

# KENYA Land of Mystery and Marvels

Happy Monday! Time to enjoy another beautiful sunrise in Kenya!



We've all heard about and seen Hyenas, but did you know there is another "dog" in Africa? The African Painted Dog ... also known as the Painted Wolf or Cape Hunter, this is another animal facing extinction. Africa is home to an estimated 750 packs and can be found in Kenya ... perhaps we'll see a few on our travels ... we never know what we'll find along the way!



... and then there's the African Porcupine, the largest and heaviest of all African rodents! Its quills are fashioned into jewelry such as bracelets and beads ... I had a quill bracelet and it wasn't funny when it came apart and stabbed me!



We'll see Rhinos and, again with luck, see Mom with a Calf ... if Dad's around we'll have to be VERY careful! When Carol and I were there, we



unknowingly came upon a mother and calf being guarded by a very angry dad!!! He charged our vehicle, but our Guide was more than able to get us away before there was a problem! There are 2 types of Rhinos in Kenya ... White and Black ... the white rhino is significantly larger than the black ... Carol and I also learned that first hand when we came upon a white rhino lying down ... we didn't think it was so much bigger than the black until a full grown zebra walked out from behind it! We'd never seen the zebra and it was a very large full grown one!!!



Another one of Kenya's LARGE animals is the Buffalo ... as you can see, they aren't afraid of much ... not even a pack of African Painted Dogs!!!



Not all the animals are big. Then again, the Giraffe can grow to 18' tall making it the tallest living terrestrial animal in the world! Oh, they do "fight", but for the most part are gentle ruminants. We may see what is called "necking" a form of fighting where they swing their necks at each other until one of them "gives"... we'll see two types of giraffes, the Rothschild, and the Maasai ... you'll notice the difference and note, like fingerprints, no two coats are the same! The Maasai coat is more jagged and darker than the Rothschild which is bright chestnut and white.



After our first day of Safari, we'll enjoy a beautiful sunset over Mt. Kilimanjaro while staying in Amboseli!



How about some homework? Try putting together a simple sentence in Swahili! No, you don't have to be fluent! Everyone speaks English, but it's nice to try! :>)

That's it for this week! Don't forget to send along your questions, follow us on FaceBook, and be sure to visit the website!!! `til next week, Kwa Heri, Jeanie :>)

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