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2007 Kenya Presidential Elections Fact Sheet

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Please find to follow an update from the Kenya Tourist Board to reflect the current position in Kenya with regards to the localised incidents that have taken place since the General Election Results were announced.

- The main scheduled international carriers into Nairobi for the North American market: Kenya Airways, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic Airways and Emirates, continue to operate their daily scheduled services.
- U.S. Tour Operators have confirmed that tours continue to operate normally without disruption and that normal booking terms & conditions apply.
- There have been no tourism incidents related to the reactions to the election results from the last few days.
- Kenya Airways has reported extremely minimal cancellations for travellers to the country. They have had minimal changes for a very small group of individual travellers but cancellations have not been an issue at all to-date.
- Domestic carriers continue to operate full scheduled services within Kenya and these include Kenya Airways, Air Kenya and Safarilink. Kenya Airways has reinstated its service between Nairobi and Kisumu.
- There is a strong police presence along all the main roads and highways between the airports and the city hotels and as a result, traffic is moving along these routes without a problem. The main roads and highways linking Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Wilson Airport and the Nairobi city hotels are also all secured and tourist vehicles are able to be driven along these routes as normal.
- The situation is similar in Mombasa and the roads are clear. The Tourist Police Unit (TPU) in Mombasa is providing an escort service between the hotels and the airport in a convoy for ease of logistics. The Likoni ferry used by visitors to the south coast is operating normally.
- Safaris to the main game parks continue to operate as normal both by air and by road. TPU is also available to assist tour operators and hoteliers as the need may arise. No security problems have been reported in any of the parks or reserves.



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- The situation in the main cities of Nairobi and Mombasa is quickly coming back to normal with shops, banks and businesses re-opening after the New Year public holidays.
- Fuel and food deliveries have resumed after 8 days of limited replenishment due to the festive season and election public holidays. Reports of fuel shortages have been made. The Kenya Association of Tour Operators has been in touch with the fuel suppliers and it has been confirmed that there are adequate stocks of fuel available for distribution. Delivery of fuel to most stations has resumed. Most stations within Nairobi and Mombasa are expected to be adequately stocked by tomorrow morning.
- The disturbances that took place in Nairobi quelled by the first of January. They took place in areas not normally visited by tourists. It was contained specifically to various high-density, low-income housing areas. Businesses have reopened today, January 2, 2008 and people were back to work around the country.
- The U.S. State Department has updated travel information for Americans travelling to Kenya on their website. For more information please visit www.travel.state.gov.
- **Please note:** The Warden Message posted on December 31, 2007 on the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi is outdated. Domestic flights are confirmed to be flying as scheduled and travel through all main thoroughfares to and from all airports are open and passable.

We will advise if there are any changes in the situation in Kenya, but at present, we continue to welcome North American travelers and all tourism infrastructure units are operating as normal. We are monitoring the situation carefully and will continue to distribute updates on the status of this situation if changes arise. For additional information, please contact the Kenya Tourist Board at 866-44-KENYA or visit www.magickkenya.com.

For updates from the US State Department, please visit www.travel.state.gov.

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