

Monday, 27 December 2021

# KENYA

We leave JFK in 301 days!!!

Land of Mystery and Marvels



Another beautiful sunrise to begin another beautiful day! Hope you all had a VERY Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a VERY happy New Year! May 2022 be, oh, so much better than '21!!! :>) As we travel across Kenya, we'll

see so many different animals ... these are Hartbeests. Please note the Dutch spelling. On my first trip over, Carol, classified all 4 legged beasts like these as "Deer-Things". :>)



I promised to go over a few of the things you CAN NOT do or bring into Kenya, mostly for those of you who have joined the group late ... Also a few things you MUST do!

You can NOT bring those plastic grocery store bags in, so go for the zip lock bags for wet bathing suits, etc.

You can NOT wear camouflage, so leave that clothing at home. Camouflage is reserved for the Kenyan military.

Your passport MUST be valid for 90 days after you leave Kenya.

All American paper money MUST be printed AFTER 2006. Seriously! We had a woman who didn't believe that and tried to purchase a few souvenirs only to be told her money was no good.

We'll go into some more things later ... right now you're all getting ready to have a Great New Year Celebration! So I'll try to keep this short and just fill you in with photos! :>)



Baboon mom with baby ...

The Hamlet Trekkers cross the Equator in 2021 > > > > > > > >

What a motely crew we were!!!



As you can see, no special clothing is required!!! Just be comfortable!!!





Maasai men do a lot of jumping. It's how they check on their herds. (Long story!) It's amazing how they don't break a leg since their legs are so skinny!!! They also do a lot of long distance running ... most do not have cars and you'll see very few bicycles.

## THIS JUST IN !!!

It's about to get more expensive for would-be travelers needing to renew their passport. The US State Department announced the surcharge security fee on all passport applications will increase by \$20.

It takes effect on December 27, 2021 (THAT'S TODAY!!!). It is necessary 'to ensure we continue to produce one of the most secure travel and identity documents in the world' the State Department said.

Passport renewals will now cost \$130, while first-time adult applicants must pay \$165

**BE AWARE, IT'S ALSO TAKING BETWEEN 3-4 MONTHS TO GET A RENEWAL OR NEW PASSPORT, SO APPLY NOW!!!**

Ok, that's about it for this week ... Have a wonderful New Year and be back next year with more news!

Kwa heri!

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