

AFRICA'S TOURIST HUB AND HOME TO WORLD DISTANCE RACE CHAMPIONS

EAST AFRICA

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East Africa, generally referred to as the Horn of Africa comprises of seven countries namely: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Somalia, Eritrea and Djibouti. Known as a leading tourist destination in Sub Sahara Africa, the beautiful sites in these countries are major contributors to their yearly revenue. For instance, tourism in the region is believed to have contributed US\$12.8bn to the GDP in 2012, out of which Tanzania is the largest contributor.

From Kenya's famous Safari and Wildlife, often referred

to as love zone, to Tanzania's free-standing mountain and rich spices of Zanzibar, and Uganda, aptly described by Winston Churchill as the 'Pearl of Africa,' East Africa is abundantly blessed by mother nature with a great variety for wonderful experience of tourism and hospitality. Below is a few of some of the famous tourist sites in east Africa by country.

KENYA

The Masai Mara National Reserve may be Africa's greatest wildlife reserve. It is home to large number of lions, birds, over two million wildebeest, Zebra and Thomson Gazelles.

The Amboseli National Park, located at Tanzania's border, at the foot of the Kilimanjaro Mountain, offers a rare opportunity for close proximity with elephants, view of the great mountain and meeting the Maasai people.

Lake Nakuru which attracts large number of Flamingos is often referred to as the greatest bird spectacle on earth.

The Tsavo National Park, one of the largest beyond Kenya.

The Lamu Island, the oldest living town in Kenya. The alleyways and footpaths substitute absence of roads with movement mostly by boat, foot or donkeys.

Others are Hell's Gate Na-

tional Park; Samburu National Reserve; Mount Kenya, Malindi and Nairobi National Park.

TANZANIA

At 19,340 feet (5896m), Mount Kilimanjaro is the largest mountain in Africa and the world's highest free-standing mountain. This piece of nature which offers one of the best tourist and adventurous experience takes about six days to climb.

Located in the Indian Ocean off coast of Tanzania, Zanzibar adorns beautiful beaches and is known for very rich spices and ivory. The once