

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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Join Us on Safari

The excitement is starting to build! In just over two weeks I am off again to Tanzania on another photographic safari. I can hardly wait! Consider joining me in July or September for an unforgettable photographic safari experience! There are just a few spaces left so if interested, contact me ASAP.

"How close can you get to the animals in Africa?" This is a question I am often asked. On safari we stop at a close, yet safe distance from the animals. As long as we remain calm and quiet in the vehicle, the wildlife usually feel comfortable enough to come within very close proximity to the vehicles seemingly paying no attention to the car or the occupants. This is the ideal situation because it gives us great opportunities to photograph animal behavior in their natural habitat.

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Elephants and Somak Vehicle

Samburu National Park, Kenya
Canon 20D, Lens- 100 - 400IS
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February 2007 safari to Tanzania has been sold out for months. [Click here](#) for upcoming safari details.

On occasion we have seen cheetahs jump up on to a vehicle to get a better view of wildlife in the surrounding area. We were excited to find this one up on a vehicle about an hour before sunset in the Mara. It would sit up and scan the plains looking for gazelle, then lay back down and snooze for a while. This routine went on for about an hour. As the sun began to set, it got up, did a few stretching exercises, looked around and strategically peed and then pooped on the roof of the vehicle just before jumping off and walking out onto the plains in search of an unsuspecting gazelle it hoped to catch for dinner.



Cheetah on Vehicle
Masai Mara, Kenya
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This may not have been a big deal, but there were two Park Rangers that were held hostage in their vehicle. They had rolled the car windows up tightly so the cheetah couldn't hurt them and then had to sit there in the heat while their car windows steamed up. It was a humorous ending to another great day in the Mara!



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Announcing New Tanzania Photographic Safari February 15-29, 2008

I am aware that many of you have been waiting patiently for me to post the prices for the 2008 Tanzania safari. Good news is, we finally have the price, bad news is the price went up, but more good news, I feel it is still the best Safari in Tanzania and is still less expensive compared to other reliable safari companies. For pricing and safari details click [here](#).

Suddenly everything changed! One of the giraffe slammed his head into the other's back and the fight was on!



The Eye of the Elephant
Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania
Canon 20D, Lens- 100 - 400IS

One morning we were surprised by Somak Safaris with a delicious bush breakfast, served at the edge Mara River. I was walking along the bank looking for hippos or crocodiles, when I encountered this baby impala resting under a small tree. He appeared not to be bothered by my presence, so I snapped a few pictures before continuing on my way along the river.



Baby Impala

Masai Mara, Kenya
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One thing I love about watching the wildlife surprise factor. We were watching a herd of zebra in Samburu when suddenly two males split out from the herd and started fighting right in front of us. They reared up, kicked and bit each other hard and then went right back to getting along with each other in the herd. Maybe there is a lesson somewhere in that for us.



Grevey's Zebras Fighting

Buffalo Springs, Samburu, Kenya

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- ε We stay in luxury safari lodges. View [Safari Lodges](#)
- ε 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.

I hope you will join me for an African Safari, your adventure of a lifetime!!!
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Few things get my heart pounding faster than watching a hunting lion. Their patience is uncanny. They will wait, watching and studying their prey, sometimes for hours, planning their attack for exactly the right moment to catch their victim off guard. Suddenly they crouch low hugging the ground as they creep silently toward their prey. They focus on the weakest animal, but maintain a constant awareness for the rest of the herd. When hunting as a pride, they will work as a team, orchestrating a well planned attack to cut off possible escape routes of their prey, sometimes even herding the startled animal into the trap of waiting lions.



Lioness Hunting

Lake Nakuru National Park , Kenya
Canon 20D, Lens- 100 - 400IS
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Lions usually attack the weakest animal in a herd. This accomplishes two things: the first being an easier hunt for the lions and more importantly, by killing the weaker animal, they promote survival of the fittest, whereby the healthier animals are left to breed and carry on the stronger, healthier genes of the species.



Lioness With Wildebeest Kill

Masai Mara National Park, Kenya
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Lodges and camps we use on our Safaris

We stay in first class luxury lodges and camps.

[For information and photos of the lodges and accommodations click here.](#)

Africa is famous for it's spectacular sunrises and sunsets. During the safari we leave the lodges before sunrise and return after sunset. This gives us the best opportunities to photograph this incredible beauty.



Serengeti Sunrise
Canon 20D, Lens 28-105

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**Enjoy each day,
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