



96th Edition of the Kenya Music and Cultural Festival (KMCF)

1st to 9th December 2023

Wote Town, Makueni County

Logistics Note

Venue

The event will be held in **Wote Technical Training Institute** from Friday, 1st to Saturday, 9th December 2023.

Venue Information:

Address: Off Wote-Makindu road (about 400 meters from the turn off)

Phone: 254 720341014

Web: <https://wotetti.ac.ke>

Event

The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday the 2nd December 2023 at 8:30 am.

For more information about the event, please visit: <https://makueni.go.ke/>

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel bookings and should contact the hotel of their choice as soon as feasible to make the booking. Some hotels in the region have offered participants a discounted accommodation rate if reservations are made in advance.

For hotel information and other details click on:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10SWWhKwvIXpyLMkSCtOG5Zy0dZrMoEYx/view?usp=sharing>

Transportation

All attendees must arrange their own transportation from their place of residence to the hotels and event venue. Within Wote Town, taxi services are accessible. Furthermore, because it is a small town, bodaboda transportation is the most often utilized mode of transportation within the town. If any participant want to rent a car, taxi providers can assist them.

Information about Wote Town

Wote Town is situated in the East African county of Makueni in Kenya. It is located in the southeastern region of Kenya, precisely 134 kilometers to the southeast of Nairobi, the nation's capital. The town is the Headquarter of Makueni County. Situated amid picturesque landscapes, the town is bounded on all sides by hills and valleys, which enhance its tranquil and picturesque ambiance.

Wote Town enjoys a consistently temperate and agreeable climate across all seasons. Due to its location at an estimated altitude of 1,600 meters above sea level, the town experiences pleasant temperatures. Wote experiences annual mean temperatures varying from 20°C (68°F) to 25°C (77°F). Additionally, the region experiences a moderate volume of rainfall, with the wet season generally spanning from March to May, followed by a comparatively brief rainy season in October to December.

Language

The predominant language spoken in Wote Town is Kamba, representing the native tongue of the largest segment of the populace. Nevertheless, given the town's heterogeneous population, Swahili and English are similarly widely used. Swahili serves as a widely used means of communication in Kenya, being the official national language. In contrast, English is designated as the language of instruction in educational institutions and is favored for official transactions.

ATM

There are ATMs in every bank branch within town. These are: KCB, Equity, ABSA, NCBA, Family Bank, Coop Bank and National Bank.

Drinking water

The quality of tap water is not good in most places and guests are advised to use mineral bottled water unless where otherwise advised.

Business Hours

Businesses: 8:00 am to 10:00 pm every day of the week. Some outlets are open 24 hours.

Banks: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. ATMs are usually available 24 hours.

Government Offices: 8:00 a.m. to 5: 00 pm.

Safety recommendations

Wote is generally regarded as a safe and secure town. However, you should ask locals/hotel staff which neighborhoods to avoid, especially at night. To avoid potential aggressions, valuables should not be plainly visible, especially when it gets dark.

Health Care

Wote Town provides a comprehensive range of health services to its residents and visitors. Healthcare centers provide general medical examinations, vaccines, and family planning services. Maternal health services, including antenatal care and delivery, are available to help expectant moms. In addition, clinics and hospitals provide specialized treatments such as surgical operations, dental care, and mental health support. The availability of comprehensive health services contributes to the overall well-being of the town's people.

Cuisine

Wote Town provides a rich gastronomic experience, blending traditional cuisines with modern influences. The Kamba culinary tradition is reflected in dishes such as ugali (a maize-based staple), sukuma wiki (collard greens), and nyama choma (grilled meat). Visitors can sample

street food such as mandazis (deep-fried pastries) and roasted maize. Wote also has restaurants and eateries that serve the across globe cuisines, guaranteeing that there is something for everyone's taste.

Tourism Activities

Tourism activities in Wote Town encompass a range of experiences. Nature lovers can embark on hiking and nature trails, exploring the picturesque landscapes and observing the diverse flora and fauna. The Tsavo Conservancy (It is composed of [Tsavo East National Park](#), [Tsavo West National Park](#) and [Chyulu Hills National Park](#)) offers opportunities for day trip safaris. Cultural tours allow tourists to immerse themselves in the local traditions and interact with communities. Additionally, visitors can explore local handicrafts and sample traditional cuisine.

Directions

Nairobi- Wote 134 km / 83 miles – 1 hour 50 minutes



Mombasa to Wote Town 385 km / 239 miles – 7 hours 35 minutes

