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Enhancing the
**DELEGATES
EXPERIENCE**





RUMA NATIONAL PARK

ONLY SANTUARY TO
THE ENDANGERED
ROAN ANTELOPE

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Welcome to the County of Endless Potential

H.E. Hon Gladys Nyasuna Wanga, EGH.
Governor, Homa Bay County



It is with great pride and joy that I welcome you to **Experience Homa Bay**, a gateway into Kenya's most breathtaking yet often overlooked destinations. Nestled along the scenic shores of Lake Victoria, Homa Bay invites you to explore pristine white beaches, rare wildlife, and a vibrant blend of cultures and traditions.

As a key part of Kenya's Western Circuit, our county is a hidden gem brimming with biodiversity and heritage. From the rolling plains of Ruma National Park, the only home to the endangered roan antelope, to the tranquil beauty of Ndere Island and the rhythmic Isikuti dances of the Luhya people, Homa Bay offers experiences that are both natural and deeply cultural.

Beyond its beauty, Homa Bay is fast emerging as a strategic gateway to East Africa, linking Kenya to Uganda and Tanzania through a growing network of waterways and infrastructure. Signature initiatives like the Delegates Experience reflect our commitment to packaging a truly immersive

experience that combine nature, history, and innovation.

As you flip through these pages, let **Experience Homa Bay** inspire you to embark on adventures that go beyond the ordinary. Our dedicated tour operators stand ready to ensure your visit is seamless, exciting, and filled with discovery. When you leave, may you carry not just memories, but also the pride of being an ambassador for this extraordinary destination.

Welcome to Homa Bay, where every moment is an experience waiting to be lived.

Karibu Sana!

From over 300 bird species, to the iconic Ruma National Park, the only sanctuary for the endangered roan antelope, Homa Bay is a haven for nature lovers

AUGUST 9TH-15TH | 2025



DEVCON 2025

This will be an exciting week dedicated to excursions and exploring the beauty and potential of Homa Bay County. It's a chance for participants to experience the region firsthand, from its breathtaking natural scenery to its rich culture and innovative community initiatives. These guided visits will not only be eye-opening but also spark meaningful conversations, connections, and inspiration as we set the tone for the days to follow.



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Day 01: 9th Aug.










Time	Activity
10:30 AM – 12:00 AM	Hackathon Opening Ceremony: Opening Remarks from Chief Guests, Tech Experts and Sponsors as they encourage the hackathoners.  Venue: Ruma National Park
12:00 AM – 06:00 PM	Start Of The 48 Hour Hackathon: 100 Hackathoners kick off the 48-hour hackathon in partnership with @iLabAfrica.  Venue: Ruma National Park

Day 02: 10th Aug.

Time	Activity
08:00 AM – 08:30 AM	Skating: To kick off the Devolution Conference activities, the young skaters will undertake a skating race within Homa Bay Town on the new dual carriageway.  Venue: Junction Kodoyo to Homa Bay Lakefront
08:30 AM – 09:00 PM	Award Ceremony for The Skaters: Welcoming/receiving of the skaters by dignitaries at the Pier. Recognition and awarding of the race winners  Venue: Homa Bay Pier



DAY 02: 10th Aug.





Time	Activity
09:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Island Hopping & Drive to Mbita: Other delegates will be welcomed to begin the Island Hopping exploration from Homa Bay Town on the Water Bus to the islands.  Venue: Homa Bay Pier
11:00 AM – 12:00 AM	Water Bus Ride to Takawiri Island through Mfangano Island: Visit to Art Gallery in Mfangano then take off to Takawiri Island.  Locations: Mbita, Mfangano Island, Takawiri Island
12:00 AM – 01:30 PM	Lunch Break:  Venue: Takawiri Island
01:30 PM – 03:00 PM	Water Bus Ride to Sindu:  Route: Takawiri Island to Sindu
03:00 PM – 04:00 PM	Scenic Drive from Sindu to Ruma National Park:  Route: Sindu to Ruma National Park
04:00 PM – 05:00 PM	High Tea for VVIP:  Venue: Ruma National Park- Roan Sanctuary
05:00 PM – 07:00 PM	Evening Game Drive:  Venue: Ruma National Park
07:00 PM – 08:30 PM	Dinner:
08:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Let's Talk (Youth Baraza): With youth from all 47 Kenyan counties together with leaders to rebuild unity, address challenges, and foster dialogue.  Venue: Ruma National Park
10:00 PM – 01:00 AM	Roan Antelope Music Extravaganza: Fun night at the National Park entertainment by local music artists and headlined by Prince Indah .  Venue: Ruma National Park

Day 03: 11th Aug.

Time	Activity
06:00 AM – 06:10 AM	Zumba Warm-Up for the Marathon: Athletes assemble at the designated assembly point to warm up for the 21km, 10km and 5km run. Venue: Ruma National Park
06:10 AM – 06:20 AM	Runners Assemble at the Start Point : All athletes assemble at the start point with the elite runners assembling at the front. Venue: Ruma National Park- Start line
06:30 AM	Kick Off for the 21km Half Marathon: (Elite Athletes)
06:45 AM	Kick Off for the 21km Half Marathon: (Regular Runners)
07:00 AM	Kick Off for the 10km Run: (Elite Athletes)
07:10 AM	Kick Off for the 10km Run: (Regular Runners)
07:15 AM	Kick Off for the 5km Family Fun Run
07:15 AM	Kick Off for the Cycling Race
10:30 AM	End of the Roan Half Marathon
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Run Warm Down
11:30 AM – 01:00 PM	Closing Ceremony: Roan Half Marathon Closing ceremony and End of the Hackathon Venue: Ruma National Park
01:00 AM – 02:00 PM	Lunch Break: VVIPs and Elite runners Venue: Ruma National Park



DAY 04: 12th Aug.

Time	Activity
08:00 AM – 09:30 AM	Beach Wrestling & Canoe Regatta:  Venue: The Homa Bay Pier
09:30 AM – 12:00 AM	Football Match & Tug Of War: Bunge FC vs Council of Governors. Tug of War; Bunge Team vs. Council of Governors (both male & female teams)  Venue: The Tom Mboya University
12:00 AM – 02:30 PM	Lunch Break
02:30 PM – 04:00 PM	Rech Festival: Delegates enjoy a grand display of Homa Bay's fish varieties, their value chain, and live preparation demos.  Venue: The Homa Bay Pier
04:00 PM – 06:00 PM	Cultural Village Experience: Delegates will enjoy cultural artifacts, folktales, and traditions from the Luo and Suba communities of Homa Bay.  Venue: The Tourist Hotel

DAY 05: 13th Aug.
DEVCON DAY 1

06:00 AM – 05:00 PM

Keynote Speaker:**H.E. William Samoi Ruto C.G.H.**

06:00 PM – 09:00 PM

VVIP Leaders Dinner:**Venue: Homa Bay Pier****DAY 06: 14th Aug.**
DEVCON DAY 2

06:00 AM – 05:00 PM

Keynote Speaker:**RT. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga**

06:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Governors Gala:**Venue: Homa Bay Pier****DAY 07: 15th Aug.**
DEVCON DAY 3

06:00 AM – 05:00 PM

Keynote Speaker:**H.E. Kithure Kindinki E.G.H.**

06:00 PM – 01:00 AM

Music Extravaganza:**Homa Bay Pier**



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Nature & Wildlife

☆ 01. Ruma National Park

Home to unique wildlife like the Roan Antelope and Rothschild's Giraffe. This park is home to game that delivers an authentic safari experience.

02. Gwasssi Hills Forest Reserves

This area offers hiking trails, birdwatching and panoramic views of Lake Victoria. If relaxing in nature is your thing, this is the place to be.

03. Lake Simbi

A crater lake with a unique ecosystem. It is famed for the beautiful flamingos that inhabit the lake. Its waters are also fabled for their healing properties.

04. Takawiri Island

Known for its beaches and resorts. You can go and have a relaxing day in what will feel like paradise on a very reasonable budget.





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History & Culture

☆ 01. Tom Mboya Mausoleum

A tribute to the Kenyan politician, offering historical insights. Tom Mboya was a champion of workers rights and a proud son of Homa Bay.

02. Mfangano Island

This island is known for its ancient rock art sites believed to be between 1,000 and 4,000 years old as you explore the caves and rock shelters there.

03. Local Villages

Experience Luo culture and traditions as you visit a traditional village setting where communities still retain their love for building grass thatched houses.

04. Abasuba Peace Museum

Located on Mfangano Island, this museum preserves the cultural heritage and promotes peace among the Abasuba community.





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Culture & Spiritual

☆ 01. Homa Hills

Known for its unique geological formations, including rare carbonate lava, and also offer opportunities for hiking and enjoying the natural scenery.

02. Mawanga & Kwitone Rock Art

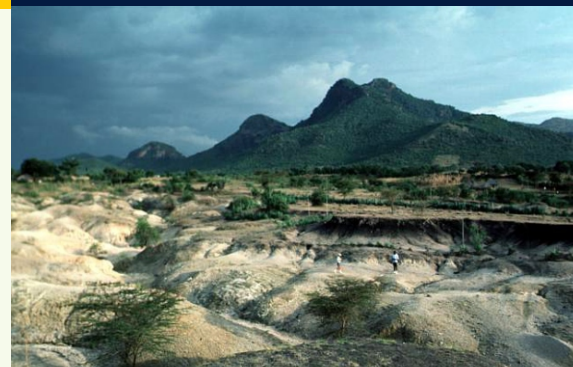
Found on Mfangano Island these locations feature ancient rock art sites with various shapes believed to be related to rainmaking and healing rituals.

03. Bala Hot Spring

Known for medicinal powers and folklore, is a natural marvel where geysers burst with steam, a truly authentic Homa Bay experience.

04. Abururu Waterfalls

These waters cascade where the Awach River splits into three, surrounded by rich bird life. A very unique experience for avian enthusiasts.





“ Homa Bay is more than a destination, it's an Experience. Come Again!

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