

Recent Client Trip Reports and Comments – January to March

Tanzania, Botswana and Cape Town - January 2007

"Stupendous, superb, awesome, ah inspiring, incredible, life changing and a trip of a lifetime! I could take up a few pages going on like this but I'm sure you have heard all of it before. The recent itinerary you and your staff planned for me not only fulfilled my dreams but exceeded my expectations. I will never forget seeing the alpenglow of Mt. Kilimanjaro serving as a stunning backdrop to a Masai boma; the rich red fertile ground surrounding the area of Gibbs Farm; feeling as though I had discovered the Garden of Eden when looking out for the first time at the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater; the vastness of the Serengeti; the history of Stonetown and the white beaches of Zanzibar; the smoke and thunder of Victoria Falls; the smooth gliding mokoro ride across a portion of the Okavango Delta, and the wealth of wildlife in Mombo but most of all I won't forget the people! I heard several versions of one popular saying, which goes something like this, 'once you get the soil of Africa on your feet you can't remove it'. While I overwhelmingly agree with that, I'd have to add that once you meet the people you leave your heart behind too. I certainly did. And all of this was made possible by you and your competent and friendly staff".

Gail Schramm

Waterbury Center, VT

Tanzania and South Africa - January 2007

We wanted to just thank you for all your hard work in putting together this dream safari to Tanzania and South Africa for our family of four. As you know, we have taken six months off to travel around the world with our two daughters, ages 8 and 10, so the logistics and the right guides and camps were critical. Our guide in Tanzania, Mkenda, was outstanding! He was so intelligent and patient, he was just wonderful with our girls. He even took them to his children's school where they got a glimpse into daily life and meet some kids their age.

Mala Mala, in south Africa, was the perfect place to end our Africa Adventure as the game was prolific and they were welcoming to families. It won't be long before we are in New Zealand, which your company is planning for us as well - we know it will be just as magical. Thank you again!"

The Pierson Family

Bedford, NH

Tanzania - February 2007

"I was astounded by all the colors and the smiles of the people". We did a sunrise drive to the Crater at Ngorongoro. A leopard walked in front of us on the way in and we knew it would be a good day. I was fascinated with each animal we came across and we came across loads of animals. I have never been able to watch their behaviors at such a close distance and everything made me laugh. What fun! It was a great morning.

The Serengeti park surprised me. The desert conditions were all I had ever envisioned. But the early rains this year provided landscape treats at every turn.

I loved seeing it dressed in green. I didn't care that there were animals hiding in the highgrasses, I loved the beauty of it all. And most people didn't get to see the migrations of the zebra and wildebeest but Firoz, my guide, was determined to find them, and he did. So many animals, it gave me hope for the world.

It was a fabulous tour, I loved everything!! It was well thought out and perfectly scheduled. And it worked out great being by myself because I needed to experience Africa and process the emotions alone".

*Linda House
Virginia Beach, VA*

Kenya - February 2007

I couldn't let another day go by without expressing our thanks for such a wonderful trip. Kenya was amazing and we were thrilled to have a private guide virtually everywhere we went. We loved the 15 foot bird feeder at the Rift Valley Lodge that held 40 pounds of bird feed and attracted hundreds of species. You could see this bird feeder from the lounge and it is such a conversation piece!.

Our safari ended at the Voyager Beach Resort in Zanzibar, what a perfect place to relax. Each night after dinner there was a different show or dancers - even acrobatics one night - it was great entertainment! The Indian Ocean was the warmest we had ever experienced and we thought the Kenya coastline was better than the Caribbean or Hawaii! Asante Sana!"

*Rhonda Knop
Greenwood Village, CO*

Kenya and Rwanda - February 2007

"Once again, many thanks for planning and organizing our wonderful trip in February; thanks especially for the extras - the private bush dinner under the stars at Samburu and the sunset dhow sail with wine in Lamu were just terrific - very memorable! We stayed at Larsen's in Samburu five nights, and I really enjoyed that length of time there... No pressure to see or do anything right away as "there was plenty of time".

The camp is wonderful; twenty-four hour electricity and hairdryers! Yet they managed to keep the African tented camp and lantern-light atmosphere intact, so it was the best of both worlds.

Lamu... What an exotic place! We visited Stone Town one morning -the maze of walkways, limestone buildings, busy markets, donkeys, people, cats, storefronts --it's indescribable really. Wonderful and scenic-from the wooden dhows to the donkeys and camels we saw on the beach - you know you're far, far from home here. Peponi's was a fantastic hotel.

The Swahili -coast ambiance of the hotel itself (--arch'd doorways, wooden doors, lush tropical landscaping), our pretty room with the huge open windows and beautiful balcony overlooking the sea, the free form emerald swimming pool under a Baobab tree, the dinners served on the large dining balcony (with the sea very nearly underneath you) or near the quiet pool under the tropical stars- it is a special place to stay indeed! Thanks so much for your efforts in seeing that we had a marvelous trip!".

*Robin Fleck
Farmington Hills, MI*

South Africa - February 2007

"Shall I begin by telling you that in 3 weeks, we didn't have one bad meal? We loved every second of our safari. The itinerary worked like clockwork and we were in awe of the smooth operation and personal service.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time in Sun City and managed to get tee times for both golf courses. Mala Mala's game viewing was over the top! We saw everything we could have dreamed of and so much more.

At Phinda, we were upgrade to Vlei Camp which was exquisite. We appreciate you recommending Zibali on the coast and much to our surprise, we were upgraded to a chalet with our own private butler (although we couldn't figure out what to do with him). They provide you with a golf cart to drive around the property and it was thoroughly enjoyable. Thank you again for all your help putting together such a great trip".

*Charlotte & Philip LoBuono
Allenhurst, NJ*

Tanzania, Kenya and Rwanda - March 2007

My mother and I returned from Africa and while the memories are still fresh, I wanted to take a moment and praise you and the entire AAC team for your part in making our trip as perfect as possible. The plans were impeccable, and executed flawlessly... The Mara Explorer was a fantastic location, and we were glad to have the added experience of a permanent tented camp in the mix. While the prevailing opinion was that this was not the right time to visit the Mara, I had to wonder why. Sure, the migration was not there, but there was an abundance of other life to see - birds, elephants in mass, giraffes in mass... we loved it.

The gorillas in Rwanda were, of course, a precious highlight. While the guides were respectful of the 7 meter distance requirements, the gorillas themselves had a mind of their own and on more than one occasion, I had a gorilla within a few feet of me. We learned quickly that the gorillas don't follow established foot paths - and neither did we - and that they move fast. But the guides were terrific and they did everything to help us - from giving a helping hand to the slower folks to taking group pictures... How grateful we are that you delivered so superbly on the dream that we entrusted to your hands. It was a truly remarkable trip, and we thank you and the entire AAC team for your efforts to make it so."

*Cyndi Lafuente
Wilmette, IL*

Kenya - March 2007

"What a fantastic safari! We wanted to give a special thanks to Bill Rivard in the Air Department as he saved the day when our International flight got cancelled. His quick thinking got us on an alternative flight and we didn't miss a thing! The game viewing was spectacular - we saw everything we wanted and more, although leopard proved to be illusive but it's all the more reason to return to Africa some day. Our guides were awesome, especially John at Saruni Camp! Thanks again for everything.

*Mr. & Mrs. Wellington
Brandon, MS*