



A newsletter released by Exclusive Eco Travels

Another year of promise!

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Well it's another new year and we are grateful for another year full of promise, great things and yes some bit of leisure in between the day – to – day of daily life!

Thank you once again for allowing us to be of service in the past year and we look forward to an equally fantastic year of service to you in the coming year.

While there is much expectation and discussion around the upcoming Kenyan

General Elections, our only wish and appeal to you is a peaceful process so that we can go back to working on making Kenya a great nation to be a part of.

Getting back to the "relaxing mode", we trust that your calendars are marked for the not too far off Easter break at the end of March.

This year provides an interesting twist with Easter Monday falling on April Fool's day.....we therefore

warn you to be on guard....should you respond to that phone call that tells you that you're immediately required in the office; only to be told that it's an April Fool's day prank! ☺

Easter Offers:
Please visit the following link for more details on the Easter offers available:
<http://www.exclusiveecotravels.com/section.asp?id=33>

Who are we?

We continue to improve on our services as per your feedback to us. Thank you as we can only get better with your help. Please click on the link below to access our company profile which outlines who we are and what we are about.

http://www.exclusiveecotravels.com/downloads/Exclusive_Eco_Travels_2013_Profilebb.pdf

Please feel free to also forward our profile or link to our profile to a friend, family member or colleague whom you think would be in need of our services.



Travel Tips

Please see our travel tips as you prepare for the Easter season especially if in the outdoors:



DON'T....

- Get out of your vehicle to pet or take photos of the animals
- Sit on the edge of the window and lean out of the vehicle as this risks you falling out
- Play loud music – upsets & scares away the wildlife
- Drive at a high speed when in the national parks/reserves – can easily knock down animals which
- Toss out burning match sticks (cigarette butts as well) as these can cause fires especially in the dry season
- Call out to the animals with pet noises or hoot - it can agitate the animals and cause a violent reaction
- Feed the animals – this can disrupt their normal diet or cause them to become dependent on being fed
- Constantly interrupt the driver/guide while he/she is explaining a point – the other guests may not appreciate this
- Encourage begging by freely giving money to
- children in the communities: sex tourism is one of the big challenges in the Coast area due to the lure of money
- Get too close to the edge of hot water springs as the edges can give way
- Buy souvenirs from endangered natural items eg coral reef, horn, ivory
- Litter or throw anything at the animals – can provoke them to lash out or they can digest it and cause harm to them



Avoid edges of hot water springs



Do not litter in the parks or reserves



DO....

- Wear shoes that are closed to avoid being scratched when walking in the bush / caves: hiking books are necessary especially where rocky
- Wear comfortable and loose fitting clothes that are not bright in colour – helps to camouflage dust as well as to blend in the environment
- Carry warm clothing for cold mornings and evenings
- Wear long sleeved tops in the mornings to keep warm and in the evenings to ward off insect bites
- Carry snacks especially during long game drives and road trips in case of any eventuality
- Carry a book that gives more information on wildlife and vegetation
- Carry a map
- Ask questions instead of assuming
- Carry sufficient medication and First Aid items: Elastoplast, aspirin, ointment for insect bites, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, hand sanitizer to be prepared at all times for any eventuality
- Keep noise to a minimum while in the national parks/reserves to avoid scaring away wildlife
- Get security especially if will be on foot in a park/forest – park wardens are usually available for this at the main gate
- Carry sufficient water to keep hydrated
- Carry a pair of a spectacles if wear contacts as can get too dusty for contacts
- Carry a pair of binoculars to improve your vision
- Carry loose change for tipping and enough money for other
- uses as well as ATMs can be difficult to come by in remote places
- Carry ID – To confirm residency status at the park gates and at check-in at the accommodation facility
- Carry useful contacts should you run into a problem in the park eg of the place you're staying or park rangers at the gates
- Carry solar chargeable devices as electricity is not a guarantee eg chargers & lamp
- Ensure you have more than one spare wheel in remote areas
- Carry a hat especially if will be walking out doors
- Find out the kind of terrain that you will cover to be adequately prepared both for walking and to ascertain if your vehicle will manage
- Carry a camera and extra memory space

On the Road



Hiking up the gorge at the Savana Sunset gorge, Kibiko, Ngong

On one of the recent weekends, I went on a hiking day trip with like-minded individuals who appreciate the outdoors and discovered that less than 5km from Ngong town, a tucked away gem – Savanna Sunset. If you appreciate hiking, then this would be the perfect spot for you. With the seasonal river dried out, we were able to trek over the river bed of huge boulders and rocks and then climb (literally) up some sections

to access the wonderful views of the Ngong Hills and plains. If you're not so much into the outdoor, there is the option to sit in the shady areas provided as you take in the views and watch the birds as you wait for James Ole Sekuda, one of the owners, and his team to satisfy your appetites with their nyama choma - their main strength. If you're interested in an overnight stay, tents with verandas overlooking the plains are

also available. It was a fun day – if you fancy such a day trip, please feel free to let us know and we will rope you in next time.



Views from the top

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Your Say

As always, we are here BECAUSE OF YOU, and encourage your feedback, both positive or negative as it helps us understand **you** better and cater to **your** needs better. A sample of what some of you have had to say about our services....

time. Thanks for all your assistance.”

Maria, Kenya

everything was really good. Thanks again.” **Judy, Kenya**

We thank you again for the opportunity of having allowed us to be of service to you and as always, it is a DELIGHT to be at your service

“Thanks for checking up, it was good experience all around. No complaints really although I travelled with an avid Tennis player who missed the opportunity to use the court since there is no resident coach at the country club....but

“You guys are extremely efficient; you can be sure I will be using for a very long

At the end of your trips, please share your amazing photos from your leisure experiences which we can share with fellow kindred spirits (with your permission of course).....as it's all about you!



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