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AFRICA WAS AMAZING

Yes, Africa was simply amazing. Words cannot express the beauty, wonder and power of Tanzania, but I will try to describe it in my simple words.

It was scenery, people, animals and nature at its best. The true Circle of Life.

I began my twelve day journey by reuniting with my oldest daughter, Lindsay. She had been in India for eight months studying and traveling, so my trip started on a high note. From the beginning, I knew why Disney Vacation Club selected Thomson Safari for their Adventure Collection. They were wonderful; they truly exceeded our expectations and just like Disney, paid attention to every detail.

Our Safari group consisted of only 10 people and 2 tour guides. You really couldn't have selected a better group. We traveled in two land rovers with pop up roofs. We began our journey near Mt Kilimanjaro and Mt Meru; how's that for scenery. We hiked Mt Meru through a small village and visited a local school. Thanks to our wonderful guide Anthony, he grew up in the village, and introduced us to the locals and their culture.

Our first night inside a national park was at Tarangire National Park, a tented camp. If only my camping as a kid has been like this! We saw impalas, elephants, giraffe, warthogs, Tommy's (just like Animal Kingdom), baobab trees and lions feasting on a giraffe (not like Animal Kingdom). I was awoken the second day by a troop of 30 baboons passing between our tents, what a wake up call.



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HOME WARRANTY BENEFITS

Globe Home Warranty covers breakdowns in your home's major systems such as plumbing, electrical, heating, and air conditioning, plus major appliances like dishwashers, microwaves, refrigerators, ovens, washers and more.

Globe Home Warranty ensures rapid professional repairs of specified systems and components and helps reduce buyer concerns about future problems.

Globe Home Warranty is an added benefit and a cost effective way to protect your home's mechanical systems and appliances. You never know when your appliances may fail.

With Globe Home Warranty you can relax and enjoy your new home.

Interesting Ideas

Condo Cruise Lines

A recent article on Planet Realtor reported the sellout of a condominium project on a Cruise ship with Destin-based Condo Cruise Lines. They converted semi-retired cruise ships into multi-room luxury condo suites. They touted that real estate investors chose this option because the rental income would be five times higher than a beachfront condo on the Gulf. And just think, it can be moved when a hurricane is coming! I'll keep you posted.

Safety Tip

I received this great idea on one of those forward emails, but this one makes great sense.

It suggests you place your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your home, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off and the horn will continue to sound until you either turn it off or the car battery dies.

I used my panic button once when a group of kids were gathered around my car at a rest stop on the turnpike and believe me they scattered.



Our next stay was at Gibbs Farm, an actual working coffee plantation. It was perched high on the side of a mountain above the coffee fields and gardens. We hiked up to see an elephant cave (that's an interesting story) and a waterfall. All the food served had been grown at the farm, what a treat.

From there we traveled to the Ngorongoro Crater National Park. The view from our balcony looked down about 2000' into the crater. We were able to view hippos, flamingos, cape buffalo, zebras, black rhinoceros, wildebeests, jackals, many types of birds and hyenas. At night warriors from nearby Maasai Villages entertained us with tribal dance, songs and drums.

Just as I think I am getting a grip on Africa, I get a curve ball. On our way to the Serengeti our guide arranges for us to tour a nomadic Maasi Village. The huts are made from cow dung and the animals sleep inside to keep the women and children warm and the animals protected from predators. It was straight out of National Geographic.

Our last stay was in the Serengeti and it was magical. The vastness of the savannahs has to be seen to be understood. We arrived during the migration of wildebeests, by the thousands. At times we sat just watching them cross the road, waiting for a break to get passed. They migrate with zebras for some reason that made sense at the time but escapes my real world knowledge now.

For the perfect ending to our Safari we signed up for a sunrise Balloon ride over the Serengeti and it was perfect. There were 16 of us that got up at 4:30am, drove 1 ½ hours and floated in the dawning silence over a majestic landscape. I think it's definitely a new ride for Animal Kingdom! We floated over hippo pools, wildebeests migrations, bald eagle's nests and lions, quite incredible. As we flew out of the Serengeti the only thing we could talk about was where we would go next! We couldn't think of anything to top this trip but we all promised to give it our best consideration and start planning. Safari Njema!