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Did you know ????

....Wild Dogs will travel 50km per day when prey is scarce

....Only one Alpha female and male breeds but the entire pack is responsible for the litter

....Dogs can run 60km/hr for over an hour. This generally exhaust it's prey such as Impala

Namibia

Land of Many Faces

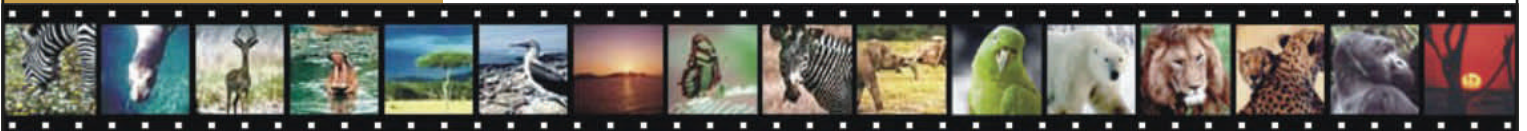
My first safari to Namibia was filled with anticipation of desert scenes - towers of dunes glowing red at sunset . . . the coast - powerful waves pounding the rocks and sand . . . desert elephant - walking for days in search of any moisture to quench their thirst. How excited I was to find all of this and more!

Namibia, once a quiet little country, snatching savvy safari-ites from Botswana is now a hot destination. The dunes of Sossusvlei, each with their own unique style has mesmerized many a photographer. The coastline is dotted with charming towns steeped in



history of early adventurers, now stocked with lovely B&B's and souvenir shops. Etosha National Park has high concentrations of wildlife from elephant and black rhino covered in white mud to the smallest of antelope and over 300 species of birds. The highest concentration of cheetah in the wild is found in Namibia and home base of the Cheetah Conservation Fund - a very special group of people working to protect wild spaces and the species itself. From the desert hues and starry nights to the sounds of the bush and the vibrancy of the ocean communities - this land of contrasts is not one to be missed!

Join Carol on her next safari to Namibia in April 2008.



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August 2007 - The Ultimate Safari!

Not that this was any more grand than other trips but this time I had some very special people on board and an itinerary with some very hot wildlife spots. The special people were five young adults - two of them my godsons and three now adopted god kids! (and their parents). They entrusted NETT to take them to beautiful and troubled Zimbabwe to experience walking within feet of wild dogs and canoe down the Zambezi River. Then off to Kenya where the wildebeest migration and river crossings were in full swing. Here they shared time with students at Kajiado Girls School that can only dream of furthering their education. Tanzania also wowed them with one of the best Maasai Village visits and of course the mighty Ngorongoro Crater.



The group spent time as a family sitting around the dinner table sharing their amazing adventures. They learned about the interaction between giraffe and whistling thorn acacia - they searched for pangolin (and got aardwolf - cool!) - they were humbled as they shopped in markets where their purchases fed a whole family for a month - they were ex-

cited with the thrill of a leopard kill just feet from their vehicle - what an education! How lucky we all were! After 29 safaris, I learned so much more seeing Africa through their eyes. This remarkable continent has five more ambassadors - just what it needs to ensure the future for its' people and wildlife.

Submitted by Carol Petersen

SIMPLY SAFARI

UPCOMING SHOWS

Vancouver Home Show - October 11 to 14

Simply Safari Booth #1015, BC Place, Vancouver BC, www.vancouverhomeshow.com

Fraser Valley Bead Show - October 12 to 14

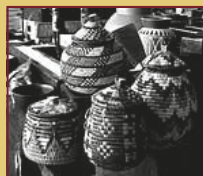
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Petersen Photography Booth #903, Telus Convention Centre, Calgary AB, www.artmarketcraftsale.com



Kenya/Tanzania Getaway

with the Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda

Gorilla trekking was once again, truly wonderful experience! On the first day, a few group members had become behind the rest when we were surprised to have the two young males coming up the trail behind us. As we pushed ourselves into the bush alongside the trail to give the gorillas clear passage, one of THEM stopped and sat down beside one of US. Several unforgettable moments passed before we all moved off down the trail to join our respective groups! The last 15 minutes of viewing time, we were privileged to witness the uncommon sight of three young gorillas getting water from a stream's pool in a ravine. They would splash their arm in the water, pull back, and then lick the water from their fur - ingenious! On our second day some of the group were keen on a more challenging hike. After four hours slogging through mud, swampy ground, rain and stinging nettles, we were treated to an amazing view of the Beetsme troop. They had chosen to rest in an area of low vegetation with lots of sunlight affording us the opportunity to take great photographs. A youngster, under the watchful eye of its mother, seemed quite curious about our presence and entertained us with a few antics. Many special moments with the such an endangered species!

How do you follow a gorilla trek? How about hanging with about 1 million wildebeest, zebra and



Thompson Gazelles? The migration was in full force for all of our May and June groups and we enjoyed it all! The sounds of the mooing, the tricks of the males trying to keep the females in his harem and the sheer numbers were a pleasure to see. Some were lucky enough to partake in a balloon ride seeing the large herds from a different angle. Amboseli Park afforded us close up and personal time with herds of elephants and in some cases - 5 - yes 5 cheetahs moving about. What a great mom to have successfully raised 4 cubs to adulthood. Lake Manalwas a great place to watch primates yara is and one group spent well over an hour with a troop of no less than 200 members - followed by a giraffe and a bushbuck! As always, a visit to the Kajiado Girls School is moving but this time was even more powerful. Prior to our May departure, Nature Encounters current and past guests and their friends got together and

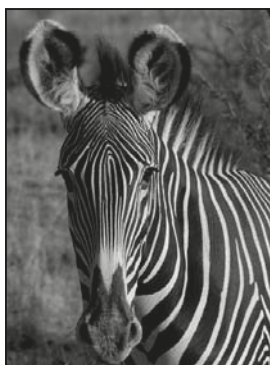
donated over \$5000USD to provide the orphaned and rescued girls with 75 new mattresses, blankets, towels and personal hygiene items. What a sight to see as the truck was offloaded and the girls' eyes grew! Lucky us THEY thought..... lucky us WE thought! We always have such fun on safari whether we are being entertained and educated with wildlife behavior or dancing with the Maasai or picking out a few treasures to take home. The 3 groups - couples from Canada, Australia and Dubai; crazy gals from the US and Canada and the best little shopping group I have ever spent time with - all took home a piece of Africa with them and left a little of them behind. What a pleasure to have traveled with all of them!

*Submitted by Mona Keith
and Carol Petersen*

Feature Destination

Kenya

No other country has been doing it longer. Kenya knows what she is doing when it comes to showing off her wildlife - it began here! There is a reason it is a popular destination. Many large parks and several smaller ones give the safari-goer many choices as to how long to stay, what to see and how luxurious you wish your accommodation.



From the historic Colonial Lodges to the more natural tented camps there is something for everyone. Spend time watching thousands of wildebeest fret over a desired crossing of the Mara River. Does sunrise at the foot of Kilimanjaro with dozens of elephant milling about in the foreground sound surreal? It is a common occurrence! Perhaps white rhino surrounded by flamingos will take your breath away?

Don't forget the culture as well ...Meet the Samburu, Kikuyu and Maasai people and learn about their love for their land, you will be glad you did. Our guests come for the wildlife and **always** take away wonderful memories of the people they have met. These cultural opportunities cannot be beat and the shopping is great too. If you are thinking Africa, start thinking KENYA.

Submitted by Garth Irvine

Group Destinations



April 2008:
Beautiful Namibia!

May 2008:
Kenya/Tanzania Getaway

September 2008:
Kenya Migration Safari with Mountain Gorilla Extension

February/March 2009:
The Magic of Galapagos with the Rain Forest Extension

April 2009:
The Magic of Galapagos Family Safari

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CAROL'S O R N E R



How wonderful to be back in the swing of things with our newsletter. Thank you all for your interest and keeping in touch with Nature Encounters, Simply Safari and Petersen Photography. As most of you know, NETT, SS and PP all support wildlife conservation groups, craft coop's, schools, villages and individuals. This year was no exception! Thanks to a lot of you reading this, we provided the Kajiado Girls School in Kenya with 75 mattresses, blankets, sheets, towels and other supplies. These girls are single parents, orphans or have chosen to leave their Maasai culture to avoid circumcision and marriage at a very young age. They are all very courageous and gracious young women! The Cheetah Conservation Fund in Kenya is another of our projects - financially assisting with a base line census right across Kenya! The Tiki Hywood Trust is a single woman working

hard to protect endangered species in Zimbabwe - a very tough task! At Simply Safari, you will find product by so many artists that depend on your purchases to feed their families. People like Talent - our metal artist from Victoria Falls, the Kazuri ladies who make beautiful jewelry and Pretty - who beads in a small stall in a market in Johannesburg. The reason I share this with you is that I am proud - proud of what we have accomplished but more than that - proud to be associated with all of you for supporting these schools, groups and individuals with your donations, travel and store purchases. From the bottom of my heart I say Asante Sana!



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