

# DRUMBEATS



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## HELLO READERS!

Welcome to our Fall edition of *Drumbeats*, our quarterly publication that is designed to bring the rhythm of Africa into the middle of your busy lifestyle. In this issue, our focus is on the continent's equatorial gem: East Africa, which boasts exceptional safari experiences in the grand old tradition of Hemingway and Churchill!

— Anne Bellamy, President



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### Jennifer Luckow

*CTC, Safari Consultant, ext. 113*  
A native of Great Britain, Jennifer is a Travel Industry veteran with many years in both retail and wholesale. She is quite familiar with South Africa - having lived there for nearly 10 years - and last year went on an extensive trek through East Africa. Next stop Namibia. She loves the challenge and rewards of creating perfect 'dream' safaris.

## OUR MISSION

A safari to Africa is a life-long 'dream come true'. *African Travel, Inc.* is dedicated to assisting our customers create, plan and experience the best possible safari adventure. By sharing our knowledge, experience and expertise, our simple mission is to breath life into fantasies and help our clients truly 'live the dream'...



## THE CHEETAH SHEET

### 10 TOP ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO ANIMAL VIEWING:

1. **Ballooning:** from Masai Mara and Serengeti lodges
2. **Big Game Fishing** (Aug.- May): Watumu, Malindi, Zanzibar
3. **Diving and Snorkelling** (Sep. to April): from many coastal hotels
4. **Golf:** Windsor Country Club; Mount Kenya Safari Club
5. **Horse Riding:** in the Masailand, near the Masai Mara, Mount Kenya Safari Club; Some Bush homes
6. **Shopping:** at a fixed price co-ops or markets with a guide

## Hot GNUUS

**Where? Kenya. What? East Africa's most exquisite bush homes set against the backdrop of the sweeping savannah!**

Discriminating clients seeking a safari away from typical tours have been enjoying Kenya's Bush Homes. These living museums sleep fewer guests, and are as individual and eclectic as their owners. **Deloraine**, built in 1920 by Lord Francis Scott celebrates colonial European styles and **Oi Donyo Wuas**, pays tribute to natural materials using fallen olive trees to fashion furniture, and bright fabrics, purchased from the bustling fabric bazaar in Nairobi's Biashara Street, honor ethnic Africa. At **Loisaba** guests luxuriate in a four-poster Star bed, resplendent with down duvet, atop an elevated handcrafted platform, partially covered by a thatched roof. Each homemade 'Mukokoteni' ('**bed on wheels**') can be wheeled onto the open deck for a night under the stars!

**Where? Tanzania. What? Returning to the original essence of "safari" with more intimate camps in Tanzania.**

Those questing something **wilder while still luxurious** are the right match for these camps sleeping a maximum of 24 persons. In the game-rich Serengeti, we recommend two excellent camps: **Klein's and Grumeti**. For adventurers wishing to explore new areas, we offer the **Selous Safari Camp** or **Jongamero** in Ruaha. An ideal ending is to relax on Mnemba Island or at **Ras Kutani**, on the Tanzanian Coast. A custom adventure can be crafted, or is ready-made with our 'Great Migration' Safari!

**Where? Kenya. What? Step back into the romantic era of Denys Finch-Hatton...**

For a grand style safari reminiscent of a golden bygone age our top pick is **Cottars 1920s Camp**, where each tent is furnished with four-poster beds, ostrich feather filled quilts and 1920s safari antiques; and each bathroom contains a classic canvas bathtub filled on demand. The sounds of an authentic 1920s gramophone fill the air as dinner is served by candlelight with silver and crystal. Fine French wines partner the gourmet meal and port and cigars complete the night. Next morning, at the camp's site

**7. Mountain Hikes:** Mt. Kenya; Mt. Meru and Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

**8. White Water Rafting:** Athi River

**9. Eating:** try authentic Swahili dishes or seek out the local nyama choma (BBQ feast)

**10. Dhow Cruising:** along the coast on traditional Arab sailing boats

## SAFARI SCRAMBLE

In this issue you will find several words that are this color **green**. When these words are put together in the correct order with the green words that APPEARED in the Summer issue of *Drumbeats*, they will spell out a sentence. If you submit that sentence to us correctly by Dec. 31 2004, you will be entered in a drawing to win a free safari to Africa! January's issue will announce the winner. To enter your sentence entry-- Submit by emailing us at [ati@africantravelinc.com](mailto:ati@africantravelinc.com). In the subject line. Type, SAFARI SCRAMBLE. To qualify, please include your name, full address and email. Good Luck! Psst... Green is not, one of the words. [Drumbeats Newsletter Archive](#)

in the eastern Masai Mara, Calvin Cottar and his expert guides share an unrivaled knowledge of Africa as they lead our guests out game viewing...far from the madding crowd!

**Where? Uganda and Rwanda. What? Gorillas... 179 to be exact!**

High in the mountainous jungles, track these elusive and most human of creatures. Sit no more than a body's length away as they play and build their nests. **Only sixty permits are available daily** for the lucky visitors who return wide-eyed to tell the tale.

Habituated gorillas can be visited for one hour in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park and Mgahinga National Park in Uganda and Parc National des Volcans (PNV) in Rwanda.

We recommend the **Volcanoes Safaris Eco-lodges**, which employ a distinctive approach, using indigenous materials and ensuring that local communities benefit from the lodge operations. In June, **Virungas Lodge** opened for guests wishing to trek in PNV. The spectacular location, overlooking two lakes and 6 of the Virunga volcanoes, together with the great style and superb service, make for an unforgettable stay. Our staffers, Susannah Zani and Jane Behrend have recently visited this magnificent area.



Dave Herbert,  
CTC, Director

## SAFARI DAVE'S DO'S & DON'TS

**Game Viewing Tip:** Please respect your ranger's judgement about your proximity to certain wild animals. Don't insist that he take the vehicle closer so you can get a better photograph. A vehicle driven too close can hinder a hunt, or cause animals to abandon a hard-earned meal.

**Customs & Manners Tip:** Here are some interesting customs to keep in mind for East Africa. Try to exchange greetings in Swahili "Hello" is pronounced *sah-lahm-ah* and "How are you?" is pronounced *hah-bah-ree*. Don't expect people to smile when you meet in Tanzania. This is a signal of politeness, not unfriendliness.



## TRAVEL AGENT EXTRA **ROAR** DINAIRE

When Carol Lenger calls Jennifer (see Staff Spotlight) at *African Travel*, she usually knows what she wants for her clients, having traveled before to Africa. Jennifer makes her suggestions and together they have crafted many a journey for Carol's clients. From her base at Pathfinder Travel/MTA, in Grand Rapids Michigan, Carol has specialized since 1972 in photo safaris and African trips for missionaries and hunters, and often donates safaris as fundraisers for non-profit and charity organizations. She can be reached at (800) 682-8006 or [caroll@pathfinderstravel.net](mailto:caroll@pathfinderstravel.net). We salute Carol Lenger as our Fall season's Travel Agent Most Extra-Roar-Dinaire!



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**HAVE YOU HERD?**



Have you *heard* that our *African Travel* staff just returned from a fun-filled company retreat to Las Vegas! Several of our African suppliers including airlines, luxury trains, lodges and hotels flew over to make presentations and help **us** refine the tools we need to guide our clients' travels. An African costume party (right) topped off the weekend! Best Costume winners won trips to different **parts** of the continent -- Susannah dressed as a flamingo won a South Africa safari, and Jennifer as Protea Princess (*South Africa's national flower*) is off to Namibia!

**SAFARI SO GOOD**

"...heart-felt thanks for your exemplary services that made possible for me one of the greatest experiences of a life time. I had been planning to tour Africa since 1963... *African Travel* made the wait well worth while!"  
— L.H. - Springfield, VA



**Stripes & Spots**

The vocal sack **of** male reed frogs is inflated and used as a boxing glove during breeding season to punch other males off favorite perches.



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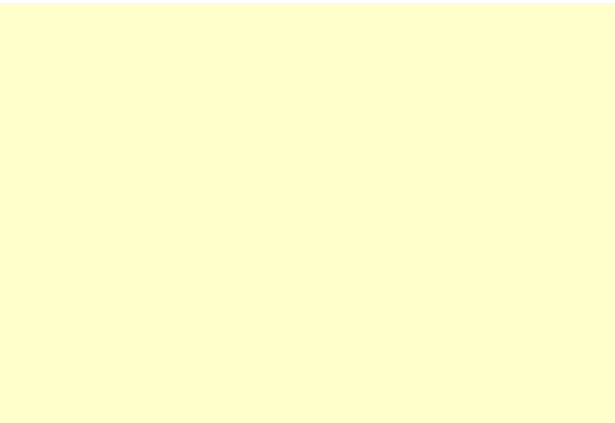
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Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania



Klein's Camp, Serengeti,  
Tanzania



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