

# Photo Safaris by Paul Renner



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"Everything in Africa bites, but the safari bug is worst of all."

~ Brian Jackman



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## African Safari Photos by Richard Walker

Judy's lifelong dream has been to study and observe African wildlife behavior in their own habitats. Having an opportunity to photograph African animals presented a fascinating challenge for Richard. Our recent trip to Kenya and Tanzania with Paul Renner exceeded all expectations. We expected it would be good, but were not prepared for the intense impact it had upon us. One can read accounts about African travel, view photos and watch videos, but everything pales compared to experiencing Africa in person, immersed in all its visceral sights, sounds and smells. Vitally important is having a competent tour leader and we have only the highest compliments and respect for Paul. The entire trip felt good, like traveling with a trusted friend. Paul's upbringing in Africa as a youth and his fluent Swahili proved invaluable when dealing with the multitude of everyday details any trip like this requires. His expertise as a professional photographer helped guide our activities to maximize photographic opportunities. We especially appreciated his policy of limiting persons in a safari vehicle to only three. This way we could all concentrate solely on photography without having the frustrations of an overly crowded vehicle, like so many other safari tours. Paul's long association with Somak Safaris (who provide the vehicles, handle travel arrangements, and do the lodge bookings) made for a very smooth, trouble-free trip. We were always well-looked after and our questions answered fully. This greatly helped to reduce stress level and made the experience very pleasurable. We feel like the trip was worth every cent, and we could not have gotten more out of it if we had spent three times as much, as have some other people we know. Would we go again? Absolutely, and we are planning to return in 2012. - Richard & Judy Walker, Monrovia, CA



### Wildebeest Fight

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**Imagine the Thrill!**

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**Yawning Lion**

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**Crowned Cranes**

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**Young Baboon**

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### **Cheetahs**

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### **Cubs at Play**

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### **Elephants in the Mara**

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