



African Safari Newsletter

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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did.

So throw off the bow lines. Sail away from the harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails".

Explore, Dream

Discover!

~ Mark Twain

Happy Holidays!

Our African Photo Safaris to Kenya in September were thrilling. We had unlimited photo opportunities and each of us came home with many wonderful photographs. I always enjoy sharing photos taken by safari participants. It not only showcases my clients work, but also gives you a better idea of the variety of photographic opportunities available on our safaris.

You don't have to be a professional photographer to return with fabulous images from our safaris. I will be shooting along side of you and available for instruction and to answer any questions you may have about photography.



Leopard

Nikon D300, Lens:200-400mm f/4.0
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"Everything in Africa bites, but the safari bug is worst of all."

~ Brian Jackman

News Flash! Photo safaris here in the United States!

For over twenty five years I have enjoyed the privilege of photographing some of our nation's most beautiful landscapes and wildlife. In 2009, in addition to my African safaris, I am expanding to lead photo workshops to spectacular places right here in the United States. On these tours I will cover various photographic techniques (composition, lighting and equipment) along with photoshop workflow and techniques. These tours will be ideal for those who are switching to digital. Where would you like to photograph and learn? Your input as to locations will be greatly appreciated. I will give strong consideration to your favorite destinations for my workshops.

Check for details in my next newsletter to learn more about these fun and informative photo safaris.

Don captured this photo at Sweetwaters Private Reserve near the edge pond in front of our tents.



Crowned Cranes

Canon 1D Mark III: Canon 100-400 IS
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Upcoming 2009 Safari Schedule

Tanzania and Kenya - 18 Days	February 10 - 27, 2009	Itinerary and Pricing
Tanzania and Kenya - 17 Days	July 15 - 31, 2009	Itinerary and Pricing
Kenya - 17 Days	September 6-22, 2009	Itinerary and Pricing

There are still spaces available on the 2009 safaris. Reserve your spaces early to avoid being disappointed!

Important Safari Information:

- **Prices for our safaris include airfare from LAX** -most other companies do not include airfare.
- We have **only three passengers per nine passenger safari vehicle**. You will enjoy plenty of space for you and your equipment! Beware of the guaranteed window seat gimmick advertised by many safari companies! Here is why! (Faces have been blurred to protect the crowded!)



- We **stay in luxury safari lodges**. [View lodges](#)
- You do not have to be a photographer but you must enjoy watching the wildlife because that is what we do!
- I will be there to photograph with you and available to answer your questions.
- Parks we visit on our safaris. [View parks](#)



I hope you will join me for an African Safari; your adventure of a lifetime! For more information, prices and itineraries [click here](#).

To reserve your space on a safari, please call
Paul Renner at (949) 295-3136,
email him at paulrenner3@cox.net

or

call Prem Sharma at Somak Safaris (800) 757-6625

On safari I am happy to share my photographic knowledge with my clients. You do not have to be a photographer to go on the trips, however you should enjoy watching wildlife because that is our main focus.



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Important Safari Information:

On our Safaris we stay in first class luxury lodges and camps.
[For information and photos of the lodges and accommodations click here.](#)

Our tours are limited to 18 people, including the leaders. We have only 3 passengers per 9 passenger vehicle giving us plenty of space for our photo equipment. We can photograph through windows on BOTH sides of the vehicle and also from the top, which pops up to create shade so you are protected from the hot, equatorial sun. Compared to other tours that pack the vans with up to eight people, this is a huge deal!

As we leave the lodges, the vehicles separate and spread out. This allows us to have six guides out looking for wildlife. They each have radios to let each other know what they find. This way no one misses out on seeing the wildlife and with six great guides, you can hardly believe all of the wildlife they find. Our guides are amazing!

Our African safaris really are the trip of a lifetime! I can hardly believe how fortunate I was to have been born and grown up in East Africa. Now that I am able to take people with me and share what I know about photography along with my personal experiences of Africa, I am thrilled so many clients return and say to me "that was the best trip I have ever been on" or "thank you for the vacation of a lifetime! I want to go again in a year or two!"

Client's Photos

The end of the year is a good time to reflect back on this years events. I was fortunate to lead five exciting, fun filled safaris to Kenya and Tanzania with participants from around the world. Our safaris to Kenya this past September were fabulous so I would like to share photos taken by some of the participants. To view their photos and read what they had to say about our safari, click on their name below.

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Africa is famous for spectacular sunrises and sunsets. Each day our morning game drive begins before sunrise. On our afternoon game drives, we return to the lodge just after sunset. This gives us the best opportunities to photograph this incredible beauty.



Masai Mara Sunset

Nikon D700, Lens:70-200mm f/2.8

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I hope you will consider joining me on an African Photo Safari in the future. It will be your trip of a lifetime! Why not in 2009?

For more information, prices and itineraries [click here](#).

Wishing you the happiest of holiday seasons and a prosperous New Year!

Enjoy each day.

Paul

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