

# The Best of Kenya & Tanzania - A Family Safari

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How does one have toooo much fun in Africa? Well try this - put 4 families together - 9 kids from 9 to 19 - add in really cool wildlife, a dash of rain and many cups of singing and what do you get! The April 2006 Family Safari!

This safari was started by a young lad named Stu. Stu and I spent some time

together in his grade 1 class - talking about Africa and I tell you - this is one future conservationist (except when it comes to ants....). "One day you will go to Africa I am sure" I said to Stu - and lo and behold - 2 years later we did!

We were joined by his mom, dad and photographer extraordinaire brother, a lovely family of 4 with 2 pretty gals I have known from birth and their mom and dad (complete with safari vest). Another cool family of 4 with a giraffe of a dad, the monkey of a mom, the sweetest daughter and the "worst client" (we even made our own safari video on him!) son. Next to United Kingdom we found the Rose of a family - 3 of the most unproper Brits that were musical and cheerful! Top all of this off with some of the Simply Safari store gals who helped me shop, helped me laugh, helped me celebrate a big birthday - and more. Rose and I had our hands full with this crew!

The trip was exceptional with wildlife galore and amazing accommodation. We were all treated to no less than - 6 FULL GROWN MALE LIONS TOGETHER IN THE MARA!



Cheetahs hunting, ele's doing their famous road crossings in Amboseli, just a few wildebeest on the edge of the Serengeti, rehabilitated chimps at Sweetwater's, lions on a giraffe kill in Samburu - oh my where does it end!

What a treat to spend time with such great folks - wonderful kids that absorbed all Africa had to give. Not only did they take it all in - they have given back with fundraising efforts for the Kajjado Girls School in Kenya as well as the Maasai Village in Tanzania. Truly a labor of love.

Would I take 9 year old Stu on safari again - absolutely - in fact - I'm thinking he might be a great tour leader! Thinking mom and dad may not be up for this - maybe let's wait till he is the ripe old age of 12! Kidding....



**Giraffe Sunset image by Ross ..... Lion lazing in the Crater by Brian.....  
Too much fun on the Equator (wait I feel a song coming on!) by Carol  
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