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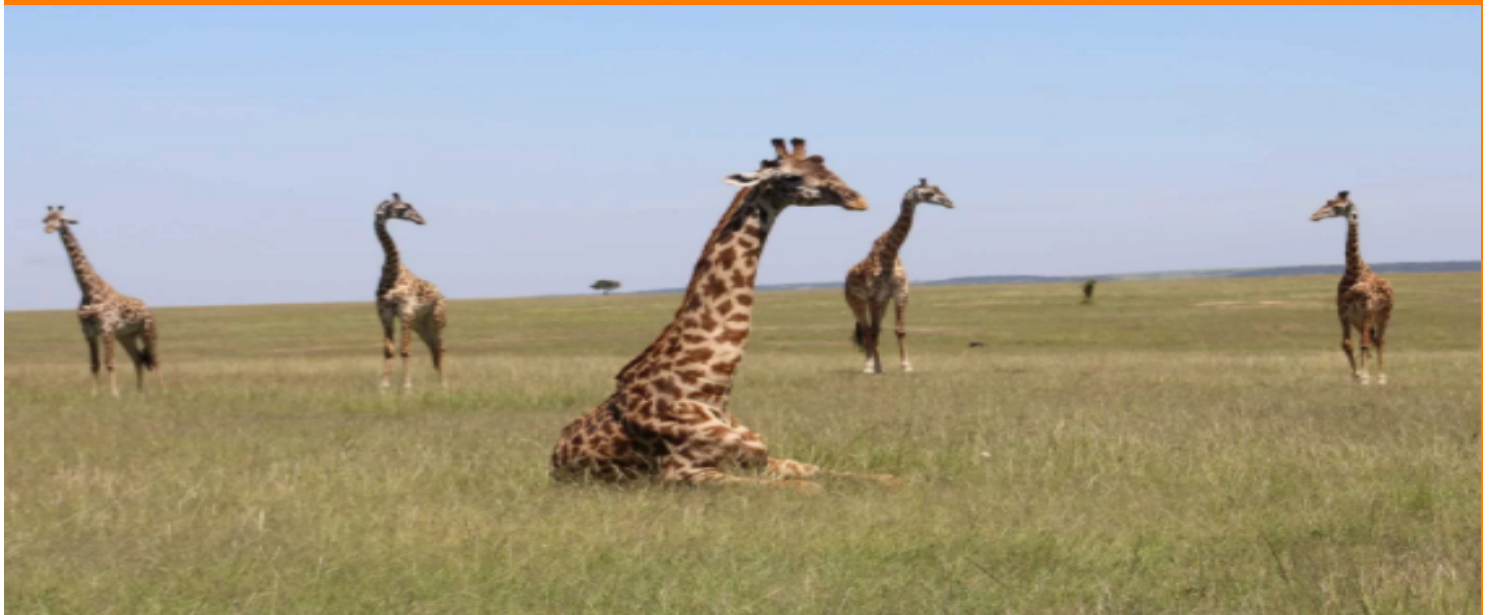
KENYA!

Land of Mystery and Marvels



"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breathe away." – Maya Angelou

The moments you spend on this safari, and the experiences you'll share,
will take your breath away...



Ok, let's talk about airfare ... Since the fares won't be out until late this year or early 2022, I will need to know if you're "serious", "maybe", "not quite sure", or "definitely not going". You can be definitely not going, but still wish to receive the newsletters – that's fine just let me know. I will need some sort of headcount by 01 September 2021 (this year). ... we may all be purchasing our own tickets, but **MUST** all arrive in Nairobi on the **SAME FLIGHT**. More about that as time goes on ...

So far I've overwhelmed you all with "stats" about the animals. I know, I know, this isn't school and you don't need to fill up on details! There is so much more to experience! If you've never been there, you won't know what to look at first! On my first trip, I took over 1,000 still photos and six hours of video!!! There really is so much to see!

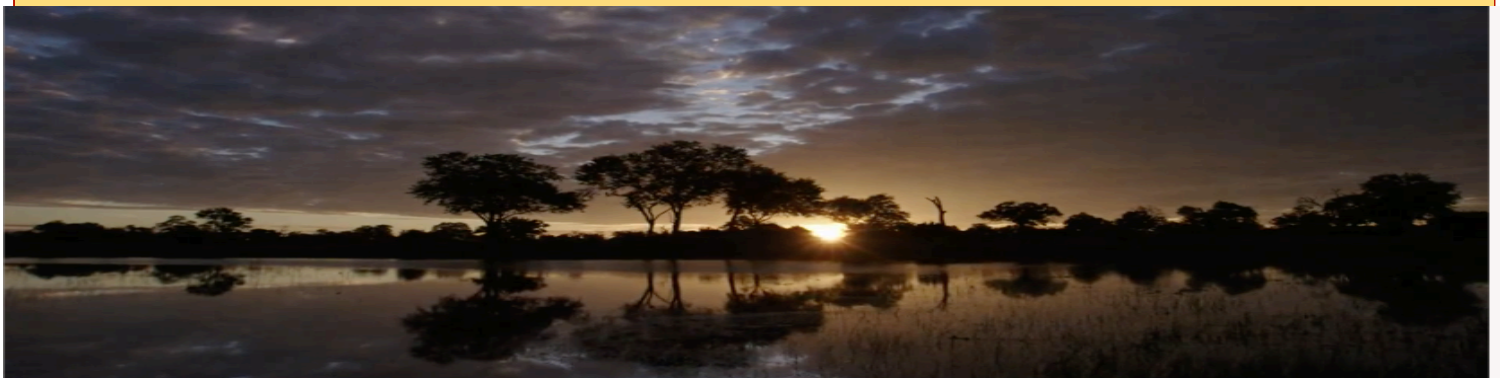
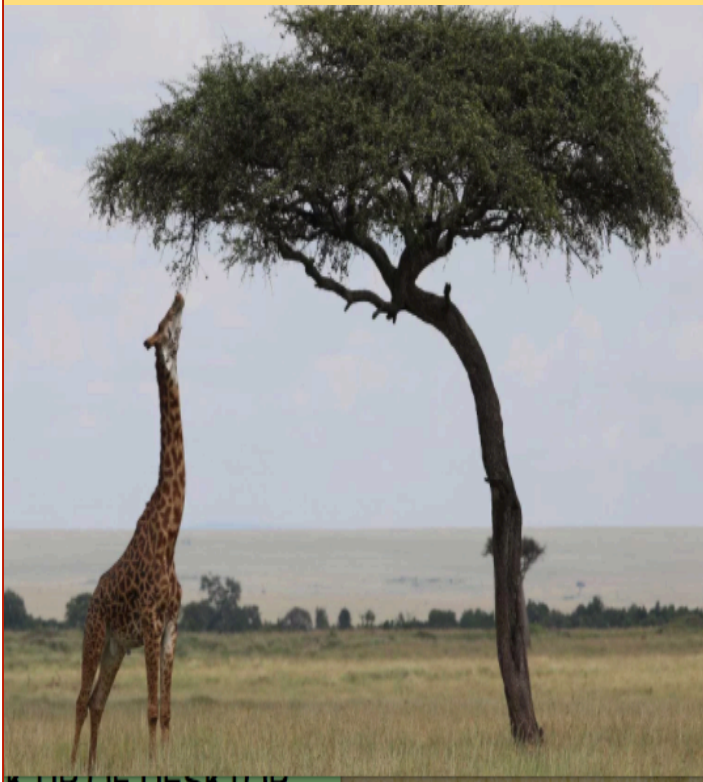
Nairobi is a **VERY** busy city!!! Traffic is always thick and slow. Once out of the city, we'll pass many, hum, what we'd call "strip malls" (LOL!!!) or local shopping areas made up of stalls as well as blankets on the ground. We'll see "matatus", the local "buses", with people hanging on for dear life!

Today the road out of Nairobi is paved. It used to be just dirt and was **VERY** dusty. You'll also see electric wires stretching out into the distance.





Another hint that The 21st Century is coming to Kenya. Little by little, "civilization" is encroaching onto the vast open savannahs as well as the rest of this country. We don't know how long before a Safari will mean a trip to a zoo. Come and enjoy the natural wonders of this land before it's too late! That's what drove me to accept my first opportunity to visit Kenya back in 1997 (Remember that, Carol?). Since then I've seen drastic changes in the landscape ... roads where there were no roads ... electric lines where there was only open sky ... so many up-grades! Meanwhile poaching continues and the fight against it goes on with little to no success ... so many animals are now endangered! I'm not preaching, just strongly suggesting a visit now before it's all gone. Not to mention it's a FABULOUS vacation! :>)



If you happen to be into star gazing, we will be crossing the Equator and you'll see stars and constellations you can't see here in the north. In addition, there is very little ambient light so the sky is black and the stars are bright! If we have a full moon, you'll think you can reach out and touch it!

I think the most amazing things you'll see, or at least near the top of your list, will be the "hotels" in the middle of nowhere! You've already seen photos of most of them, but to leave the main road, drive into nowhere, be amazed by our vehicles' abilities to navigate the "off road" portions of the trip, and to arrive at these oases, literally in the middle of nowhere!!! To be greeted by smiling folks, some with hot towels, some with fruit drinks, as you enter your "homes away from home" is an experience not to be believed ... every step of the way will show you something you'll have trouble believing!

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I hope you can open this video ... I took this clip with a regular lens - shows how close we get to the animals Double click on the pic and enjoy! Turn up our sound to hear our guide speaking Swahili and to hear a few of our comments!



As usual, send along any questions and I'll be happy to answer them. 'til next week! In 498 days, we'll be boarding our vehicles to begin our SAFARI!!! Kwa heri!

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