

Monday, 15 November 2021

Kenya

Land of Mystery and Marvels

Only 349 days before we depart JFK International Airport
and begin our Adventure!!



This is what we may see on the morning of 01 November 2022 as we wake to begin our first day in Amboseli National Park ... the beginning of another beautiful day with a sunrise over majestic Mt. Kilimajaro!

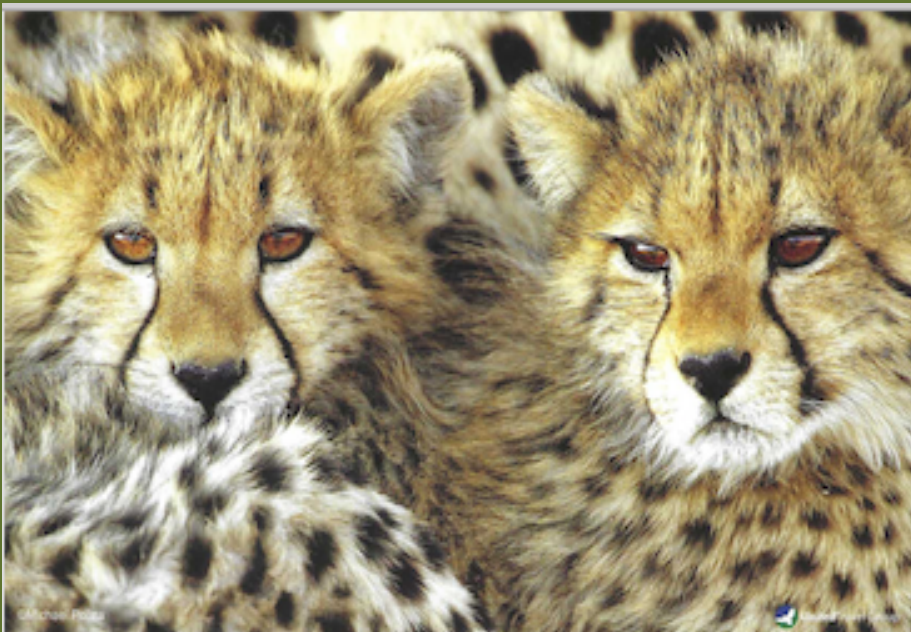


This area is known for its herds of elephants and we should see plenty of them! You'll notice how protective the adults are of the young ones and how the "teenagers" try out their skills at being protective! You'll enjoy quite a few laughs!!! ... and develop a deep understanding of this endangers species. Not to mention falling in love with those little ones as they frolic in the safety of the herd!!!

Along the way, we will visit many shops where you can buy souvenirs. Kenyans are amazing artisans and you'll find beautifully carved pieces from the smallest to the largest ... the largest being life size carvings of animals! Don't forget, you're not packing for an audience with the Queen, so you should have plenty of room for your shopping!



In addition to amazing carvings, you'll find textiles, jewelry, baskets, clothing, and a myriad of things you didn't think you'd need, but will somehow be drawn to! Hey! How many times will you be coming back??? Enjoy the shopping! :>)



Look at those faces!!! Don't forget your camera and charger! We'll have so many chances to see things you may never see again ... so much is being developed and humans are encroaching more and more on natural habitat every day. Don't miss the

opportunity to see beautiful animals that may not be around in the future!!!

This is a Gerenuks Gazelle – also known as the Giraffe Gazelle because it gets up on its hind legs to eat foliage from the trees. The Gerenuks Gazelle is only one of the many “deer things” (thanks, Carol, for that Name!) we’ll see during our daily game drives.



One of the stranger looking “deer things” we may see is the Okapi. It looks like something put together by left over parts! It is the only relative of the Giraffe, but with a much shorter neck. The Okapi has large ears, zebra like stripes on its rump and legs, and are only found in Central Africa. They are very shy,

solitary animals and are never found in herds.

Ok, guys! That’s about it for this week ... but stay tuned! We should have the airfare in a matter of weeks now!!! Don’t forget to keep those questions coming!

’til next week, kwa heri!!! Jeanie Matthies-Kurzrok

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P.S. – Where would you like to go in 2023??? South Africa??? Egypt??? The Galapagos??? Let me know!!!