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09 days “Wild Cats” Photosafari

By Babette De Jonge



*This safari is for the **enthusiastic hobby photographer** who is dreaming about visiting the
pristine Wilderness of Africa !*



Maasai Mara Game Reserve – Kenya



Dates

From 27th February to 06th March 2012 (08 Nights / 09 Days)

Tour booking through

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Per safari equipped

Landcruiser occupancy

03 - 04 Photographers in each 09 seater Landcruiser with experienced safari guide



Join **Babette** on a **10 DAY WILD CAT PHOTO - SAFARI** that emphasizes on taking professional photos of the African Wild Cats in the world famous Maasai Mara Game Reserve. A variety of wonderful game sightings can be spotted and photographed as the Mara boasts the highest concentration of wild animals in Africa !

INTRODUCTION:



Photographer/Wild Cats Specialist: **Babette de Jonge**

Living in Bussum, in the heart of the Netherlands, my heart certainly lies in the Masai Mara in Kenya. For years my big passion in life is travelling to places like the Mara but also other places in Africa and India, to see my other big passion, the big and small wild cats, in their natural habitat. A third passion to make this all complete is photography. Wild cats and other wildlife in particular.

I already started taking photos at a very young age. Firstly focusing on concerts and famous people (ABBA, Tina Turner, Spandau Ballet, Roxette, Celine Dion) I started taking more and more stills of animals. Firstly my own pets and the ones of neighbours and friends and after that I started concentrating on the wild animals.

My favourite animals always were cats, so it was very logical to love their bigger relatives as well. On regular visits to several zoos I took thousands of stills of tigers, lions, leopards, cheetahs, but also the lesser cats deserved my devotion like servals, caracals, desert cats. Not to forget the other great animals.

My big wish to see these cats in the wild had to come true and I started travelling to Africa (and later on India to see tigers). What people said is true: having been in Africa once you'll return for sure. So, lots of travels followed. You can see some of my travel reports on my website: www.wildcatsmagazine.nl of which I'm the proud owner for several years.

What started as a hobby turned out to become more of a profession. I did a lot of things during the years beside travelling and photography, like working with and for wild cats in sanctuaries and with foundations working for the endangered wild cats, like the cheetah and tiger. I write articles for some magazines and websites and I have a lot of contacts with wildlife biologists, camera specialists and people working with/for wild animals. Even though biology was one of my favourite subjects at school, I learned everything "in the bush".

Now it's time for my own "**Wild Cats Photosafari**" and I love to share the bush and the wonderful sightings of wild cats and other wildlife with you.

The Masai Mara is the best place to be, so I hope many of you will join me and learn everything about how to make great shots and to learn everything about the behaviour of the wild animals. Also if you're not a photographer/filmmaker you can of course join this trip!

Camera Equipment: Canon EOS 350D, Sony A100 en Sony A200 with different lenses from 18-400mm.

My slogan is though:

It's the photographer, not the camera who's taking the great shots!



Some beautiful photos taken by Babette in her recent trip to Mara!!!



Detailed Itinerary:

KEYS:

BB – bed & breakfast (breakfast only)

HB – half board (breakfast, lunch OR dinner)

FB – full board (breakfast, lunch & dinner)

DAY 01: (27th February 2012 – Monday) Nairobi – Great Rift Valley – Maasai Mara Game Reserve

Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in the morning, you will be met by our representative and transferred to Wilson Airport for your flight to Mara departing at 1000 Hrs to arrive at 1045 Hrs.

Upon arrival, your PRIVATE SAFARI GUIDES will be waiting to receive and transfer you to the camp in your private vehicle with a short game drive en-route. Enjoy the rest of the morning at leisure. After lunch, embark on your first game drive within the Maasai Mara at your convenience. The Mara is more than just the most popular wildlife park in the country; in many cases it is the reason why people come to visit Kenya. This is a classic African Savanna, and the sheer density of wildlife is amazing. The Mara is in the northern extension of the Serengeti plains. Watered by the Mara River and its tributary the Talek, the park here comprises 1510 sq kilometers of open grassland tucked away in the south west corner of the country. In the Mara you will see an astonishing amount of wild life, of the big cats, lions are found in large prides everywhere and it is not uncommon to see them hunting. Cheetahs and leopards are harder to spot, but are still fairly common. Elephants, buffaloes, zebras and hippos also exist in large numbers. Meals and overnight at **MARA BUSH CAMP – full board basis**

DAY 02 – 08 (28th February – Tuesday to 05th March – Monday 2012): Maasai Mara Game Reserve

We shall spend 07 (Seven) nights in the luxurious Mara Bush Camp which is unfenced but guarded by local Maasai. You will enjoy the feeling of being in the middle of the bush and nature surrounding you with its sights and sounds. During the day we shall always have an early start to take advantage of the best light early morning and late afternoon. Around lunch time when the sun reaches its highest point it may not be advisable to stay out in the bush. We then take a break, have lunch at the camp and rest for a short period before proceeding on the afternoon game drive.

In the evening, we shall meet at the cozy lounge tent and have a drink or cocktail at the bar. Here, you may load the batteries of your camera and discuss the various photos that were taken during the day. Afterwards, dinner is served and the plans for the next day are discussed. Each day planned as to send vehicles into different directions the participants requests and recommendations by other days we may all go in the same direction. Our to photograph the BIG CATS such as lion, cheetah leopard ! It is also possible to take your breakfast in picnic, the same with lunch which enables you to whole day out in the bush instead of returning to the meals. Important is only a short meeting with your evening. (he will book your meals with the kitchen



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All meals and overnight at **MARA BUSH board basis**

CAMP – full



DAY 09: (06th March – Tuesday 2012) Maasai Mara - Nairobi

In the morning you will enjoy a last early morning game drive. After a late breakfast freshen up and check-out from your respective tents. Depart for another game drive with packed lunches for the last extensive game drive until your drop off at the airstrip at 1545 Hrs for your Nairobi flight departing at 1600 Hrs and arriving in Nairobi at 1730 Hrs. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your international flight. Time allowing, you may be dropped at a city Restaurant of your choice for dinner payable direct.

END OF ALL ARRANGEMENTS

Included in this Safari:

- All Park entrance fees
- Transport in custom safari built long wheel based Landcruiser with roof hatches / pop-up roof, with a maximum of 04 photographers only in each vehicle
- English speaking driver/guide, conversant with all requirements necessary for photographers
- Unlimited game drives as per the itinerary
- 08 Nights on full board at Mara Bush Camp
- All airport transfers on arrival / departure
- Mineral water during game drives
- Evacuation insurance to / from Nairobi in case of emergency
- Bean / Sand bags in each vehicle
- Safari guided and accompanied by Mrs. Babette De Jonge

Domestic flights included: Return flights Nairobi, Wilson Airport / Maasai Mara, Ol-Kiombo

Not included:

- All beverages while on safari / Nairobi
- Telephone, laundry & any items of personal nature
- Visa fees & international flights
- tips for guides & camp / lodge staff
- Travel & Medical insurance
- Excursions such as visit to a local Maasai Village,
- Balloon safari in the Mara, guided walks etc.