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Kenya/Tanzania Getaway with the Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda

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Ever herd (yea I know) the sound of 800,000 wildebeest mooing outside your window? This was one of those times. Our trip was nothing short of



fabulous with the beautiful Kilimanjaro showing herself to us with a ele's below – then Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater with wildlife galore but the most impressive was the great migration. As we drove toward the Serengeti, the plains were scattered with

Thompson's Gazelles (and even Tommy's chasing a Secretary Bird – way too funny), zebra and odds and sods – where were the wildebeest? The closer we got to the lodge – the more the ground was torn up – basically annihilated by thundering hooves. And there they were – tons of black spots in every direction – lines moving steadily across the grasslands heading north toward the Maasai Mara in search of food and water – spectacular! Another



highlight had to be coming across a recent cheetah kill right beside the road. I was very proud of all the guides as they backed off and the hungry mom and 2 grown babes come in to chow down. I was also proud of our group – watching this natural cheetah behavior for well over an hour (on our way to lunch) and not having to “find a bush!” Frankly I think they were too pumped to even think otherwise – good work guys! Oh and yes – the gorillas were amazing once again – more breeding and oh so very close. We even saw the lovely little 3-month-old infant we watched being conceived last year – lucky us!

