## Tourism Sector Performance Report - 2018

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This report gives overall performance of Kenya's tourism sector in 2018 highlighting mainly:
International tourist arrivals,
Domestic tourism performance
Tourism receipts.



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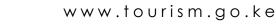






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## Domestic Bednights 2018 Estimates

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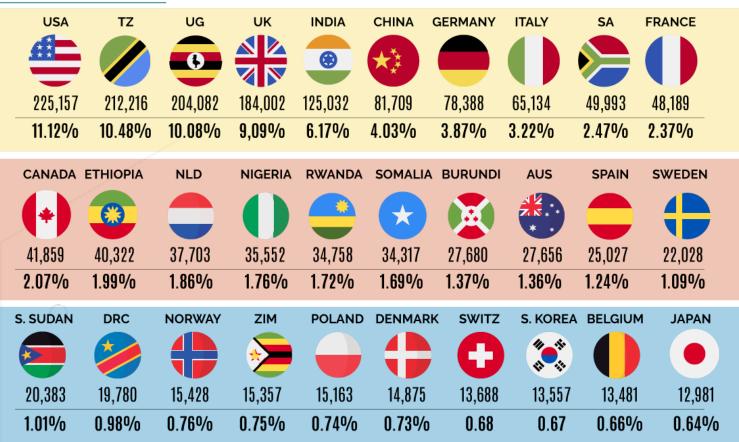
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3,649,144

9.03%

Increase

#### **Top 30 Source Markets**





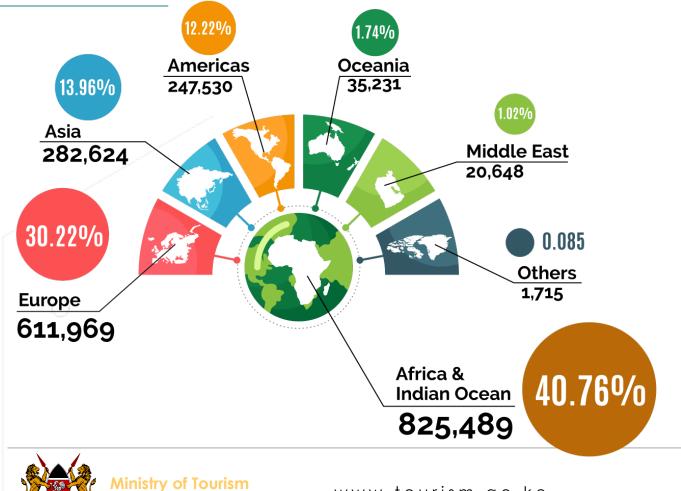
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#### Source Market by Regional Ranking

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## **AIRPORTS**

MONTHLY

TOTALS

|        | JAN     | FEB    | MAR     | APR    | MAY    | JUN     | JUL     | AUC     | SEP     | OOT     | NOU     | DEC     |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| JKIA   | 105,262 | 98,532 | 100,441 | 94,236 | 93,730 | 114,097 | 141,763 | 145,231 | 114,539 | 115,597 | 103,229 | 115,856 |
| MIAM   | 14,533  | 12,792 | 11,024  | 5,205  | 4,735  | 5,157   | 9,025   | 9,589   | 9,916   | 9,343   | 8,391   | 18,403  |
| Others | 2,040   | 2,538  | 2,162   | 2,338  | 2,021  | 2,271   | 3,242   | 3,210   | 3,294   | 2,317   | 2,337   | 1,718   |

## ER ENTRY POINTS

48,846 37,645 41,639 41,426 42,195 42,932 50,591 52,313 44,672 42,844 40,899 49,090

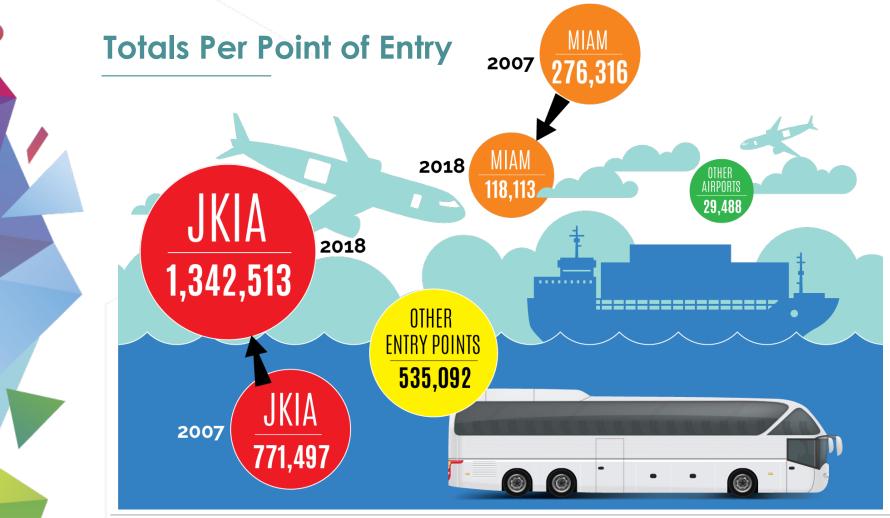
Visitor arrivals for the year 2018 are at

170,681 151,507 155,266 143,205 142,681 164,457 204,621 210,343 172,421 170,101 154,856 185,067





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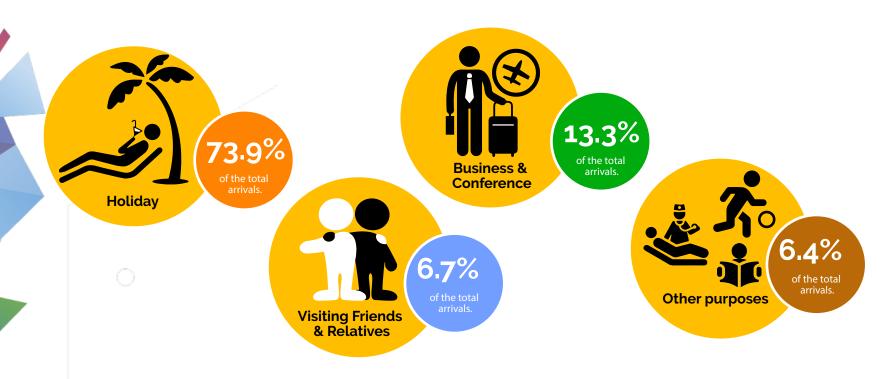




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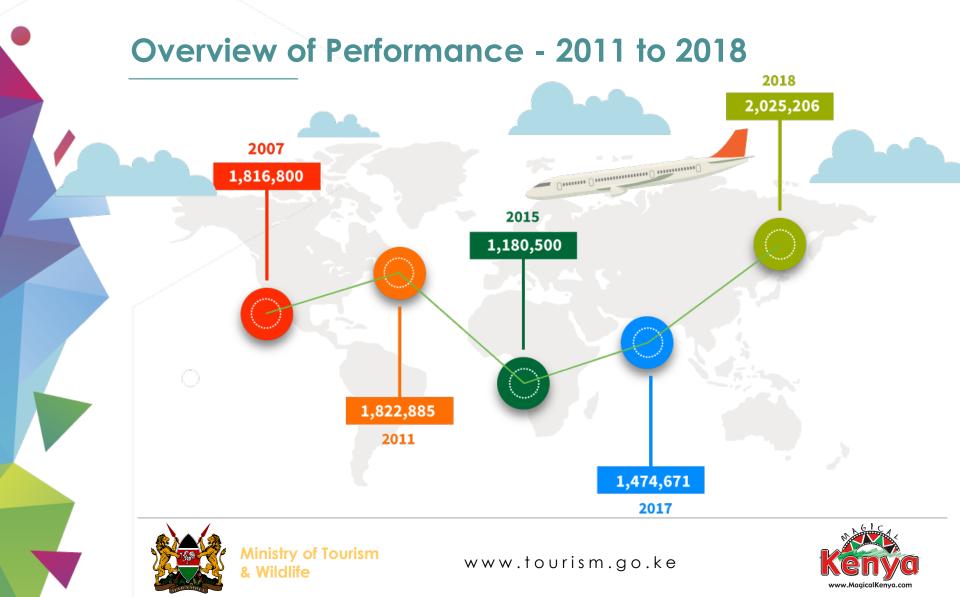
#### **Purpose of Visit**





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#### **Drivers for Tourism Growth in 2018**

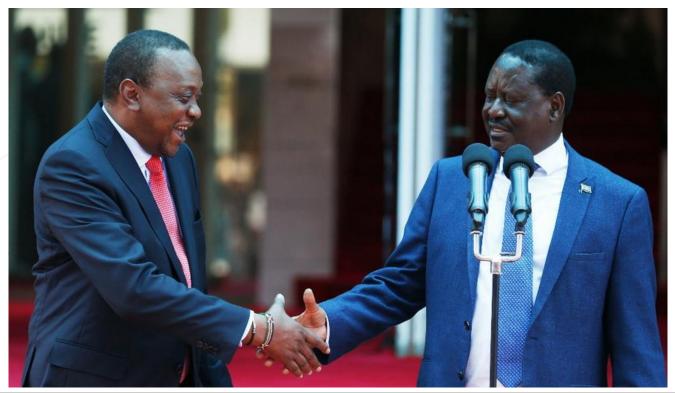
Kenya's tourism performance for the year 2018 has seen a substantial improvement compared to 2017 in both tourism arrivals, domestic tourism performance and earnings. This can be attributed to the following factors:













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**Drivers for Tourism Growth in 2018:** | 2 of 8

#### Improved security situation





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## • Government investment in security.

 Improvement of security situation in Somalia reducing threat on Kenya









#### **Drivers for Tourism Growth in 2018:** | 3 of 8

## Growth in the aviation sector









- Improvement of services at JKIA.
  - Direct flights Nairobi New York
  - Air France made a comeback flying 3 times per week
  - Tui Fly charter airline started flying from Netherlands & Belgium to MIAM
  - Qatar Airways Doha Mombasa

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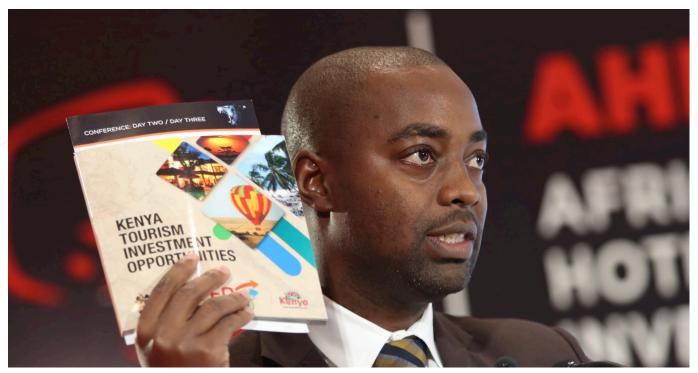






#### **Drivers for Tourism Growth in 2018:** | 4 of 8

#### Investor confidence





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- Kenya improved from No. 92 to No.80 in ease of doing business. World Bank
- Kenya has a total of 68 global hotel brands. Knight Frank 2018
- Nairobi ranked 3rd on the continent after Lagos and Abuja in the hotel pipeline report.



















**Drivers for Tourism Growth in 2018**: | 5 of 8

#### Withdrawal of Travel Advisories





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## • USA lifted their blanket travel

• UK similarly has only highlighted some locations that its citizens should not visit.

















#### • There were several prominent visitors in 2018











#### **Drivers for Tourism Growth in 2018:** | 7 of 9

## Open border policy





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#### • The open border policy for Africans - visa on arrival



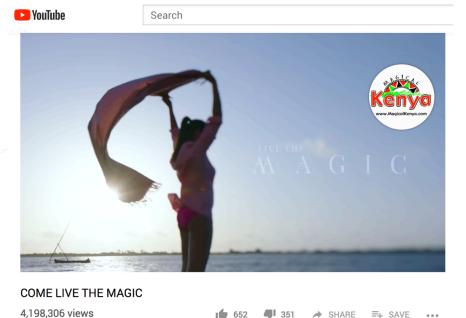






#### **Drivers for Tourism Growth in 2018:** | 8 of 9

## Revitalised marketing efforts



MagicalKenya

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- Branding partnership with Kenya
- Partnership with Kenya Railways (KR)
- Branding of Equator crossing points
- Digital marketing

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Global Campaigns







#### **Drivers for Tourism Growth in 2018**: | 9 of 9

#### Hosting of International Conferences





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- 1st ordinary session of the African Union Ministerial Sub-Committee on Tourism
- 79th International World SKAL Congress
- Sustainable Blue Economy Conference
- Africa Hotel Investment Forum (AHIF)







Some notable trends will shape destination Kenya's performance in 2019 and the sector needs take note. These include:







Trends that will drive Tourism in Kenya in 2019: | 1 of 4

Growth in Shared Economy

• According to a report by Airbnb, since it's founding **3.5 million** guests have arrived at listings across Africa.

• In Kenya guest arrivals have grown by **68%**.









**Trends that will drive Tourism in Kenya in 2019:** | 2 of 4

Africa Open Skies

- The Single Africa Air Transport Market (SAATM)
- 2018 arrival figures already show marked growth in arrivals from other African countries.

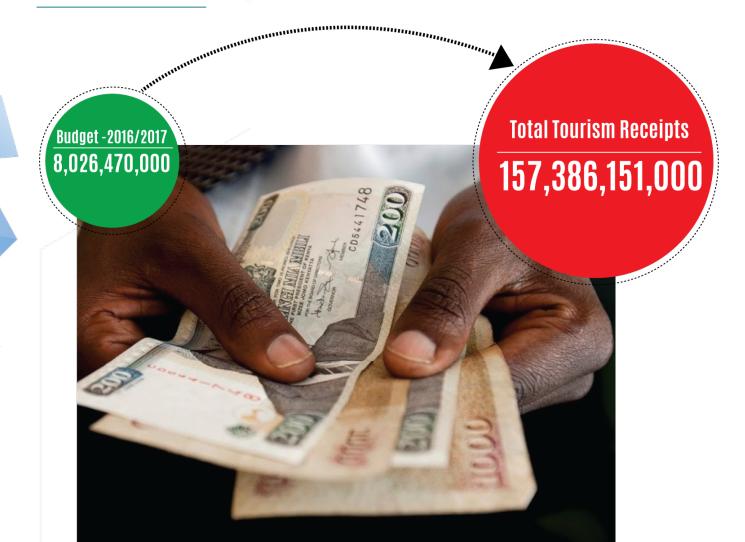




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## Budget (2017/2018) Vs 2018 Receipts





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