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09 days “Special Safari for Wildlife Enthusiasts”



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Where ?

Maasai Mara Game Reserve – Kenya



Dates **28th February to 08th March 2011 (09 nights / 10 days)**

Tour booking through

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Min. number of Participants :
4 x 4 Landcruiser occupancy:

04 per vehicle

Maximum: **12** Participants

04 Photographers in each 09-seater Landcruiser with experienced safari guide **(It is possible to get a vehicle with fewer participants i.e. less than 04 persons at an additional cost, pls. inquire)**

This safari is for anyone who is dreaming of experiencing Africa's pristine wilderness with great game viewing opportunities!

Join **Babette De Jonge** on **this special safari, suitable for Professional or Hobbyphotographers/ Video-graphers or even simple Wildlife Enthusiasts !** Travel to the world famous Maasai Mara Game Reserve. There is a large variety of wonderful game sightings that can be spotted and photographed, as the Maasai 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 Maasai 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 traveling 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 traveling 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 "**special Wild Cats safari**" and I love to share the bush and the wonderful sightings of wild cats and other wildlife with you.

The Maasai 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.

ACCOMMODATION IN THE MARA:

You will stay at the **EXCLUSIVE MARA BUSH CAMP** that is purely designed to serve individual groups & photographers with its excellent and unique location. With 10 luxury tents on the river, you will enjoy tranquility and nature at first hand. You are meters away from all the action as the camp is wild & unfenced but at the same time offers all the amenities one expects to have a comfortable stay close to nature. One can book to share with another photographer or have their own single tent. Babette will be leading this trip & be available to comment and advise on photographic techniques, how to position the camera in order to take advantage of the best light and much more. Every evening, the group will meet in the comfortable lounge tent and share their ideas and discuss the day's events, sightings and photographs. Camera batteries / Laptops can be charged at the same time and reviews of images are made.



Lounge & Mess Tent



Lounge Tent during the day



Client Tent

www.marabushcamp.com/en

This safari will take place with a **maximum of 12 clients**. You will have the luxury of sharing your 4 wheel drive vehicle only with **three** more photographers and your experienced, well conversant safari driver cum guide. The advantage therefore lies in the flexibility and excellent space that each photographer will enjoy when photographing through the pop-up roof or the window. (Bean bags and sand bags are available for each photographer on complimentary basis)

The vehicles you will be traveling in is a four wheel drive Landcruiser, custom safari built and designed for the African Bush ! Seating capacity of 08 client seats + 01 seat of driver/guide, offering ample space for any movement necessary to achieve the best position to photograph from.



On this trip, we primarily visit and concentrate on the world famous

MAASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

The Maasai Mara Game Reserve is widely considered to be Africa's greatest wildlife reserve. The reserve comprises 200 sq miles of open plains, woodlands and riverine forest and unrivalled game viewing. One can encounter the famous BIG CATS such as Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Serval, Genet Cat & much more. Further, the Maasai Giraffe, Zebras, Wildebeest, Elephants, a variety of antelopes, monkeys and over 350 species of different birds inhabit the reserve too. Large Crocodiles and families of Hippo live in the various Mara / Talek Rivers and their tributaries. Mara Bush Camp has a Hippo Pool right at the entrance of the Camp which is occupied by Hippos all year round. The Mara is an awesome natural wonder, a place where Maasai warriors share the plains with hunting lions, a place of mighty herds and timeless cycles of life, death and regeneration. This unique co-existence of man and wildlife makes this Maasai land one of the world's most unique wilderness regions.

The Tour operator in charge of bookings and all ground arrangements in Kenya is:

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Sunworld Safaris specializes in **individual PHOTO –SAFARIS for both professional & wildlife enthusiasts** in Kenya and Tanzania and has their head office in Nairobi, but can also be contacted in Vienna and in the UK & U.S.A. Meanwhile, we are very well known for this type of safaris, especially on the German speaking market, but also internationally.

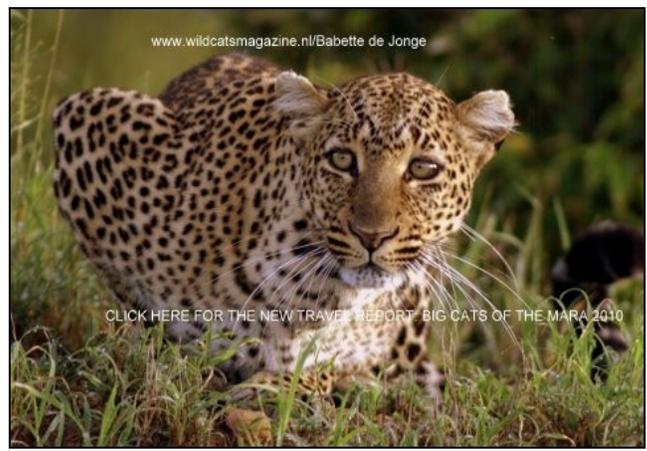
The following web-site address offers more information <http://www.sunworld-safari.com> on various Safaris on offer, the vehicles used and permanently employed guides as well as the wildebeest migration, all National Parks and weather / climate conditions. Pls. also refer to the “About us” section for further information on the company itself and the guest book for references from clients who have traveled with Sunworld before.

Since there is high demand for this type of safaris, we kindly request you to fully confirm your participation until **latest 30th September 2010**. We do request that international flights are booked direct through your preferred travel agent. (to / from Nairobi) On request however, Sunworld Safaris Nairobi will be pleased to assist in searching for competitive fares.

Upon confirmation, you are requested to make a **30% non-refundable deposit** in order for us to book all accommodations. A full confirmation to the participant from Sunworld Safaris will only be given once the deposit has been received. Further, the tour company reserves the right to change any accommodation should the need arise in case of not being able to confirm the availability. These will however be of the same / similar standard. Accommodations can also be changed if a different location is useful due to wildlife having moved from one area.

Our advise: From Holland, most ideal are connections with KLM Airlines. The flight to Nairobi is usually a day flight & arrives in the evening with arrival between 7.00 to 8.00 pm. Other good connections are between London to Nairobi & also from Zurich to Nairobi. If in case you arrive the previous evening, it is not a problem and we can arrange for your airport pick up and accommodation at an additional cost. You can then choose whether or not you wish to do any day excursion depending on time you have at your disposal (at an extra cost). Same applies if you are departing later than the rest and you need overnight accommodation in Nairobi.

PHOTOS taken by Babette De Jonge on her last trip to Kenya (March 2010)!





Detailed Itinerary:

KEYS:

- BB – bed & breakfast (breakfast only)
- HB – half board (breakfast, lunch OR dinner)
- FB – full board (breakfast, lunch & dinner)

DAY 01: (28th February – Monday 2011) NAIROBI – 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 10.00 Hrs to arrive at 10.45 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 (01st March – Tuesday to 07th March – Monday 2011) Maasai Mara Game Reserve



We shall spend 07 nights in the luxurious Mara Bush Camp which is not fenced 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 will be planned as to send vehicles into different directions (depending on the participants' requests and recommendations by our guides), on other days we may all go in the same direction. Our primary goal is to photograph the BIG CATS such as lion, cheetah & the elusive leopard! It is also possible to take your breakfast in the form of a picnic, the same with lunch which enables you to spend the whole day out in the bush instead of returning to the camp for meals. Important is only a short meeting with your guide in the evening. (he will book your meals with the kitchen then)



All meals and overnight at **MARA BUSH CAMP – full board basis**



DAY 09: (08th March – Tuesday 2011 Maasai Mara - Nairobi

Your last game drive and breakfast. Freshen up and immediately transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi departing at 11.00 Hrs arriving at 12.15 Hrs. On arrival in Nairobi, you will be met and transferred for lunch to the renowned Carnivore Restaurant and afterwards begin your excursions within Nairobi. You may visit the Giraffe Centre that hosts the endangered Rothschild's Giraffe which one can hand feed. The Karen Blixen Museum, and the Maasai Market, time permitting. Dinner at a city restaurant of your choice and afterwards transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your outbound flight. Entrance fees for the excursions and dinner will be payable direct

END OF ALL ARRANGEMENTS

Included in this Safari:

- All Park entrance fees to the Maasai Mara Game Reserve
- 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
- 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
- Lunch at the Carnivore Restaurant on DAY 09
- Safari accompanied by Mrs. Babette De Jonge

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.

