



NAIROBI HOSTAGE INCIDENT STATEMENT

23 September 2013

We are shocked and saddened by the tragic events that have taken place in Nairobi this weekend. Our sympathy goes to all affected by the event.

The President, police and army responded swiftly and have increased security across the country to ensure the protection of Kenya's people and Kenya's visitors. It is important to note that this was not an attack against tourists. Westgate Mall is not a venue that tourists would normally visit; it is an upmarket mall in a busy shopping district. The perpetrators chose this high profile mall with Kenyan residents as a target.

The shopping area where Westgate Mall is situated is approximately 1 hours' drive from the International and Wilson Airports and from many of the hotels that we recommend. Clients, who had transfers around Nairobi over the weekend, were a long way away from the affected area.

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) has amended the travel advice to include details of the incident but has not changed their level of advice on travel to Kenya. We adhere to FCO Advice and for all our bookings we ensure that the safest itineraries are selected.

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