

TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

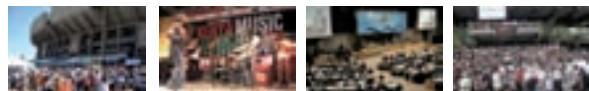
INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Kenya International Film Festival (KIFF)

Participants: over 10 000
When: Beginning of October
Where: Alliance Française, Goethe Institut, National Museums of Kenya, National Theatre, Nairobi Safari Club and Chester House

In 2007 the second edition of the Kenya International Film Festival (KIFF) took place in Nairobi, with more than 10'000 visitors from the Eastern Africa region, but also from Europe, Asia and the US. According to the organizers, the Kenya International Film Festival Trust, 200 films were screened, three times more than in the previous year. To bring the movies to the people, there were public screenings at Kwangware, Huruma, Kibera and Kangemi and in downtown Nairobi. Another part of the festival were various workshops, intended to advance and encourage local film-students and film-makers.

The events main objective is to help develop a film culture in Kenya and the region by showcasing local and international productions. The KIFF has had a significant impact on the national scene in just two years (in spring 2007, for instance, it had 10 Kenyan films screened at the Pan African Film Festival in Los Angeles).¹



WSF, KIFF, Climate talks, YWCA

World Social Forum Nairobi

Participants: over 75 000
When: 20-25 January 2007
Where: Moi International Sports Centre,
Uhuru Park

The 7th World Social Forum is a counter-event to the WTO conference, the World Economic Forum in Davos and the annual summit of the G8 nations. It is meant to be an open meeting place where social movements, networks, NGOs and other civil society organizations from around the world debate on economics and politics.¹

Kenya Music Week

Participants: 15 000
When: December
Where: Expo Hall, Sarit Centre, Westlands

The Kenya Music week consists of a trade exhibition, educational workshops and live performances of local musicians. The original aim was to create a forum for stakeholders (musicians, producers, promoters, distributors, media, consumers, government & NGOs) to discuss problems such as music piracy.¹

Nairobi Climate Talks

When: 6.11 – 17.11 2006
Where: UN

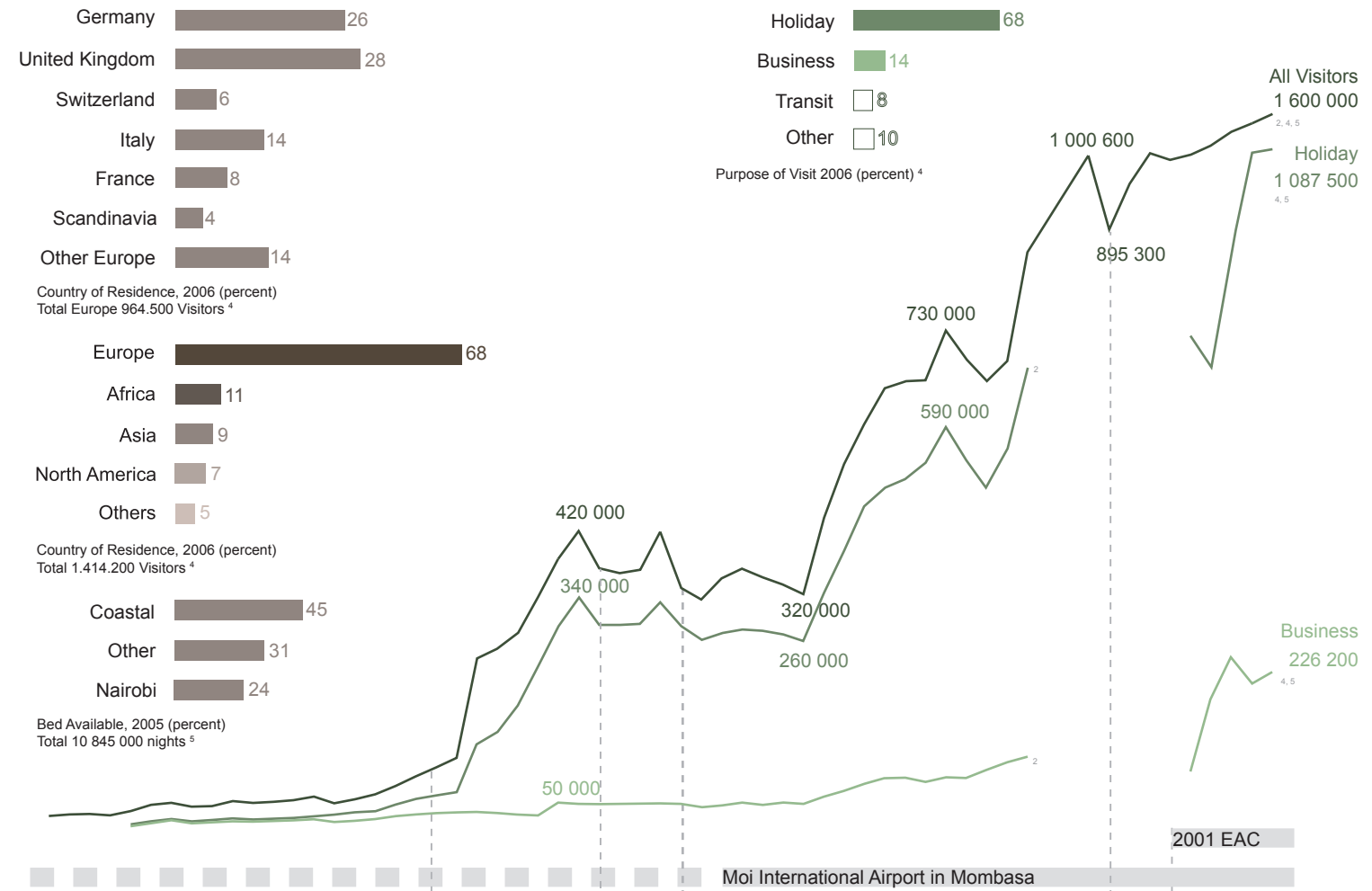
In November 2006 Nairobi hosted the second meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 2), in conjunction with the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Climate Change Convention (COP 12). The discussions focused on how man-made global warming can be contested. An important aim of the climate talks in Nairobi was to discuss proceedings after the ending of the Kyoto-protocol in 2012.

One result of this conference in Nairobi was the consent that environmental politics is deeply connected with economic growth of poor countries and development politics.¹

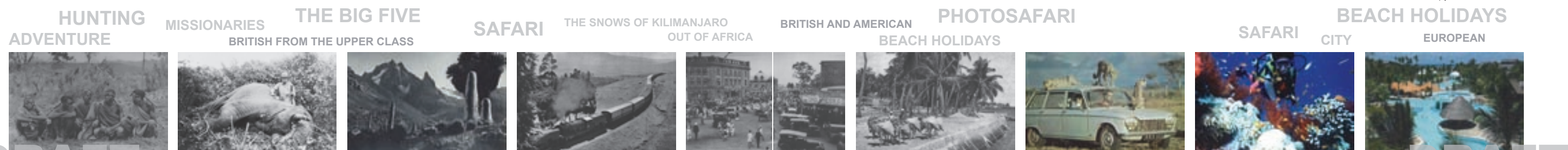
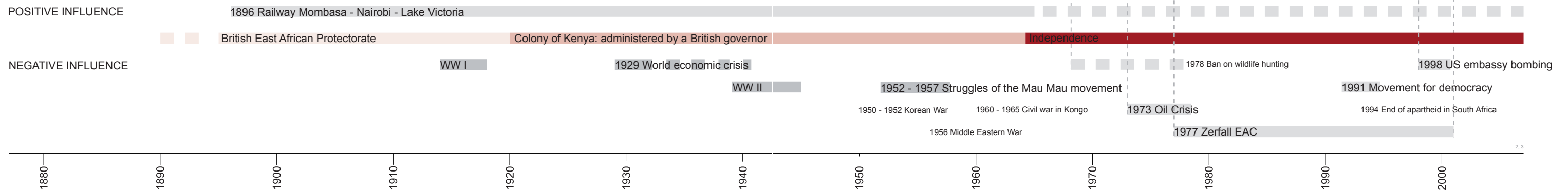
World YWCA council

Participants: over 2000
When: July 2006
Where: Moi International Sports Centre,
Uhuru Park

The first International Women's Summit on HIV and AIDS took place last July in Nairobi. Key issues at the conference were the feminization of the HIV pandemic, gender inequality, health care and treatment, sexual and reproductive rights, women's leadership and economic empowerment.¹



DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM OVER TIME



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SELECTION OF SIGHTS



Arboretum
In the Arboretum park one finds more then 200 species of trees.

Go-down Arts Centre
The Go-down Arts Centre is a converted warehouse in the Industrial Area. It contains ten separate art studios and is rapidly becoming a hub for Nairobi's flourishing arts scene, bringing together visual and performing arts with regular exhibitions, shows, workshops and open cultural nights.

Jamia Mosque
The Jamia Mosque is Nairobi's main mosque. It stands near the City Market, north of Kenyatta Avenue.

KICC
From the top of the Kenyatta International Conference Center (KICC) there's a splendid view of the city and its surroundings . On a clear day one can see Mount Kenya in one direction and Kilimanjaro in the other.

Markets
There are a many markets in Nairobi. Guidebooks mostly point out the City Market with its colorful and wide assortment of fruit and vegetables, as well as hardware.

Mzizi Arts Centre
The Mzizi Arts Centre is a smaller centre in a central office building. Here one can view contemporary Kenyan art, craft, dance, literature and performance art.

National Archives
The National Archives are located in the old seat of the Bank of India. Not only the usual documents are stored in the archives, there are also various exhibitions: Photographs of Mzee Kenyatta and Daniel Moi visiting different countries, handicrafts and paintings. In the same building a museum and an art gallery showing a photo exhibition about the war of independence can be found.

National Museum
Most guidebooks praise the national museum as a must-do for every tourist. A large department is reserved for flora and fauna, specializing in ornithology. Other rooms display wild life dioramas and fish taxidermies. On the third floor the Gallery of Contemporary East African Art is located, where art from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda is on display – and for sale. One can also purchase replica of exhibits of the national museum.

Parliament Building
It's possible to obtain a permit for a seat in the public gallery at the parliament house. There are also various exhibitions on show, like needlework and tapestries, made by the East African Women's League and showing Kenya's history, a mosaic of Kenyan tribes and a table made from samples of Kenyan trees.

Railway Museum
The Railway Museum documents the construction of the East African Railway and is thus a piece of colonial history. On display are relicts, models of trains and ships, photographs and oddities from the history of the railway. In front of the museum there are some old locomotives exhibited, in its back yard there's the steam train used in the movie Out of Africa.

Ramoma Rahimtulla Museum of Modern Art
The Ramoma Rahimtulla Museum of Modern Art (RAMOMA) gallery hosts changing exhibitions of Kenyan and international artists displaying mainly paintings and sculpture. Art workshops are also regularly held in the gallery space.

Thorn Tree Café
The Thorn Tree Café at the Stanley Hotel is a popular meeting spot for travellers. It's named after a huge thorn tree planted in 1961, whose trunk serves as a notice board.

Uhuru Park / Uhuru Monument
The Uhuru Park is a popular, heavily used park in the middle of the city. From the top of the park there's a good view of the city's main skyline.
The Uhuru Monument was built in 1973 as a commemorative monument of independence. An Ihara tree marks the spot where the national flag was first hoisted on 12 December 1963. Surrounding the tree is a map of Kenya showing its different provinces. Two other monuments, laid by President Daniel Moi, commemorate 20 and 25 years of independence.

Giraffe Centre
The Giraffe Centre offers environmental education, aimed at sensitizing the population on the need to appreciate and conserve the country's biodiversity.

Karen Blixen Museum
Under the name Isak Dinesen the Danish author Karen Blixen wrote the novel Out of Africa. Her house and its grounds are restored and equipped with original furniture and photographs. The house was originally a coffee plantation out in the country, but is now on the outskirts of Nairobi

Nairobi National Park
In the 114 sq km large Nairobi National Park on the outskirts of the town, one can observe rhinoceros, hippopotamuses, leopards, giraffes, zebras, cheetahs, warthogs, antelopes and more than 400 kinds of birds.

HOTEL AREAS AND SIGHTS IN NAIROBI
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Fairview Hotel
Heron Hotel
High Point Hotel
Hurlingham Hotel
Lenana Mount Hotel
Mikimani Hotel
Nairobi Backpackers
Nairobi Youth Hostel
Palacina
Panafric Hotel
Sagret Hotel
Salama Annex
Serena Hotel
Upper Hill Campsite
YMCA

680 Hotel
Boulevard Hotel
Comfort Inn
County Hotel
Dolat Hotel
Down Town Hotel
Embassy Hotel
Grand Regency Hotel
Hilton Hotel
Inter-Continental Hotel
Kenya Comfort Hotel
Meridian Court Hotel
Nairobi Safari Club
Norfolk Hotel
Oakwood Hotel
Parkside Hotel
Plapet Safari
Stanley Hotel
Suncourt Hotel
Terminal Hotel
YWCA

Bavaria Hotel
Hillcrest Hotel
Impala Hotel
Jacaranda Hotel
Landmark Hotel
Holiday Inn
Mayfair Court Hotel
Ma Roche's Guest House
Sirona Hotel

Westlands
Parklands
River Road Area I Thika Road
West of Moi Avenue
Nairobi Hill
Inexpensive: Under Ksh 500 - Ksh 1600
Moderate: Ksh 1600 - 6000
Expensive: Ksh 6000 - over Ksh 12 000

