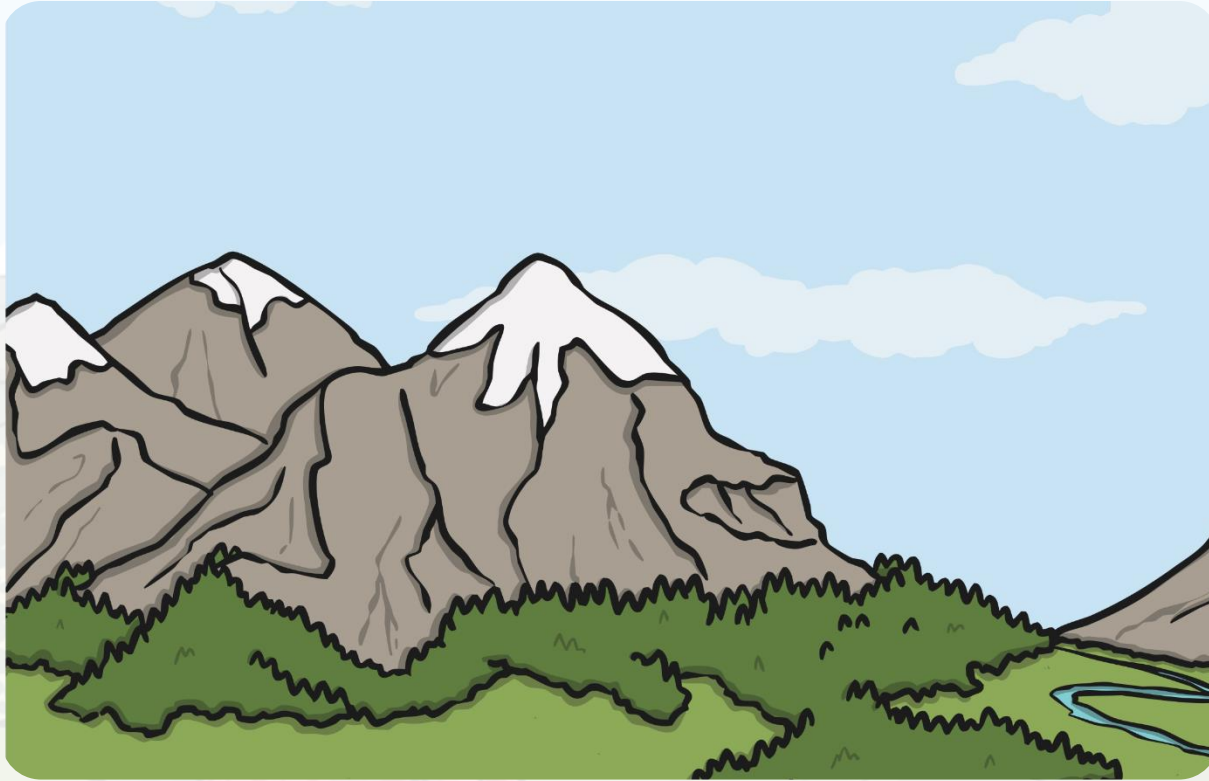


Millions of tourists visit Kenya each year to see the savannah, wildlife, nature reserves and to go on safari. Kenya has more than 50 animal reserves to protect its beautiful wildlife!





**Buffalo in the savannah, Kenya**

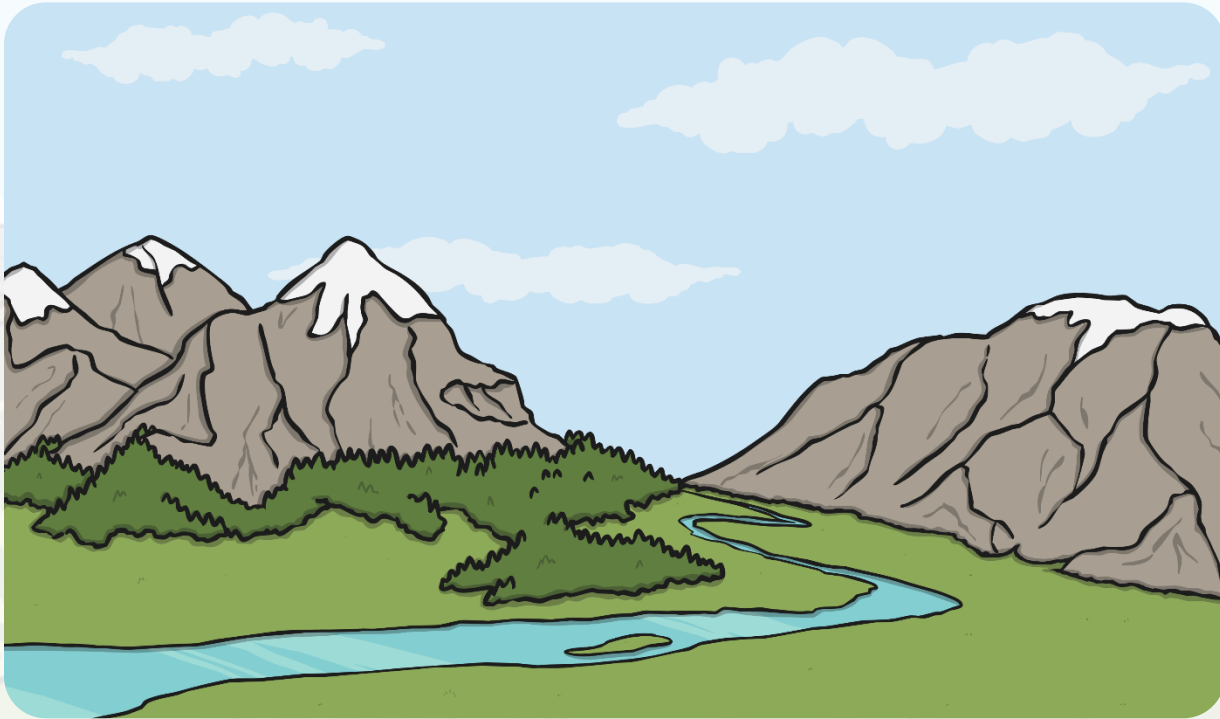


Mount Kenya is the highest mountain in Kenya at 5199m high! Most Kenyans live in the highlands. Nairobi is 1700m above sea level.



# Mount Kenya

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Kenya's longest river is the Tana,  
which runs for 1000km!



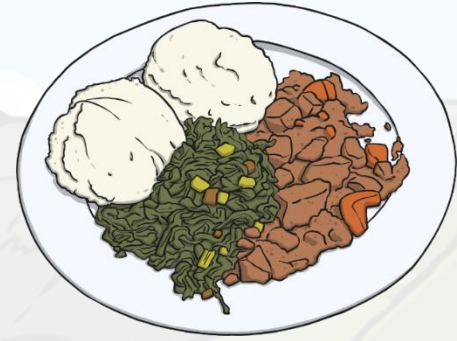
# The Great Rift Valley

The Great Rift Valley – a 6400 km tear in the Earth’s crust – can be found west of Nairobi. Mount Kenya lies on the edge.

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# Food

Kenya has a diverse range of traditional foods. Each region has its own specialities. Maize and other cereals are the staple grain of Kenya, depending on the region.

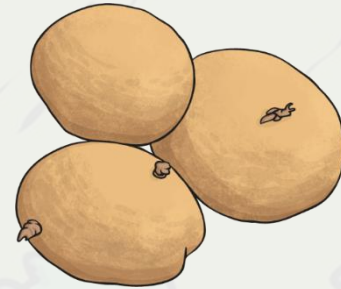


Ugali (cooked maize meal) is often served as a porridge with stew.

Nyama choma is grilled meat – usually goat or sheep. It is usually cooked over an open fire and served with ugali.



Cassava and sweet potatoes are also very popular.





# Cassava

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# Ugali

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# Millet

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