

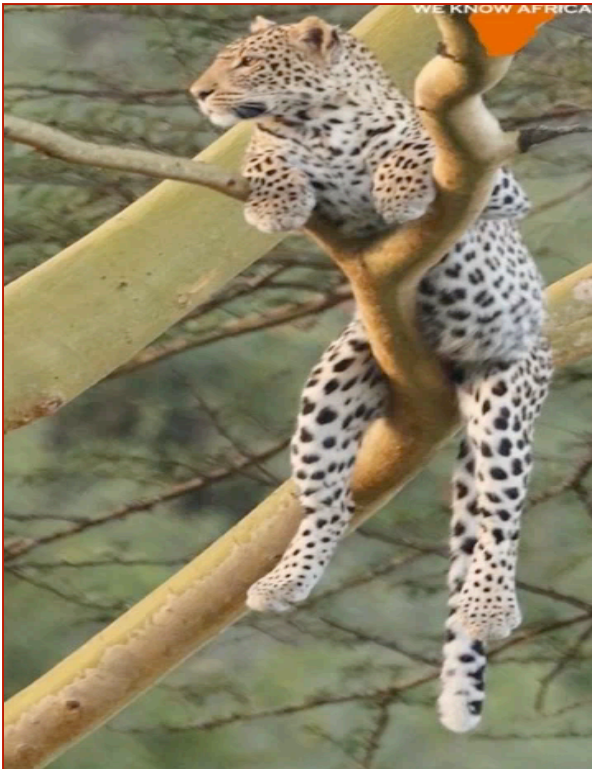
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# KENYA Land Of Mystery And Marvels

## THIS WEEK IS LEOPARDS

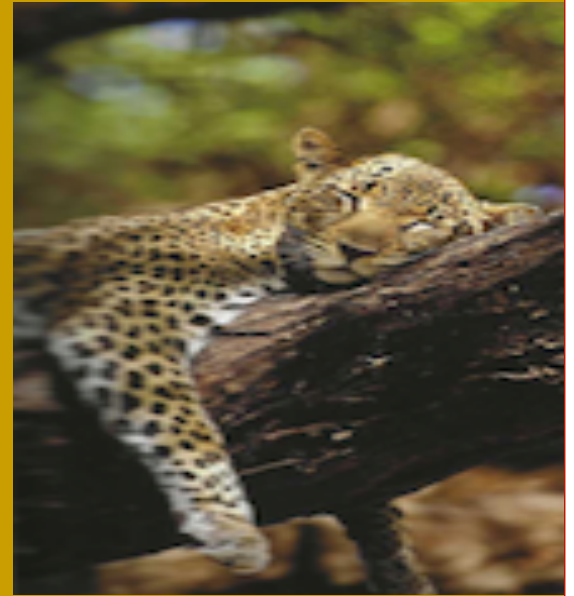


African leopard, *Panthera Pardus Pardus*, is a large, carnivorous feline having either tawny fur with dark rosette-like markings or black fur. The black leopard is often called a panther. The leopard is considered the most difficult of the big five to hunt, or even see, because of their nocturnal and secretive nature. They are wary of humans and will take flight in the face of danger. The leopard is solitary by nature, and is most active between sunset and sunrise, although it MAY hunt during the day in some areas. Leopards can be found in the savanna grasslands, brush land, and forested areas in Africa. Of the big five it is the most difficult to find, as well as getting a license to hunt. If we are VERY lucky, we will see one ... usually alone, we may see one in a tree ... sometimes you may see one in a tree with its cub(s)!



They are beautiful and elusive ... BUT with a good guide we should be able to find at least one.

Wouldn't it be nice to be this relaxed???



Of course, Lions and Leopards aren't the only cats we'll see. There are Cheetahs, Caracals, and others we'll meet along the way ... along with some less attractive animals such as the Warthog ... also known as the Kenyan Express due to their carrying their tails straight up like whip antennas when they run! They seem to be everywhere! LOL!!!

Ah, yes, the Warthog ... as ugly and nasty as they are and can be, they get along quite well with the other animals.



DAD ..



The Kenyan Express in action.



MOM and the kids ...

We never know what we'll see as our guides take us around the many Reserves we'll visit. Have your cameras ready! ... and don't forget to have some one take YOUR picture as you experience what may be a "Once In A Lifetime" adventure for you!

As usual, I encourage you to send any questions directly to me or give me a call! Jeanie Matthies-Kurzrok [jeanie6433@aol.com](mailto:jeanie6433@aol.com) 828.505.8870