



KENYA SAFARI & DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP
MAASAI MARA
HOSTED BY
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11th – 20th October 2008



Join us, Jonathan and Angela Scott, as we visit one of our favourite locations in Africa in conjunction with Wildlife Worldwide. The Maasai Mara in western Kenya calls us back again and again. The Mara is home to one of the highest concentrations of Lions in Africa, and good populations of Leopards and Cheetahs, some of which we have followed from birth. The wildebeest and zebra migration is still as dramatic a spectacle as ever, with up to 600,000 wildebeest flooding into the Mara during the dry season.

On this unique journey, we want to retain the intimacy of a small group of friends travelling together, with a shared passion for wildlife and photography. We have hand picked what we consider (from personal experience) to be one of the region's top camps and wildlife locations where we can customise your safari to achieve our aim of making this a unique experience.

During the trip, Warren Samuels - one of the world's top wildlife cameramen and long lens specialists for the Big Cat Diary cheetah crew - will join us. Warren started his career as a game ranger in South Africa's Londolozi Game Reserve, and is an outstanding naturalist with a wealth of field experience. Warren will be able to give advice about the use of video cameras for wildlife filming, whilst we can concentrate on assisting you with your stills photography and digital techniques. During the trip, each of you will have the opportunity for one on one coaching with the three resources, and will be able to experience first hand how Jonathan and Warren have customised their vehicles for filming. Angie's role will be to give digital training back at camp at appropriate times during your safari. We will be travelling alongside you to give you the benefit of our knowledge and experience, in conjunction with specialist local guides. This one-off trip will be the journey of a lifetime!

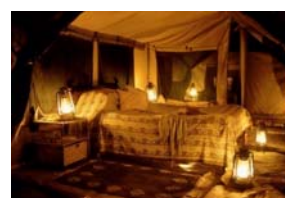
Saturday 11th October 2008 - DEPART UK

Depart from London Heathrow this evening on the overnight flight with British Airways to Nairobi.

Sunday 12th October – MAASAI MARA REKERO CAMP

You arrive into Nairobi at dawn and will then take a one hour internal flight directly to the Maasai Mara. After a short road transfer, you will be welcomed to Rekero camp, which will be your base for the next seven nights.

Amidst the teeming herds of wildlife in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, Rekero's tented camp is nestled in riverine forest on the banks of the Talek River, an area that your hosts and local guides know intimately. At an altitude of 1463 metres and close to the confluence of the Mara and Talek rivers this is a prime location to enjoy the abundance of life around you. The camp is ideally situated to experience for the annual migration of wildebeest and zebras from the Serengeti through the Maasai Mara. The camp is within close proximity to large pools of hippo and crocodile, and offers some of the finest big cat viewing in Africa. There are seven spacious double/twin tents, which can all be used as triples if required and which all have en-suite flush loos and safari showers. There is 24 hour solar power to provide lighting and kerosene lanterns are situated in front of the tents to provide a more subtle lighting to the exterior and front. The safari chefs produce appetising 'farmhouse' meals, which utilise skillful blends of flavours and cuisine from both east and west. Any special dietary requirements can be accommodated with prior notice.



Once settled into your accommodation we will gather before lunch for drinks and an informal briefing about the trip ahead, we will then have an afternoon game drive to familiarise you with the area. The evening will be spent relaxing and getting to know one another over dinner and drinks in preparation for an early the following morning.



Monday 13th October – Saturday 18th October –MAASAI MARA

Each day you will have the opportunity of an early morning game drive, which will leave before sunrise in time to catch the best light for photography and game viewing. This will then be followed by brunch and the chance to participate in various workshop/discussions or to simply relax and enjoy the experience of being in Africa before you set off on afternoon/evening game drives.

The Maasai Mara is Kenya's finest wildlife sanctuary, and has been a second home to Jonathan for much of the past thirty years. Everything about this reserve is outstanding. The wildlife is abundant and the gentle rolling grasslands ensure excellent visibility for tracking down the Lions and Cheetahs that everyone wants to see. But there is much more besides, with large herds of elephants and buffalos and the chance to search for the more illusive creatures such as Black Rhino and Leopard. This is also one of the best places for birding with over 500 species of birds including a staggering 53 species of birds of prey. Between July and October, the migration of wildebeest and zebras moves north from the Serengeti. Each year is different, but we certainly hope to be able to enjoy spectacular views of the great herds as they move about the grasslands. Their arrival is welcomed by all the predators – particularly the big cats!

The wildlife is not confined to the reserve wandering freely through the surrounding areas where the Maasai people live. The Maasai and their cattle have for centuries lived side by side with the animals of this region, roaming the grasslands in their endless search for grass and water. Our local guides are Massais and are always delighted to share their culture with visitors, offering a unique insight into life here in Maasailand.

The first sight of this natural wonderland is breathtaking. Here, Elephants wander across the plains in search of forage with an occasional sighting of a solitary rhino. Thomson's and Grant's Gazelle, Topi, Eland and many more species of plains' game offer rich pickings for the predators: Lions, Leopards, Cheetahs, Spotted Hyenas and jackals which hunt in this pristine wilderness. The Mara River is home to some 2,000 hippos that gather along sandy banks in large groups. Seemingly drowsy crocodiles sunbathe at the water's edge, mouth agape, waiting for an unwary animal to set foot in their world.

The reasons for choosing October as the time for this safari are many. Seasons are always unpredictable – sadly, the old days when you knew the day of the month when the rains would start have gone – but October is the end of the dry season, when the grass has hopefully been flattened and grazed by the vast numbers of wildebeest and zebras that move into the Mara from the Serengeti each year. Finding predators is easier when the grass is short - and when there are so many animals for them to feast on. Driving in the midst of these great herds is an unimaginable experience. Whilst the eyes feast on the spectacle the air carries the smells, the dust and the sounds of hundreds of thousands of animals. And in our experience there is nowhere else on earth to compare with a good day in the Maasai Mara – not just because of the migration – there are so many resident animals that live here year round: elephants, buffaloes, rhinos, numerous species of antelopes from Dik-dik to Eland.

The combination of a gentle climate, scenic splendour and untold numbers of wildlife makes the Maasai Mara Kenya's most popular inland destination, and our second home.



Sunday 19th October - HOMEWARD

Today we will have our last game drive and then fly to Nairobi where we will enjoy a farewell dinner and drinks at a local restaurant. You will then join your homeward overnight flight back to London Heathrow.

Monday 20th October – ARRIVE UK

Early morning arrival back in to London Heathrow.

The costs for the above tour departing in October 2008 will be (subject to availability): **£4595.00 per person** (for single supplement please see below).

This includes:

- International flights and taxes with British Airways in economy class.
- All transfers by road and air as indicated above (15kg baggage allowance will apply)
- Accommodation throughout on a full board basis.
- Guided game-viewing activities at each camp.
- National Park entry fees.

This does not include:

- **Single supplement - £500.00 per person**
- **Supplement for return international flights in British Airways World Traveller Plus - £420 per person**
- **Supplement for return international flights in British Airways Business Class with flatbeds - £1450 per person**
- Travel Insurance – quotations for insurance can be provided on request.
- Visa fees.
- Items of a personal nature and tips.
- Drinks, laundry and any meals not specified.

We can happily arrange trip extensions on request.

Please note that numbers on this trip are restricted to a maximum of twelve people.

Please contact Chris Breen or Estelle Somers at Wildlife Worldwide as soon as possible to confirm participation on 0845 130 6982.

Jonathan & Angela Scott