Machakos Tourism
THE PLACE TO BE
MACHAKOS COUNTY
TOURISM
CIRCUIT

BRIEF HISTORY

Nicknamed '*Macha,*' this was the first Capital City of the British East Africa Colony in 1887. Today it serves as an administrative County, located in the former Eastern Province of Kenya and constitutes of eight sub-counties namely; Machakos, Mavoko, Masinga, Yatta, Kangundo, Kathiani, Matungulu & Mwala.

The county's blend of a diversified tourist product, cultural heritage, rich history and a favorable climate complimented by standard infrastructure and industry professionals truly makes it Machakos County, the place to be!

The Directorate of Tourism has created the following circuits to expose the untapped potential of Machakos as a destination and provide a complete tourism experience for both Domestic and International tourists.

Machakos People's Park

The following Theme Based-Circuits give you a guideline of what to see and do while in Machakos County;

THE ADVENTURER
THE DEVOTEE
THE EXPLORER
THE HISTORIAN

Machakos People's Park

THE ADVENTURER

ONE DAY ITINERARY

OPTION 1

From Nairobi converge at Syokimau Railway Station - Lukenya Hills for Rock Climbing – Lukenya Caves for some Adventure– African heritage house a real gem of African cultural heritage- Depart to Nairobi.

OPTION 2

From Kitui drive to Kithyoko for hiking at Thatha Hills - Masinga Dam for boat riding via Garissa road - Macmillan castle a rich historical building then back to Kitui.

OPTION 3

From Machakos Town drive via Kangundo Road to Kyamwilu Anti-gravity site - Komarock Shrine for some religious experience - Oldonyo Sapuk for Hiking then head back to Machakos.

SGR Train Station

TWO DAY ITINERARY

OPTION 1

Day 1
From Nairobi converge at Syokimau Railway Station - African Heritage House for some African Cultural Experience – Hiking at Lukenya Hills – Explore Lukenya Caves – Evening Game Drive and accommodation at Swara Camp.

Day 2
Breakfast at Swara Camp then drive via Mua Road - stop over Mua View Point - Kamuthanga fish farm for some Agro Tourism Experience - Visit Thue Rock in the afternoon a perfect view point - drive back to Nairobi via Kangundo Road.

OPTION 2

Day 1
From Thika drive via Garissa Road to Macmillan Castle - Kabaa Vicarage House (a Catholic Mission Center built ages ago) - stopover at Kithimani rest stop area for lunch/relaxation. Afternoon visit to Wamunyu Handicraft Centre - Katangi Basketry Center. Dinner and Accommodation in Machakos Town

Day 2
Depart to Fort Machakos – Kyanguli Memorial School (dark tourism) – Kyamwilu Anti-gravity hill – Machakos People's Park (lunch & activities e.g. zip lining, boat riding, team building) – Departure to Nairobi

THREE DAY ITINERARY

OPTION 1

Day 1
From Nairobi - Converge at Gateway Mall - African Heritage House - Lukenya hills for Rock Climbing - Evening Game Drive and Accommodation at Maanzoni lodge.

Day 2
Depart to Mua hills view point - ACK Kamuthanga- Kamuthanga fish farm – Kyamwilu Anti-Gravity hill. In the Afternoon, relax and enjoy the activities at Machakos people's park. Dinner and accommodation in Machakos town.

Day 3
Depart to Wamunyu Handcraft Center - Katangi Basketry Centre - Bishop Masika farm - Vicarage House - Lunch and relaxation at Kithimani rest stop area. Later in the evening drive back to Nairobi along Kangundo Road

OPTION 2

Day 1
From Thika drive to Macmillan Castle via Garissa Road, visit Thue Rock a perfect view point, komarock shrine, Kyamwilu Anti-Gravity Site. Dinner and accommodation in Machakos town

Day 2
Start the day at Mwania Rocks for photography / scenic view - proceed to Wamunyu Handicraft Center - Katangi Basketry - Bishop Masika Farm for Agrotourism. Dinner and Accommodation at Masinga.

Day 3
Start the day at Masinga dam for a boat ride - Visit some of the Seven Folks Dams (hydroelectric power station) then drive back to Nairobi via Garissa-Thika Road.

OPTION 3

Day 1
From Machakos - Lukenya hills for hiking - Mua hills scenic view point - ACK Kamuthanga - Komarock shrine. Dinner and accommodation at Oldonyo Sabuk.

Day 2
Start the day with hiking at Ol Donyo Sabuk National Park - Macmillan Castle - Fourteen Falls. Dinner and Accommodation at Matuu.

Day 3
Start the day at Vicarage House - Kithimani rest stop - Mililuni Handicraft center / Wamunyu Carving Center. Later in the day visit Katangi Basketry Center then drive back to Machakos

Katangi Basketry Center

ONE DAY ITINERARY

OPTION 1

From Machakos town - ACK Cathedral - AIC Mumbuni / Shrine - Scott station house - Kyanguli memorial school - Kyamwilu Anti-gravity hill - Komarock Shrine - Back to Machakos.

OPTION 2

From Nairobi via Mombasa road - African Heritage House - Divine Mercy Shrine - Katoloni Prayer Center - Iluvya Shrine - Mwania River - back to Nairobi

OPTION 3

From Makueni – Katoloni prayer center – Catholic Cathedral - Divine mercy shrine – Mua Hills Scenic view point - Kyamwilu anti-gravity hill - Mumbuni Shrine back to Machakos.

Komarock Shrine - Kangundo

TWO DAY ITINERARY

OPTION 1

Day 1
From Nairobi via Kangundo Road - Komarock Shrine - ACK Kamuthanga - Kyamwilu Anti-Gravity Hill – Scott Station House. Dinner and Accommodation in Machakos town.

Day 2
Start by visiting the Machakos County Assembly / World War II Plate - ACK / Catholic Cathedral - Machakos People's Park - Divine Mercy Shrine - Back to Nairobi

OPTION 2

Day 1
From Nairobi via Mombasa Road converge at Syokimau Railway Station- African heritage house. Later in the day visit the Divine Mercy Shrine and Katoloni Prayer Centre. Lunch and accommodation at Machakos town.

Day 2:
Start the day at Iluvya Shrine - Mwania River - ACK / Catholic Cathedral - Kithimani Rest Stop Area - Kabaa Vicarage House - Fourteen falls - back to Nairobi via Thika road.

Divine Mercy Shrine

FIVE DAY ITINERARY

Day 1:
From Nairobi converge at Syokimau Railway Station – African Heritage House – Lukenya caves. Dinner and accommodation at Lukenya Gateway.

Day 2:
Depart to Lukenya hills for Rock Climbing - Divine Mercy Shrine, Machakos People's Park. Dinner and accommodation at Machakos town.

Day 3:
From Machakos drive to Kyamwilu Anti-Gravity Hill – Kamuthanga Fish farm – Komarock shrine. Dinner and accommodation at Tala town.

Day 4:
Breakfast at Tala Town - proceed to Ol Donyo Sabuk National Park for hiking. In the Afternoon, visit Macmillan Castle a rich historical building. Dinner and accommodation at Ol donyo Sapuk Resort.

Day 5:
Depart for Fourteen Falls - Masinga Dam for boat riding to Gichuki Island - back to Nairobi via Thika road.

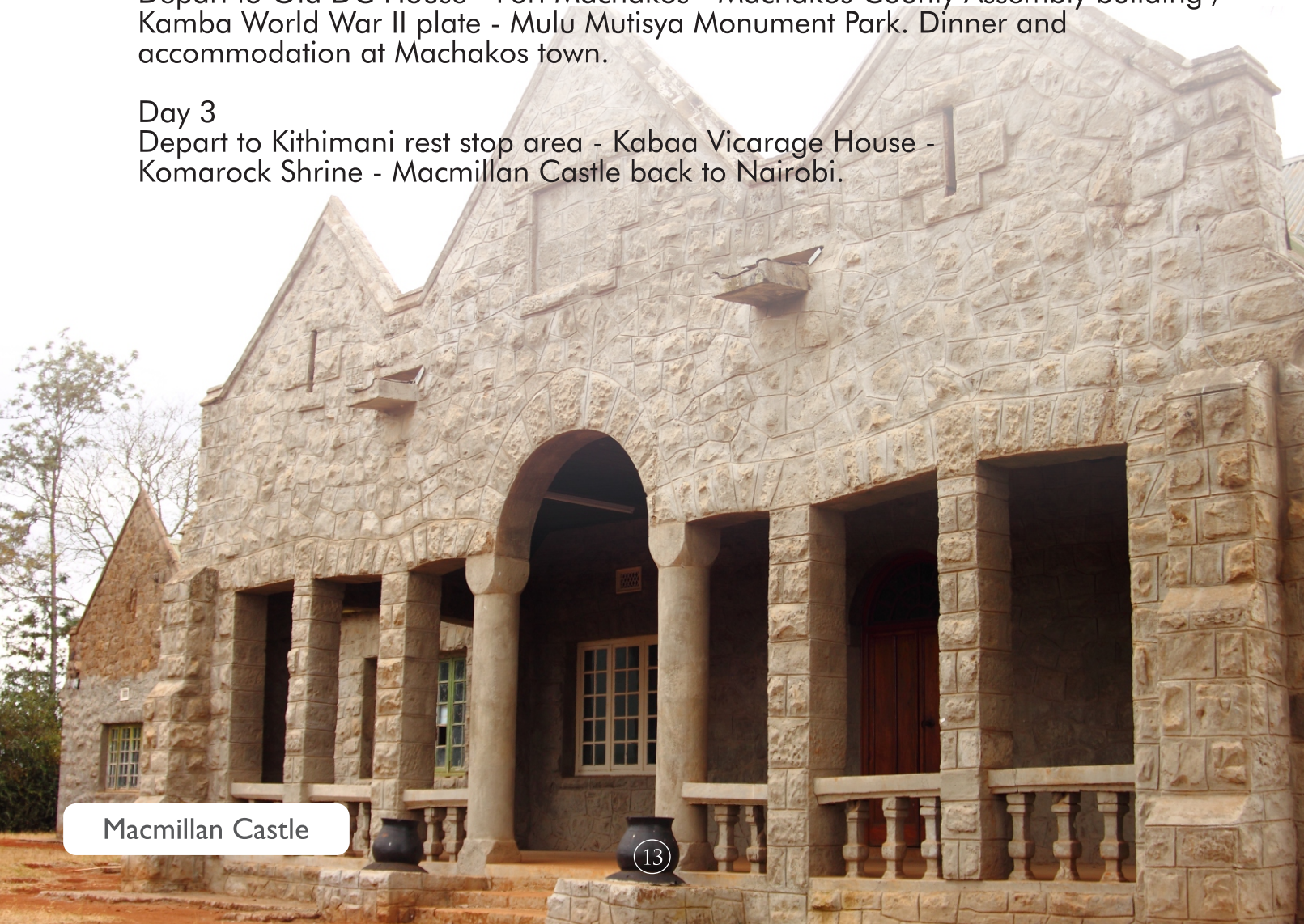
Lukenya Hills

THE HISTORIAN

Day 1
From Nairobi Converge at Syokimau Railway station - African heritage house - Paul Ngei Monument Park - Machakos people's park. Dinner and accommodation in Machakos Town.

Day 2
Depart to Old DC House - Fort Machakos - Machakos County Assembly building / Kamba World War II plate - Mulu Mutisya Monument Park. Dinner and accommodation at Machakos town.

Day 3
Depart to Kithimani rest stop area - Kabaa Vicarage House - Komarock Shrine - Macmillan Castle back to Nairobi.



Macmillan Castle

Fourteen Falls

MACHAKOS COUNTY LIST OF ATTRACTION SITES

	ATTRACTION SITE	CLASSIFICATION	SUB-COUNTY	NOTES
1.	Lukenya Caves & Lukenya Hills	Adventure/ Scenic	Mavoko	Has a rich Mau Mau history
2.	African Heritage House	Heritage	Mavoko	Rich in African Artefact Collection & African history
3.	Divine Mercy Shrine	Religious	Mavoko	Religious site under the catholic church
4.	Muambi Ranch	Wildlife	Mavoko	Game Drive
5.	Kapiti Ranch	Wildlife	Mavoko	Game Drive
6.	Game Ranch	Wildlife	Mavoko	Game Drive
7.	Machakos Ranch	Wildlife	Mavoko	Game Drive
8.	Maanzoni Ranch	Wildlife	Mavoko	Game Drive
9.	Ol Donyo Sabuk National Park	Wildlife / Adventure	Matungulu	Under KWS. Activities include hiking, viewing historical Macmillan graves, wild animals and bird watching etc.
10.	Hyena Caves	Adventure	Kangundo	Privately managed. Has several tunnels, good for treasure hunt & filming
11.	Thue Rock	Adventure / Scenic	Kangundo	Has amazing viewpoints perfect for photography, para-gliding
12.	Macmillan Castle	Heritage	Matungulu	Rich in Lord Macmillan history, Winston Churchill, Roosevelt , and Mau Mau
13.	Komarock Shrine	Religious	Kangundo	Rich in Catholic church tradition and history
14.	Kiima Kimwe	Adventure / Scenic	Machakos	Perfect hill for hiking. Has a view point of Machakos town and surrounding areas. Also has the Masaku (Iluvya) shrine
15.	Iveti Forest	Adventure	Machakos	Has a nature trail and is perfect for Camping & Photography

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16.	Gen. Mulinge Dam	Picnic Site	Kathiani	Picnic site perfect for photography,
17.	Women Basketry (Kauti)	Culture	Kathiani	Basketry women can be mobilized for demonstration
18.	Kamuthanga farm	Agro-tourism	Machakos	Private – large scale aqua-culture
19.	Kalama Museum	Culture	Machakos	Display of Akamba Culture
20.	2nd World War Plate (County Assembly)	Heritage	Machakos	Machakos County Assembly has a rich pre-colonial history
21.	Masaku Grave	Heritage	Machakos	Located in the same area with the old AIC Mumbuni church
22.	Scott Guest House	Heritage	Machakos	Good history on Missionary Peter Scott and President Roosevelt travels
23.	Old DC house	Heritage	Machakos	Under Renovation (Linked with the Machakos County Assembly and Fort Machakos)
24.	Fort Machakos	Heritage	Machakos	Rich in the Colonial era history
25.	ACK Kamuthanga	Religious	Machakos	First ACK church
26.	Mwania Rocks River	Scenic	Machakos	Perfect for picnics and photography
27.	Machakos People's Park	Recreational	Machakos	Perfect for relaxation, kids fun, team building, boat rides etc.
28.	Mua hills	Scenic	Machakos	Perfect viewpoints across Kajiado Plains and Machakos Town
29.	Kyamwilu	Adventure	Machakos	Magical anti-gravity pull
30.	Wamunyu Handcraft	Culture	Mwala	Rich in the Akamba carving history

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31.	Mililuni Handcrafts	Culture	Mwala	Small carving/basketry enterprise by the locals
32.	Vicarage house	Religious/ Heritage	Mwala	This is under Kabaa High School rich in pre-colonial history
33.	Seven folks Dam	Education / Recreation	Masinga	Perfect for school trips and adventure
34.	Bishop Masika Farm	Agro-tourism	Yatta	Horticulture

HOTELS AND SURROUNDING ATTRACTION SITES IN MACHAKOS COUNTY

Establishments	Attraction Sites Nearby	Activities	Ranches	Wildlife	
MAVOKO SUB-COUNTY					
67Airport Hotel Easy Hotel Tommy's Lounge 3D Hotel Connection Hotel Anthena Hotel Inter Leisure Hotel MPA Hotel Bustani Guest House Green Garden Hotel 67Athi Hotel Athi Holiday Resort The Last village Lodge The White Resort Fontage Hotel Continental Hotel Zarita Boutique Hotel Isaac House	African Heritage House Syokimau Railway station Embakasi wildlife dispersal zone	Camping Cycling Game drives Bush parties Swimming Shopping at the malls	Lisa Ranch Maanzoni Ranch Athi Kapiti	- Sacred ibis - Hartebeest - Kirk dik dik - Rock hyrax - Wildebeest - Serval cat - Hammer kop - Black kite - Guinea fowl - Antelopes - Bush squirrel - Porcupine - Secretary bird - Warthogs - Common quail - Tortoise - Crown lap wig - Cheetah - Pied king fisher	- Ostrich - Common boubou - Python - Silver back jackal - Giraffe - Black headed heroine - Lions - Square tailed dragon - Zebra - Black crowned crane - Hyena - Gerenuk ground horn bill - Eland

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Galaxy Hotel Blossom Wattle Lodge Sundowner Hotel Lukenya Getaway Lukenya Motocross Stoni Athi Resort Acacia Swara Lodge Maanzoni Loge Amazing Kenya Retreat Elena Lodge Kahama Hotel Kusyombunguo	Lukenya caves Lukenya hills Mua hills African heritage house Mua view point (2 Counties)	Hiking Nature trail Bush parties Bird watching Game drives Motor cross Swimming Camping Bundu rovers Go carting Drift racing Quad biking	Maanzoni ranch Athi Kapiti Lisa ranch	- Sacred Ibis - Hartebeest - Kirk dik dik - Rock hyrax - Wildebeest - Serval cat - Hammerkop - Black kite - Guinea fowl - Antelopes - Bush squirrel - Porcupine - Secretary bird - Zebra - Black crowned crane - Hyena - Gerenuk ground	- Warthogs - Common quail - Tortoise - Crown lap wig - Cheetah - Pied king fisher - Ostrich - Common boubou - Python - Silver back jackal - Giraffe - Black headed heroine - Lions - Square tailed drogon - Horn bill - Eland
Konza transit Hotel Limrock hotel Globaz inn New comfort hotel Pinto Hotel Covent Hill Guest house Sterlizo Hotel Junction Park Guest house Al-Masura Hotel Starlight Hotel Traveler Guest House Cool Breeze Guest house Latitude Guest house Destiny Tower Guest House Kyumbi Guest House	Divine mercy shrine Machakos People's park Paul Ngei monument / mini park	Game drives Entertainment spots Swimming Camping Game drives Bird watching	Athi Kapiti Mwambi ranch Maanzoni ranch Lisa Ranch	- Sacred Ibis - Hartebeest - Kirkdik Dik - Rock Hyrax - Wildebeest - Serval cat - Hammerkop - Black kite - Guinea fowl - Antelopes - Bush squirrel - Porcupine - Secretary bird - Warthogs - Common quail - Tortoise - Crown lap wig - Eland	- Cheetah - Pied king fisher - Ostrich - Common boubou - Python - Silver back jackal - Giraffe - Black headed heroine - Lions - Square tailed drogon - Zebra - Black crowned crane - Hyena - Gerenuk ground horn bill

MACHAKOS SUB-COUNTY

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Cai PH Lounge Zeroes Resort Jopas Guest House Skyward Mua Hotel Macha B Machakos Suites Reyna Hotel Lysak hotel Lau guest House Bed & Breakfast Kiikaloh Resort Jigs Guest house Kikao Guest house Me and Mine Guest House	Machakos people's park Mwania rocks Kyamwilu Mulu Mutisya monument /gardens Fort Machakos Hiking at Kiima kimwe Hiking at Iveti forest Old dc house Muindi Mbingu monument 2nd world war plate Kiima kimwe	Zip lining Boat riding Skating Fishing Hiking Swimming Maze run 3D movies Kids entertainment sports and activities Quad bikes	Maanzoni ranch Athi Kapiti Lisa ranch	- Sacred Ibis - Hartebeest - Kirkdik Dik - Rock Hyrax - Wildebeest - Serval Cat - Hammerkop - Black Kite - Guinea Fowl - Antelopes - Bush Squirrel - Porcupine - Secretary Bird - Warthogs - Hyena - Gerenuk ground horn bill - Eland	- Common Quail - Tortoise - Crown Lap Wig - Cheetah - Pied King Fisher - Ostrich - Common Boubou - Python - Silver Back Jackal - Giraffe - Black Headed Heroine - Lions - Square Tailed Drogon - Zebra - Black Crowned Crane
Gelian Hotel Kyaka Hotel Garden hotel Tea Tot Hotel Sunglam Hotel ACK Guest House Villa Machakos Le Technish Hotel Machakos University Hotel Golf club Hotel Orlando guest House Legend Hotel Cool park Hotel Nile guest house Chariot guest house Machakos cottages Courtyard Hotel	Machakos people's park Mwania rocks Kyamwilu Fort Machakos Kiima Kiimwe Iveti forest Old DC house Muindi Mbingu monument 2nd world war plate Kiima kimwe Mulu Mutisya monument /gardens Kamuthanga fish farm Ack Kamuthanga	Golfing Zip lining Maze run Swimming Quad bikes Boat riding Cycling Camping Hiking Kids entertainment sports & activities 3D movies Skating Nature trails Agro tourism		- Sacred Ibis - Hartebeest - Kirkdik Dik - Rock Hyrax - Wildebeest - Serval Cat - Hammerkop - Black Kite - Guinea Fowl - Antelopes - Bush Squirrel - Porcupine - Secretary Bird - Warthogs - Common Quail - Tortoise - Crown Lap Wig	- Cheetah - Pied King Fisher - Ostrich - Common Boubou - Python - Silver Back Jackal - Giraffe - Black Headed Heroine - Lions - Square Tailed Drogon - Zebra - Black Crowned Crane - Hyena

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Booster park guest house Roof Garden Hotel Evening shade hotel Kafoka Hotel	- Scott station guest house - AIC Mumbuni - Masaku grave			- Gerenuk Ground - Horn Bill - Eland
MWALA SUB-COUNTY				
Shammah Hotel Phakalane Hotel La Palace Comfort inn Muthoki Guest House Jabulani Guest House Leaders Hotel	- Wamunyu handicrafts - Katangi women basketry - Kithimani rest stop area - Mililuni handicrafts - Yatta plateau - Bishop Masika farm	Weaving Basketry Carving Agro tourism		- Hippopotamus - Crocodile - Monitor lizard - Mud fish - Tilapia
KANGUNDO SUB-COUNTY				
Savannah hotel Eagles hotel Kyeni resort	- Komarock shrine - Hyena caves - Thue View Point - Ol Donyo Sabuk National park	Game drive Hiking		- Buffalo - Bush back - Dik dik - Porcupine - Columbus monkey
MATUNGULU SUB-COUNTY				
Ol Donyo Sapuk Resort Ol Donyo Sapuk guest house	- Fourteen falls - Ol Donyo Sapuk National Park - Macmillan castle	- Hiking - Horse riding - Game drives - Adventure - Camping - Historical trip - Bird watching		- Buffalo - Bush back - Dik dik - Porcupine - Columbus monkey

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YATTA / MASINGA SUB-COUNTY				
Matuu Ndallas Ndulumo cottages Holiday guest house Kwakwa lodge Thatha Hills Resort La Bella Oasis Masinga Resort Kobos Resort Musingini Sports Resort Sky Lounge Hotel	- Yatta plateau - Masinga Dam - Gichuki island	Boat riding Camping Nature trails Hiking Cycling Fishing Canoeing Rock climbing Fishing		- Velvet monkey - Leopard tortoise - Nile crocodile - Hippopotamus - Monitor lizard - Red headed agama lizard - Pythons - Mud fish - Tilapia

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