



Abercrombie & Kent  
KENYA

SHOPPING EXCURSIONS  
NAIROBI



There are various places to shop in Nairobi and in the leafy suburbs of Karen and Langata, about 20 kilometres from the hustle and bustle of the city centre there are a variety of shops and craft centres including:

## KAZURI BEADS

The late Lady Susan Wood founded Kazuri in 1975 when she noticed that many women in the villages around Nairobi were struggling single mothers. Today ceramic jewellery is handmade by about 200 local women. Guests have an opportunity to meet and talk to the women as they work shaping, painting or stringing the beads by hand. The beads are polished and kiln fired, painted and fired again before being strung into various forms of jewellery such as earrings and necklaces which are then sold in the Kazuri shops across the country.



## MATBRONZE ARTGALLERY & FOUNDRY

Located on what was Karen Blixen's original farm, Matbronze offers an amazing array of bronze cast wildlife sculptures. From the tiniest butterfly to a life-size elephant the gallery has an impressive display of animals cast from the foundry located within the grounds.

There are a variety of handmade bronze gift items available in the shop – from footprint ashtrays, picture frames, candle holders and key rings.

There is also a restaurant where guests can have a coffee or bite to eat before or after shopping.



## UTAMADUNI CRAFTS CENTER

This crafts center was once a home then turned into 18 different stalls. The house offers guests a chance to browse through several shops each selling a variety of African crafts and souvenirs from local wood and stone carvings to beaded work, books on Africa and items made of African fabrics.

The gardens at the center are a great place to unwind with a meal from the Utamaduni Veranda Restaurant.



## OCEAN SOLE

Offering the twin benefits of creativity and conservation, Ocean Sole is a small enterprise that recycles flip-flops found on Kenyan beaches and waterways and turns them into wonderful works of art. The eye-catching creations, from the life-sized giraffe to the palm sized rhino, are handcrafted by a team of men and women who cut, mould and sand the flip flops which are collected and delivered to the workshop in Nairobi.

The vibrant handiworks, mostly animals, are sold in zoos, aquariums and museums around the world. From flip-flops to rubber masterpieces, Ocean Sole offers inspired animal sculptures and provides gainful employment whilst saving Kenya's marine life one colourful art piece at a time.

During a visit to the workshop guests will be able to see the art being created, meet the artisans and purchase some of the pieces from the shop.

## CIRCLE ART GALLERY

Enhance your guests Kenya safari experience with a visit to a local art gallery to sample works from some of East Africa's most talented artists. Circle Art Gallery features work from over 100 artists from five countries and guests can enjoy a one hour guided tour of this dynamic art space located in Lavington Nairobi.



## MAASAI MARKETS

Masai Markets are open markets started by Masai women who wanted to sell authentic African souvenirs which include curios, paintings, beaded jewelry, batiks, sculptures etc. directly to visitors. The markets have since grown and today move around the shopping malls around the city according to the day of the week.

## BANANA HILL ART GALLERY

Banana Hill Art Gallery was opened in 1994 by husband and wife duo Rahab and Shine Tani as a studio to provide support to artists in the Kenyan art scene. From an initial membership of 12 artists, today the gallery has over 70 artists exhibiting their works at the studio. The gallery has partnered with artists from neighboring Tanzania and Uganda as well as several in Ghana, West Africa.





## THE SOUK

The Souk is a collection of Kenyan brands and businesses. They include Linda Camm, a designer who works with leather; Sally Dudmesh, a jewelry creator, a bookshop and the Tin Roof Café, which serves home made delights.



## POLKA DOT ART GALLERY

Set up in 2016 by Lara Kay, Polka Dot Art Gallery showcases contemporary art from both local and international artists. The gallery exhibits everything from photography, paintings, sculptures and prints.

## HOUSE OF TREASURES

House of Treasures Emporium is a one-stop shopping gallery in the heart of Karen offering a stunning range of furniture, home décor, fashion & accessories from Kenya and beyond.

## LANGATA LINK SHOPS

The Langatalink shops carries various collections of original and thoughtful gifts that range from nourishing natural skin care products and candles, to a stylish range of home-ware, accessories, jewelry, clothes, leather products and kids toys all with a Kenyan twist. The Tin Roof Café serves healthy bites for before or after your guests finish their shopping.



## SHOPPING TOUR WITH LANA TRZEBINSKI

Enjoy a day of shopping in Nairobi and explore the best shopping areas with Lana Trzebinski, daughter of world-famous designer Anna Trzebinski and the late artist Tonio Trzebinski. Enjoy shopping in the big city, where you can find the typical handicrafts from African to high-end jewelry and clothing. With this guided tour, you can visit the best places to shop: local markets, shops and shopping centers.



### THE HUB

The Hub Karen Mall is a premier shopping mall located in the beautiful leafy suburbs of Karen Nairobi. With over 85 stores including uniquely Kenyan shops with great souvenir options, eateries, toy shops, clothing & shoe shops, furniture stores, book shops, banks, forex bureaus and so much more.



## TOUR OF ANNA TRZEBINSKI'S STUDIO

Make an appointment at the Anna Trzebinski Studio for your guests and give them a behind-the-scenes tour of the workshop where they will have the opportunity to interact with the artisans as they bead bracelets, jeans, handbags and even pashminas. Once they have met the team they have the opportunity to buy some of the wonderful items at the shop. The studio is open all year round.

