

General Travel Checklist for visitors on three days mission

Flights, food and accommodation will cost you about **USD 400**. However, there is hiring of police escort (this includes the police and a vehicle for their use) and hiring of a fixer (somebody familiar with the camps who will assist you research, fix interviews and interpret). With these, the total cost will come to approximately **USD 1,670**. Here is the breakdown;

1. A return flight ticket (Nairobi-Dadaab) costs **USD 306**. Flights are booked from our Nairobi Office. Decide the dates and contact Catherine Masha (masha@unhcr.org; +254 728 607 006) for early booking. After paying your ticket fee, please remember to send her your proof of payment otherwise your flight will not be confirmed. The flights arrive in Dadaab at 8.30 am and depart at 4.00 pm giving visitors at least six hours to complete their objectives. Please kindly check in at Wilson Airport, ALS, from 5:30 am to 6:00 am. Your ticket should have the details.

2. Standard vehicle hiring cost from Dadaab (UNHCR Offices) to the camps and back per day is **Ksh. 10,000 (USD 100)**. Two vehicles (one for you and another for the police) in three days will cost you **Ksh. 60,000 (USD 600)**. If you find hiring of vehicles expensive, you can choose to do all your interviews from our offices here in Dadaab. You will just need to invite your interviewees over. We will provide the venue for interviews.

3. Security escort- Police officers are hired at a standard rate of between **Ksh 700 and 1,000 (USD 7 – 10 USD)** per day depending on the time spent in the field. Four police officers are recommended for any escort. For three days, you will need between **Ksh 8,400 and 12,000 (USD 84 – 120)**.

4. Accommodation in the UNHCR guest house is **Ksh 4,000** per night. You will spend two nights here for a three days mission. This will cost you **Ksh 8,000 (80 USD)**.

5. Food: Breakfast costs **Ksh. 200**, Lunch- **Ksh. 300** and Dinner- **Ksh. 300** totaling to **Ksh. 800**. For three days, you will need **Ksh 2,400 (USD 24)**.

6. Fixers usually charge between **USD 100 and USD 200** per day depending on the intensity of fixing. UNHCR only facilitates journalists/ researchers and it does not assist them in making their way around camps. We usually recommend fixers to all visiting journalists. Fixing involves assisting you in achieving whatever you want to achieve while covering the camps. This includes interpreting, hiring vehicles, hiring security and finding and organizing interviews with potential interviewees. You may choose not to use a fixer (and fix everything yourself!) and just work with an interpreter. If you shall need a fixer, we recommend any of the following:

- Abdi Maalim, husein2am@yahoo.com Mobile phone number: +254 720 451 113
- Ahmednoor Abdi Mohamed, Ahmednoorabdi@yahoo.com Mobile phone number: +254 724 216457/ +254 764 216457
- Mohamed Nasib Muhumed, nasib2119@gmail.com; Mobile phone number: +254 725 787049

7. Interpreters charge **Ksh. 400** per day. For three days, you will need **Ksh. 1,200 (USD 12)**.

UNHCR does not provide internet access. Please get yourself a mobile phone, a Safaricom line and a modem for Internet. Also carry with you enough cash (in Ksh.) for your bills.