

## Lake Turkana

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Also known as the Jade Sea for the coloring produced by the algae it contains, the world's largest desert lake looks almost imaginary in the surrounding lunar landscape of extinct volcanoes.

Its water level is sustained by the Omo River in Ethiopia and having no outlet the lake's level fluctuates with Ethiopia's rainfall. The lake was first discovered in 1888 with some human bones discovery but was made famous only years later by the Richard Leakey's discovery of fossils, dating back 3 million years, at the excavation of Koobi Fora. It is widely believed that this is where man first walked upright. Today it attracts its visitors with its Jurassic-like setting contrasted to the barren surroundings and a vast number of different animals gathering at this point. [jumi \[includes/googleads.php\]](#)WHAT TO SEE

Tens of thousands of crocodiles, large herds of hippos, different fish species &ndash; Try to catch one! WHEN SHOULD YOU GO

October to April offers the best bird migration viewing, the crocodiles hatch in April and May. WHERE IS IT

It is located around 750km (466mi) by road from Nairobi. KNOWN AS

The Jade Sea for its water's blue and green coloring. [{mosmap](#)

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