

Swahili Guide



Hello	Jambo
Welcome	Karibu
Goodbye	Kwa heri
(Until) tomorrow	Mpaka kesho
Good night	Lala salama
See you later	Tutaonana baadaye
Please	Tafadhali
Thank you	Asante
Thanks very much	Asante sana
You're welcome	Umekaribishwa
How are you?	Habari yako?
I'm fine, thanks	Nzuri sana
What's your name?	Unaitwa nani?
My name is... ..	Jina langu ni ..
Where are you from?	Unatoka wapi?
I'm from... ..	Mimi natoka ..
Where do you live?	Unaishi wapi?
I live in.. ..	Ninaishi..
May I take a picture?	Naomba kupiga picha

USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

Yes	Ndio
No	Hapana
Sorry	Pole sana
No problem	Hakuna matata
No hurry	Hakuna haraka
Easy!	Mteremko!
I don't understand	Sifahamu/sielewi
I'm going to the toilet	Naenda choo
Cigarette	Sigara

GETTING AROUND

I want to go	Nataka kwenda
Is this the way to ...?	Hii ndiyo njia ya ..?
How much to go to...?	Shilingi ngapikwenda...?
When does the ... leave?	inaenda saa ngapi? bus basi
train	gari la moshi
truck or car	gari
Boat	boti
Shared taxi	gari ndogo
Drive slowly	Endesha pole pole
Wait a minute	Ngoja kidogo
Stop here	Simama hapa
Ticket	Tikiti

AirportUwanja wa ndege
Bus stationKituo cha basi
Train StationKituo cha reli
TaxiTeksi
Left Kushoto
Right.....Kulia

ACCOMMODATION

Where is a...? wapi ...?
Hotel hoteli ya kulala
Very good hotel hoteli nzuri sana
guest house nyumba ya wageni
Do you have a room for? Una rumu ya?
one person mtu mmoja
two people watu wawili
How much is the room? Rumu ni shilingi ngapi?
I'd like to see the room please Natakakuona rumu tafadhali
Is there hot water? Kuna maji moto?
for one day kwa siku moja
for a week Kwa wiki nzima
bathroom bafu
fan feni key ufunguo
noisy kelele

AROUND TOWN

Where is a/the...? Wapi...?
Bank benki
Hotel hoteli ya kulala
Hospital hospitali
Police station kituo cha polisi
Post office posta
Restaurant mkahawa
Toilet choo

SHOPPING

Where is...? Wapi....?
Bookshop duka la vitabu
Chemist/pharmacy duka la dawa
Grocery duka
Market soko
I want to buy... Nataka kununua...
Do you have....? Una....?
There is Kuna
There isn't Hakuna
How much? Ngapi?
This is very expensive Hii ni bei ghali sana
Clothing nguo

Insect repellent dawa ya wadudu
Laundry detergent omo
Medicine dawa
Mosquito coil dawa ya mbu ya kuwasha
Soap sabuni
Toilet paper karatasi ya choo
Too big kubwa sana
Too small ndogo sana
More zaidi

ON SAFARI

Look there tazama pale
What is there? Iko nini pale?
What animal is that? Huyo ni mnyama gani
Electric fence usiguse sengenge
Watch out! Tahadhari! /Chunga!
Danger (on signs) Hatari
African buffalo mbogo
Antelope pofu/kulungu
Baboon nyani
Bird ndege
Bushbaby komba
Cheetah duma
Crocodile mamba
Elephant ndovu/tembo
Gazelle swara/paa
Giraffe twiga
Hippopotamus kiboko
Impala swara pala
Jackal mbweha
Leopard chui
Lion simba
Mongoose nguchiro
Rhinoceros kifarua
Snake nyoka
Hyena fisi
Water buffalo nyati
Zebra punda milia

TIME & DAYS

What's the time? Saa ngapi?
When? Lini?
Today Leo
Tomorrow Kesho
Yesterday Jana
Hour Saa
Week Wiki
Month Mwezi
Year Mwaka

Monday Jumatatu
Tuesday Jumanne
Wednesday Jumatano
Thursday Alhamisi
Friday Ijumaa
Saturday Jumamosi
Sunday Jumapili

FOOD

Boiled Chemsha
Bread Mkate
Butter Siagi
Cup Kikombe
Curry Mchuzi
Egg(s) Yai (mayai)
Food Chakula
Fork uma
Fried Karanga
Hot/cold Moto/baridi
Indian bread Chapati
Knife Kisu
Napkin Kitambaa
Pepper Pilipili
Plate Sahani
Raw Mbichi
Ripe Mbivu
Roast Choma
Table Meza
Teaspoon Kijiko
Salt Chumvi
Soup Supu
Sugar Sukari
Sweet Tamu
Yoghurt Maziwa lala

VEGETABLES & GRAINS

Aubergine Biringanya
Cabbage Kabichi
Capsicum Pilipili hoho
Carrots Karoti
Cassava Muhogo
Corn/maize Mahindi
Garlic Kitunguu saumu
Kidney beans Maharagwe
Porridge uji
Mashed plantains Matoke
Onions Vitunguu

Plantains Ndizi
Potatoes Viazi
Rice Wali
Kale Sukuma wiki
Tomatoes Nyanya
Vegetables Mboga

MEAT & FISH

Barbecued meat Nyama choma
Beef Nyama (ya) ng'ombe
Crab Kaa
Fish Samaki
Kebabs Mushkaki
Lobster Kamba
Meat Nyama
Meat stew Karanga
Goat meat Nyama (ya) mbuzi
Pork Nyama (ya) nguruwe
Squid Ngisi
Steak Steki
Chicken Nyama (ya) kuku

FRUITS

Bananas Ndizi
Coconut (green) Dafu
Coconut (ripe) Nazi
Custard apples Stafeli
Dates Tende
Fruits Matunda
Grapefruits Madanzi
Guava Pera
Limes Ndimu
Mangoes Maembe
Oranges Machungwa
Papayas Paipai
Passion fruit Pasheni
Pineapples Mananasi
Sugar cane Miwa
Water melon Tikiti

HEALTH & EMERGENCIES

Help Nisaidie!
I'm ill Mimi mgonjwa
Please call a doctor Tafadhali mwite daktari
It hurts here Ninaumwa hapa
I'm pregnant Nina mimba
Leave me alone! Niache!

I'm lost Nimepotea
I've been robbed Nimeibiwa

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

1 January New Year's Day
March/April Good Friday & Easter Monday
1 May Labour day
1 June Madaraka day
10 October Moi day
20 October Kenyatta day
12 December Independence Day
25 December Christmas Day
26 December boxing Day

NUMBERS

1 Moja
2 Mbili
3 Tatu
4 Nne
5 Tano
6 Sita
7 Saba
8 Nane
9 Tisa
10 Kumi
11 Kumi na moja
12 Kumi na mbili
20 Ishirini
30 Thelathini
40 Arobaini
50 Hamsini
60 Sitini
70 Sabini
80 Themanini
90 Tisini
100 Mia
200 Mia mbili
1000 Elfu

Tips

1. Asking Directions?

Question? No problem, just
Ask someone. Kenyan culture is
Known to be warm & friendly.
Do remember, being

Courteous costs you nothing.
Always greet people 1st before
Asking directions.