

# Kenya, Nakuru

## Location

Nakuru town, in west-central Kenya, is located on the north shore of Lake Nakuru and has a population of approximately 500,000 people, making it one of Kenya's largest urban centers. Once a hub of European activity, this region is now associated with a thriving manufacturing industry, bustling commercial shopping centers, and significant agricultural initiatives. As you explore our lush surroundings, you can immerse yourself in nature's soothing embrace. The fragrance of the verdant trees that grace the accommodation area fills the air, creating a peaceful ambiance. Begin your day with a breathtaking aerial view of the center, where the morning sun paints the sky in gold and pink hues, creating the ideal setting for an inspiring start to your day.

## Geolocation

**Gps coordinates:** -0.293807, 36.088462

**Accuracy:** Approximate

## Accommodation & Food

### About the Accommodation

Our accommodations include four units, each with three spacious bedrooms and comfortable double beds. Whether you are volunteering alone or in a group, each room can accommodate two to eight people, depending on the size of the room. For those seeking privacy, we also have private rooms with dedicated bathrooms. We value cleanliness and hygiene, which is why each room has its own bathroom and toilet.

We encourage all participants to use resources wisely, particularly electricity, and to be environmentally conscious. Power outages may occur during the day, but there is no need to panic because this is common in the village. There is also a readily available water supply to meet all of your basic needs.

Meals will be provided, and your rooms will be cleaned on weekends. However, we expect all guests to take responsibility for cleaning up after themselves and keeping the accommodations clean and organized. Our location is close to Greensteds International School and only a few minutes' walk from Lake Nakuru National Park's Southern Gate. It is approximately 15 kilometers from Nakuru town.

## Available Room Types

	Standard Room
All meals included	Yes *
Free beverages	Yes **
Persons per room	2-4
Wifi in public areas	No
Laundry facilities	No
Safety box	Yes
Lockable rooms	Yes
Hot shower	Yes
Private bathroom	No
Bed linen	Yes
Towels	No

\* 3 meals on weekdays, 2 on weekends.

\*\* Drinking water is provided

## Food Arrangements

The food provided will primarily consist of Kenyan cuisine. This cuisine is primarily composed of a variety of vegetables, potatoes, eggs, bread, and pancakes commonly referred to as "chapati," as well as an assortment of fruits such as oranges, bananas, and avocados.

## Facilities

There are several supermarkets within a reasonable distance of about 5 kilometers for your convenience. There are also several shops within walking distance, as well as ATMs in nearby Nakuru town for any necessary financial transactions. Local markets in the free zone offer a variety of fruits and fish for those looking for fresh produce. Public transportation is widely available to help you get around the area.

## Mandatory Orientation Day

You will attend our orientation day on Monday of your first week at this location to become acquainted with the surroundings as well as the local culture. Your program will continue as usual from Tuesday onward throughout the rest of the week.

## Schedule

- Introduction meeting, House rules, Setting Expectations, Health and Safety advice, and handling of documents.
- Kenyan Do's and Don'ts, Culture Introduction, Country History, and Swahili Language Lessons.
- Tour around the compound and local area; where to find local shops, and arrange a sim-card if necessary.
- Lunch
- Trip to Nakuru town, where you can buy essentials if required

## Activities & Events

There are no scheduled activities outside the program.

## Sights & Surroundings

**The Great Rift Valley** - The Great Rift Valley, known as the Earth Scar, is the world's largest fault-collapse zone. It is an unforgettably scenic area, featuring hot springs, geysers, and lakes, as well as volcanoes, some of which are still active. Some areas frequently experience earthquakes, and escarpments flank the valley to the east and west.

**Lake Nakuru National Park** - Lake Nakuru National Park is one of the best national parks in Kenya given that it has one of the Rift Valley soda lakes, i.e. Lake Nakuru. The park has three main gates, and once you get inside, you will enjoy a wide variety of wildlife species, especially the flamingos, which make the lake look pink.

**Menengai Crater** - Menengai Crater, located just outside the town of Nakuru, is a place of legend and violence. It is here that the Ilaikipiak Moran [also Maasai] were defeated by the Ilpurko Maasai during a fight over grazing land. The defeated were thrown over the edge of the crater, and the place has been named for the Maa word for 'the dead' describing the fumaroles in the crater that are said by locals to be the souls of the dead warriors trying to get to heaven.

**Aberdare National Park** - Aberdare National Forest Park is located in the town of Ndaragwa near the equator and is known as one of "God's Homelands.". Picturesque, steep forest canyons and open moorland surfaces are characteristic of Aberdare National Park. The park is mainly a habitat for elephants, black rhinos, leopards, and other wild animals.

**Baboon Cliff View Point** - The Baboon Cliff is located on the north-western side of Lake Nakuru National Park, along the western shores of Lake Nakuru. It is the most popular view point in Lake Nakuru National Park and the most visited of all the viewpoints in the park. It gets its name from the baboons that are common around that cliff and normally interact with the people that visit the Baboon Cliff. The Baboon Cliff is well organized with resting areas, a car park area, seating facilities, and washrooms for its guests; so you can enjoy your moments at the cliff without worrying about these other details.

**Lake Bogoria** - Lake Bogoria is a calcium carbonate lake located on the edge of Kenya's rift belt and belongs to the Ramsar Wetland Nature Reserve. The entire lake is surrounded by dwarf trees

and grass, where you can find zebras, duikers, hyraxes, and many other wild animals. In the Lake Bogoria region, it is easy to see hot springs gushing out from deep underground.

**Lord Egerton Castle** - Lord Egerton Castle is not only a historic landmark; it is an exquisite piece of art. The castle, which was built by Lord Egerton, who was the 4th Baron Egerton, is a 53 roomed fortress that takes you back to the prehistoric days as you revere the ravishing beauty of this castle. This castle is one of the top attractions in Nakuru, attracting thousands of people every month who want to explore and experience the castle's unique beauty and story. The fascinatingly beautiful castle sits on a unique hundred-acre landscape in Nakuru's countryside on Ngata Farm, surrounded by magnificent and expansive gardens and lawns on all sides of the house.

**Lake Naivasha** - Lake Naivasha is located at the bottom of the Great Rift Valley in East Africa. Lake Naivasha is a pearl in the Great Rift Valley and one of the most beautiful freshwater lakes in Kenya. There are papyrus swamps by the lake, and the lakeside hotel "Lake Naivasha Country Club (Lake Naivasha Country Club)" has beautiful scenery. There are many hippos and various birds in Lake Naivasha. While boating on the lake, it is very likely that the hippo will have two small ears on the edge of the boat, giving you a surprise. It is also a paradise for flying birds, such as ospreys, spotted dogs, and pelicans, and hundreds of species of birds gather here. At the same time, Lake Naivasha is also a place rich in coffee, black tea, and flowers in Kenya. Here, you can enjoy the tranquil scenery of the lake. Giraffes, water antelopes, wildebeests, and other animals can be seen on the island.

## Transportation

From this location we do not provide free transportation to other locations.