Kenya introduces mandatory online visa applications.

Starting from 2nd July 2015, the government of Kenya will introduce electronic visa application. As the introduction of this visa process was only announced a few days ago, there is a two-month grace period whereby visas can still be purchased on arrival. This grace period expires on 31 August 2015.

Effective 01 September 2015, you will be denied boarding of your flight to Kenya or denied entry to Kenya if you do not have your printed copy of your e-visa with you.

Tourists wishing to visit Kenya need to apply as follows:
*   Visit the electronic visa page at www.ecitizen.go.ke
*   Select Register as a Visitor
*   As part of this process, you will receive a confirmation email that you need to click on to verify and confirm your registration
*   At this point, you will be asked to UPLOAD A DIGITAL PASSPORT PHOTO (Maximum size 500 px by 500 px)
*   Once logged in, select Department of Immigration Services
*   Select Submit Application
*   Select Kenyan Visa
*   Select the type of visa (visitor) and read the instructions carefully
*   Complete the application form - please note that incomplete applications will be rejected and you will lose your processing fees
*   You will need a scan of the main page of your passport (with your name, date of birth and other information)
*   You will need to re-upload your passport photo
*   Pay using your Visa card, MasterCard or other debit card

Await your approval which will be sent to you by email. This could take up to 7days so ensure that you plan in advance.

Once you have received the email advising that your visa is approved, log back into your e-citizen account and download your visa.

Print a copy of your visa to present to the immigration officer at your point of entry into Kenya.