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AT A GLANCE – FIVE THINGS EVERY DELEGATE SHOULD KNOW

1	Finding the venue – The conference venue is right by Gate 3 of Safari Park Hotel – it is the first storey building on your right as you enter through Gate 3. You are just steps away from where it all happens.
2	Sessions begin Tuesday, 7 July – Conference sessions officially open on Tuesday, 7 July. The API team will be at the venue beforehand and throughout – please come by, and we will gladly assist you.
3	Pack warm layers – July is Nairobi's coolest month and some days can get very cold, especially mornings and evenings. A warm jacket or sweater will keep you comfortable.
4	Ushers are there for you – Friendly ushers will be stationed throughout the venue to help you with anything – directions, seating, sessions or general guidance. Never hesitate to ask.

■ *Karibu Nairobi* — we are delighted to have you with us! This guide is your companion to the official conference programme. Every venue listed includes a live Google Maps link — simply tap the venue name or the 'View on Google Maps' line. For registration, logistics or programme queries, the API Secretariat is always happy to help.

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City & Venue Snapshot

Overview of Nairobi and Safari Park Hotel

Nairobi — The Green City in the Sun

Nairobi is East Africa's largest city and Kenya's political, financial and diplomatic capital, home to over 4.4 million people. It hosts the headquarters of UN-Habitat and UNEP, a thriving financial sector centred on the Nairobi Securities Exchange, and is the only capital city in the world with a national park inside its boundaries. July falls in Nairobi's dry, cool season: expect pleasant daytime highs of 20–24°C but distinctly chilly mornings and evenings around 11–13°C — some days can get very cold, so do pack warm layers and a good jacket. Kenya drives on the left; the local currency is the Kenyan Shilling (KES). English and Kiswahili are both official languages and English is widely spoken throughout.

■ *Safari Park Hotel sits on 50 acres of landscaped gardens off Thika Road in Kasarani. Garden City Mall and TRM (Thika Road Mall) are both within about 1–1.5 km — a 5-minute drive or short Uber/Bolt ride.*

Safari Park Hotel

[📍 Safari Park Hotel — View on Google Maps](#)

Address	Kasarani, off Thika Road, Nairobi 00100, Kenya — approx. 23 km / 30–45 min from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), traffic dependent
Google Rating	4.6★ (12,000+ reviews) — praised for its gardens, service and conference facilities
Setting	50-acre landscaped gardens, water features and mature African trees — a resort-style retreat within the city
Rooms	203 rooms across Deluxe, Junior Suite, Business Suite, Executive Suite and Presidential Suite categories, plus long-stay apartments

Conference Facilities	Extensive banqueting and meeting space used regularly for large national and international conferences
Dining	Multiple restaurants and bars on-site, including African, Italian and Asian cuisine options
Leisure	Outdoor swimming pool, spa, casino, tennis court, gym and children's playground
Wi-Fi	Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the property

02

Airport Transfer Intelligence

Transport options from JKIA to Safari Park Hotel

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) is roughly 23–25 km from Safari Park Hotel. Using the Nairobi Expressway, the drive can take as little as 30 minutes outside peak hours; via surface roads at busy times it can take 45–60+ minutes, so build in a buffer for arrival transfers.

Option	Journey Time	Est. Cost	Notes
Uber / Bolt (Recommended)	30–50 min	~KES 1,500–2,800	Match the driver's photo and plate to the app before boarding. Use the official pickup zone, not touts.
Registered Airport Taxi (Pre-bookable)	30–50 min	~KES 2,500–3,500	Reliable for late or off-schedule arrivals and small group transfers. Pre-book through your hotel where possible.
Matatu	Variable	Low but unsafe	Not recommended for airport transfers — no luggage space and inconsistent routes/safety standards.

■ On arrival, avoid currency exchange counters at the airport — rates are significantly better at bank branches or malls near the venue (e.g. Garden City Mall, TRM). Use the Nairobi Expressway toll road where possible for the fastest, most predictable transfer.

03

Recommended Accommodation

Top 10 hotels within easy reach of Safari Park Hotel, by quality and value

The properties below have been shortlisted from the full delegate accommodation list and verified against current Google Maps listings for accurate distance and rating. Distances are road-distance estimates from Safari Park Hotel. Rates are indicative nightly ranges as of June 2026 — contact properties directly or use Booking.com / Expedia to confirm availability and request group/conference rates for 6–10 July 2026. Exchange rate reference: USD 1 ≈ KES 130 (confirm at time of booking).

#	Hotel	Distance	Est. Rate/Night	Highlights
1	Sportsvue Hotel Kasarani	~2.6 km	USD 65–85	Pool, spa, restaurant, bar, conference facilities — top pick for proximity and amenities (Google rating 4.2★)
2	The Luke Hotel	~2.0 km	USD 66–90	Heated pool, gym, restaurant, bar, conference hall —

#	Hotel	Distance	Est. Rate/Night	Highlights
				strongest full-service option (4.1★)
3	Sunstar Hotel	~2.4 km	USD 40–65	Restaurant, dedicated events venue, pool – popular wedding/conference venue (4.1★)
4	RCMRD Executive Suites	~1.6 km	USD 30–55	Serviced suites, 24-hr support, housekeeping, garden trail – closest to venue (4.6★)
5	Blue Springs Hotel	~1.3 km	USD 25–45	Pool, restaurant, gym, conference rooms – strong value-for-amenities balance (3.9★)
6	Sky Park Lounge (B&B)	~1.1 km	USD 30–50	B&B rooms, restaurant, cocktail bar – directly opposite Garden City Mall (4.4★)
7	Lux Suites Astrol Apartments	~0.6 km	USD 35–60	Serviced apartments with kitchenette – the closest option to Safari Park Hotel on this list
8	Anchor Hotel	~2.9 km	USD 30–50	Modern rooms, restaurant, free breakfast buffet – solid mid-budget choice (4.2★)
9	Utalii Hotel	~6.1 km	USD 44–70	Pool, spa, gym, restaurant, bar, sloping landscaped grounds – excellent full-amenity value (4.2★)
10	Ultimate Homes AirBnBs (TRM Drive)	~1.7 km (approx.)	USD 20–40	Self-catering apartments, secure parking, lift – most budget-friendly option; book directly via Airbnb as listings vary

■ Groups of 5+ rooms should negotiate a conference/block rate directly with hotel management. Most properties are a 5–15 minute drive or short Uber/Bolt ride along the Kasarani–Thika Road corridor to Safari Park Hotel.

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Top 5 Shopping Malls

Nearest and best malls to Safari Park Hotel, verified with live Google ratings

1. Garden City Mall

~1.0 km · Closest major mall · 4.5★

Nairobi's first integrated retail and residential development on Thika Road – supermarket, cinema, casual dining and a landscaped park. The nearest full mall to Safari Park Hotel.

[View on Google Maps](#)

2. TRM – Thika Road Mall

~1.3 km · Family-friendly · 4.4★

One of Nairobi's largest malls, with a hypermarket, wide fashion and electronics selection, food court, bowling and an indoor kids' entertainment zone.

[View on Google Maps](#)

3. Village Market

~11 km · Upmarket, Gigiri · 4.6 ★

Popular with Nairobi's diplomatic community — international brands, a wave pool and water park, Maasai Market in the car park, and a strong dining scene.

[📍 View on Google Maps](#)

4. Two Rivers Mall

~13 km · Premium & scenic · 4.6 ★

East Africa's largest mall, on Limuru Road — high-end fashion, a Carrefour hypermarket, waterfront promenade, cinema and an extensive dining strip.

[📍 View on Google Maps](#)

5. Westgate Mall

~12 km · Westlands, secure · 4.5 ★

A well-established, highly secure Westlands mall with premium retail (Tommy Hilfiger, Hugo Boss, Lacoste), restaurants and a supermarket.

[📍 View on Google Maps](#)

05

Top 6 Nightlife Venues

Always travel by Uber/Bolt — never walk between venues at night

■ Always travel by Uber or Bolt to and from nightlife venues — never walk, even short distances, after dark. Confirm cover charges and closing times in advance where possible. Legal drinking age in Kenya is 18.

1. Tin N Lit Lounge, Thika Road

~1.8 km · Closest · 4.4 ★

A well-curated garden/lounge nightclub right on Thika Road — good lighting, billiards, live performances and reasonably priced drinks.

[📍 View on Google Maps](#)

2. Al Fakher Lounge, Roysambu

~2.5 km · Local favourite · 4.3 ★

A trendy, recently renovated lounge on Mirema Drive — spacious seating, good music and food; popular with the Kasarani–Roysambu crowd.

[📍 View on Google Maps](#)

3. Covo, Kahawa Sukari

~8.7 km · Lively & sheesha-friendly · 4.4 ★

A high-energy lounge just off Thika Superhighway — live dancers, sheesha, and a packed dance floor from early evening on weekends.

[📍 View on Google Maps](#)

4. Konqa 254, Two Rivers

~13 km · Upscale nightclub · 4.4 ★

A polished lounge/nightclub beside Two Rivers Mall — bottle service, live percussion, big screens for sport, and a VIP 'red room'.

[📍 View on Google Maps](#)

5. The Bar Next Door, Kiambu Road

~6 km · Northern Bypass · 4.5 ★

A vibrant bar and grill on the Northern Bypass just off Kiambu Road — crafted cocktails, great nyama choma, big-screen football and a top DJ, all a short ride from the venue.

[📍 View on Google Maps](#)

6. Kettlehouse Bar & Grill, Runda

~7 km · Next to Runda Mall, Kiambu Road · 4.4 ★

A lively bar and grill right next to Runda Mall on Kiambu Road — grills, cocktails and VIP service, open round the clock and an easy ride from Safari Park Hotel.

[📍 View on Google Maps](#)

06

Top 10 City Tourist Sites

Nairobi's most iconic wildlife, cultural and historical attractions

1. Nairobi National Park

Must-visit · ~23 km · 4.5 ★

The only national park bordering a capital city — lions, rhino, giraffe and buffalo with the city skyline as backdrop. Best on an early-morning game drive.

[📍 View on Google Maps](#)

2. Sheldrick Wildlife Trust

Iconic · ~27 km · Public hour 11am–12pm · 4.6 ★

World-renowned elephant and rhino orphanage. Watch keepers feed and bathe rescued baby elephants — a moving, family-friendly must-see.

[📍 View on Google Maps](#)

3. Giraffe Centre

Family favourite · ~30 km · 4.6 ★

4. Karen Blixen Museum

Historically rich · ~31 km · 4.5 ★

Hand-feed endangered Rothschild giraffes from an elevated platform, with conservation exhibits on-site. 📍 View on Google Maps	The farmhouse made famous by 'Out of Africa', set in landscaped grounds at the foot of the Ngong Hills. 📍 View on Google Maps
5. National Museum of Kenya <i>Cultural depth · ~12 km · 4.5 ★</i> Kenya's premier museum — palaeontology (early hominin fossils), ethnography and contemporary art, set in botanical gardens. 📍 View on Google Maps	6. Bomas of Kenya <i>Cultural immersion · ~23 km · 4.4 ★</i> Traditional homesteads of Kenya's ethnic communities with live acrobatic and dance performances — check show times before visiting. 📍 View on Google Maps
7. Kazuri Beads Workshop, Karen <i>Unique experience · ~27 km · 4.5 ★</i> A ceramic bead and pottery workshop empowering local women artisans since 1975 — factory tours and a well-stocked gift shop. 📍 View on Google Maps	8. Nairobi Railway Museum <i>Budget-friendly · ~13 km · 4.4 ★</i> Vintage locomotives and carriages tracing the history of the Uganda Railway through East Africa, set among jacaranda trees. 📍 View on Google Maps
9. Maasai Market <i>Shopping & culture · ~12 km · 4.3 ★</i> Open-air craft market for beadwork, textiles, wood carvings and souvenirs — bargaining is expected and part of the experience. 📍 View on Google Maps	10. Uhuru Gardens National Monument <i>Independence history · ~19 km · confirm opening hours</i> The site where Kenya's independence flag was raised in 1963 — a museum and monument to the country's freedom struggle. 📍 View on Google Maps

07

Top 10 Wider Region Day Trips
Excursions within 30 minutes to 3 hours of Nairobi

1. Karura Forest <i>~8 km · 30 min · Urban forest escape · 4.6 ★</i> A 1,000-hectare gazetted forest inside the city — waterfalls, cycling and walking trails, and a peaceful break from conference sessions. 📍 View on Google Maps	2. Nairobi Arboretum <i>~14 km · 25 min · Free-ish entry · 4.4 ★</i> A tranquil botanical garden with over 350 tree species, walking paths and birdlife — an easy, calm outdoor break. 📍 View on Google Maps
3. Ngong Hills <i>~43 km · ~1.5 hrs · Hiking & Rift Valley views · 4.6 ★</i> A ridge of rolling hills with wind turbines and sweeping views into the Great Rift Valley — popular half-day hike. 📍 View on Google Maps	4. Fourteen Falls, Thika <i>~58 km · ~2 hrs · Waterfall · 4.1 ★</i> A dramatic waterfall on the Athi River near Thika, with boat rides to the base — agree prices with guides upfront. 📍 View on Google Maps
5. Kiambethu Tea Farm <i>~33 km · ~1 hr · Colonial-era tea estate · 4.7 ★</i> A five-generation working tea farm near Limuru offering guided walks, tastings and a well-reviewed traditional lunch. 📍 View on Google Maps	6. Mount Longonot National Park <i>~77 km · ~2 hrs · Crater hike · 4.6 ★</i> A dormant stratovolcano with a rim-circling trail overlooking the Rift Valley floor — a rewarding half-day hike. 📍 View on Google Maps
7. Hell's Gate National Park <i>~96 km · ~2 hrs · Walk/cycle among wildlife · 4.5 ★</i> One of the few Kenyan parks where you can walk or cycle freely among zebra and gazelle, beneath dramatic gorges and geothermal vents. 📍 View on Google Maps	8. Lake Naivasha <i>~99 km · ~2 hrs · Boat rides & hippos · 4.5 ★</i> Freshwater Rift Valley lake — boat safaris, Crescent Island walking safari among giraffe and zebra, and lakeside dining. 📍 View on Google Maps
9. Lake Elmenteita <i>~145 km · ~2.5 hrs · Flamingo lake · 4.4 ★</i> A soda lake with striking flamingo flocks in season, hot springs and views of the 'Sleeping Warrior' hill formation. 📍 View on Google Maps	10. Lake Nakuru National Park <i>~165 km · ~3 hrs · Rhino sanctuary · 4.4 ★</i> A fenced sanctuary for both black and white rhino, with flamingo-lined shores when water levels allow. 📍 View on Google Maps

■ July marks the start of the Great Wildebeest Migration season in the Maasai Mara — one of the best times of year to visit.

<u>1. Maasai Mara National Reserve</u> World-famous safari · 45-min flight or ~5–6 hr drive · 4.7 ★ Kenya's flagship reserve — Big Five wildlife and, from July, the Great Migration of wildebeest and zebra across the Mara River. 📍 View on Google Maps	<u>2. Amboseli National Park</u> Kilimanjaro views · ~4 hr drive or short flight · 4.7 ★ Iconic elephant herds framed by views of Mount Kilimanjaro across the border in Tanzania. 📍 View on Google Maps
<u>3. Diani Beach, Mombasa Coast</u> Indian Ocean beaches · ~1 hr flight · 4.7 ★ White-sand beaches, coral reefs and warm turquoise water — Kenya's premier coastal getaway. 📍 View on Google Maps	<u>4. Fort Jesus, Mombasa Old Town</u> Swahili & Portuguese heritage · ~1 hr flight · 4.4 ★ A 16th-century Portuguese fort, narrow Swahili-Arab streets, spice markets and centuries of coastal trading history. 📍 View on Google Maps
<u>5. Samburu National Reserve</u> Northern frontier safari · ~1 hr flight · 4.6 ★ Arid-adapted wildlife found nowhere else in Kenya — Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe, gerenuk and Somali ostrich. 📍 View on Google Maps	<u>6. Tsavo East National Park</u> Kenya's largest park · ~4 hr drive or flight · 4.5 ★ Vast wilderness famous for red-dust elephants, volcanic landscapes and the Mzima Springs. 📍 View on Google Maps
<u>7. Mount Kenya National Park</u> Africa's 2nd-highest peak · ~3 hr drive · 4.4 ★ UNESCO World Heritage mountain offering day hikes on the lower slopes (Chogoria route) or multi-day summit treks. 📍 View on Google Maps	<u>8. Lamu Old Town</u> UNESCO World Heritage · ~1.5 hr flight East Africa's oldest continuously inhabited Swahili settlement — car-free streets, dhow sailing and centuries-old architecture. 📍 View on Google Maps
<u>9. Watamu Marine National Park</u> Coral reefs & dolphins · ~1 hr flight · 4.2 ★ Protected reef snorkelling and diving, dolphin watching and sea turtle conservation near the Gede ruins. 📍 View on Google Maps	<u>10. Lake Elmenteita & Lake Nakuru Extension</u> Combine with a 2-day Rift Valley circuit Pair the two soda lakes into an overnight extension from Nairobi for flamingos, rhino and Great Rift Valley scenery. 📍 View on Google Maps

Nairobi is a warm, vibrant and welcoming city, and thousands of international visitors enjoy it safely every week. Like any major city, it rewards a little street-smart awareness — most incidents are opportunistic rather than targeted, and by following a few simple, consistent rules you can explore with complete confidence. The Kasarani/Thika Road corridor around Safari Park Hotel is generally calm; Westlands, Karen and the Two Rivers/Village Market precincts are among Nairobi's safer commercial and entertainment areas.

✓ Visit Freely	■ Caution Required	✗ Avoid At All Times
Safari Park Hotel & Kasarani surrounds	Nairobi CBD — daytime, guide recommended	Mathare & Kibera (informal settlements) after dark or without a guide
Garden City Mall, TRM, Two Rivers, Village Market, Westgate	Public matatu routes at night	Unlit streets, anywhere, after dark

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Karen, Langata, Museum & Giraffe Centre precinct	Street markets — keep valuables secure	ATMs on the street or at the airport
Nairobi National Park, Sheldrick Trust, Bomas of Kenya	Walking alone even short distances after dark	Unofficial/unlicensed taxis
Naivasha, Hell's Gate, Ngong Hills (daytime, guided)	Traffic stops at night — stay alert in the car	Displaying cash, jewellery, cameras or phones openly

✓ DO	✗ DON'T
Use Uber, Bolt or the conference shuttle at all times	Walk alone at night, anywhere
Travel in groups, especially after dark	Display expensive jewellery, cameras or phones
Keep valuables out of sight — stash it, don't flash it	Accept rides from unlicensed taxis or strangers
Book guided tours for the CBD, Kibera or rural excursions	Use street or airport ATMs
Change money at malls or licensed bank branches only	Leave bags visible in a parked car
Keep car doors locked and windows up, especially at night	Comply with self-declared 'plain-clothes police' without ID verification
Save the hotel number in your phone: +254 709 732000	Follow strangers to a second location
Carry a colour copy of your passport (original in the room safe)	Resist during a robbery — comply and report afterwards

Emergency Numbers — Save These Now

Police / General Emergency	999 or 112
Kenya Red Cross Ambulance	1199 (toll-free)
St John Ambulance	020 221 0000 / 0721 225 285
AAR Ambulance	0725 225 225
AMREF Flying Doctors (evacuation)	020 699 2299
Safari Park Hotel	+254 709 732000

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Programme Snapshot

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- *The detailed day-by-day agenda (sessions, speakers and networking activities) is issued separately in the official Conference Programme. This guide covers logistics, accommodation and delegate experience only.*



Nairobi awaits you — explore boldly, stay smart, and have an extraordinary conference experience!

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