

## Life outside school

### Nearby

Peponi House is very close to the lively suburb of Westlands, where there are shopping malls, restaurants, bars and clubs. Coming to terms with Nairobi's infamous traffic takes a week or so but being so close to so many amenities makes life much easier. Slightly further afield, there are places such as the new Two Rivers development, as well as some first class golf courses, gyms, spas, and pretty much everything else that you would expect to find in a large cosmopolitan city.

Nairobi itself is booming, with new developments being built almost weekly. The infrastructure is rapidly improving, with new ring roads and the new standard gauge railway to the coast. The city is 1,795 metres (5,889 ft.) above sea level, so the first time you go for a jog you may feel out of breath. It also boasts its own National Park, where you can get a taste of Kenya's rich diversity of wildlife. The Park is also, sadly, one of the few remaining places where you have a reasonable chance of seeing a rhino.



### Kenya

A short drive of an hour or two will take you out of Nairobi. The Great Rift Valley is on our doorstep, with stunning scenery, lakes both fresh and caustic, towering mountains and grassy plains. The National Parks and Reserves offer some of the world's best game viewing, and as a resident you will also get to know the places that are off the tourist trail.

The country is incredibly diverse, with glaciers on Mount Kenya, the vastness of Lakes Victoria and Turkana, the plains of the Maasai Mara and a coastline of clear warm waters lapping coral reefs. Volcanoes and hot springs, mighty rivers and mountain streams, rain forest, savannah, desert: Kenya has it all.



Teachers take advantage of everything that the city and the country have to offer. Many people come to Kenya for a couple of years and stay for ever and it is not hard to see why.

