

Flight & airport arrival information: FSD Kakamega

A note on purchasing flights:

Participants are responsible for making their own flight arrangements to and from the program Site. Participants are also solely responsible for any airfare or other travel fees, charges, expenses or penalties, that might result from any cancellation of or change in the Participant's Program, whether the Participant cancels the program or it is cancelled or altered by FSD. With this in mind, it would be prudent to consider purchasing flight insurance when buying your ticket abroad.

Important:

All participants need to arrive at the specified airport by the designated time IF they wish to be picked up from the airport and escorted to the orientation site. In general the pick-up time is around 5PM, but this may vary from session to session, so please contact us if you have questions about your particular session. The FSD program fee only covers travel costs for those being picked up at the group arrival time. Those arriving separately, outside of the scheduled pick up time, will be responsible for their own cost of travel to the orientation destination as well as any other costs incurred along the way. You will be contacted by FSD following your interview to tell you the details of the group pick up from **Kisumu Airport**. Please make keep this information in mind when booking your flight.

Departure:

Please keep in mind that your program will end on a Saturday – please plan accordingly.

Frequently asked questions (regarding airports and flights):

Which airlines are recommended?

KLM, British Airways, Emirates, and Kenya Airways are all recommended airlines. Please try to choose a flight with the shortest and most comfortable layover. If possible, layovers in Europe or other areas which have large, safe airports with conveniences are recommended over layovers in Nairobi (please see below for more details). **Fly540** operates daily flights from Nairobi to Kisumu.

How far is the orientation site from the airport?

The Kisumu Airport is approximately a 40-minute drive from Kakamega town.

If I cannot meet the group for the scheduled pickup how do I get to the orientation site?

It is very important to contact your site team to coordinate your arrival if you cannot meet the group at the set pickup time. They will be able to give you important direction and tips to help ensure your safety and comfort.

What facilities are available at the Nairobi airport? What should I do if I have a long layover at the airport?

The airport is ok to stay in for a few hours while waiting for a connecting flight during the day. However, it is not the most comfortable airport to remain for extended periods or overnight. Although a major hub airport in East Africa, the Nairobi airport is not busy 24hrs a day. It tends to be quiet at night, particularly after midnight. Nighttime temperatures can get cold and there may not be any heated facilities so bring sufficient clothing. The airport does not have lounges, bedrooms, internet facilities, or shops. There is a single bar/cafe that stays open all night and serves hot drinks and sandwiches available anytime but is not enclosed and not comfortable for sitting overnight. Passengers are also not allowed to sit inside the check in area over night as it closes for a few hours for cleaning etc. If you are interested in staying outside of the airport for a long layover, please contact your site team for tips and recommendations.

Are there any other tips for arrival?

- Arrive organized and don't expose large amount of cash or expensive items
- Check in ASAP
- Always have a dollar ready in case of a needed tip
- Carry bottled water and snacks on you during your trip especially if you have any layovers