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Seasons Greetings & Happy/Prosperous New Year From The AfricanMecca Team!

Our destination planning offices will be closed for the holiday festive season from 22 Dec 2007 till 01 Jan 2008. For clients traveling during this time, our emergency contacts will be available.

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News

Do It Yourself & One Man's Safari To Darkest Africa -- At Least At Night - Special to the Vancouver Sun By Jeffrey Groberman - 03 November 2007.

Note Jeffrey Groberman traveled to Africa with AfricanMecca

"My first impression of being on safari in Africa is that it's a lot like camping in your backyard -- except for the lions, elephants, hyenas, jackals, and baboons. And it's not a garter snake and slugs you have to worry about stepping on, but green mambas and cobras.

Other than that, it's more or less the same. On the plus side, the backyard hammock has been replaced with a luxurious "tent," and every tent is attached directly to its own full bathroom.

Getting to Africa is fairly simple. You hop on a plane and in a few short hours (actually a lot of long hours -- 24 from Toronto) you land at Jomo Kenyatta International airport in the bustling city of Nairobi. You don't realize that you're really in another world until you transfer to the smaller regional airport to catch a charter to the safari camps.

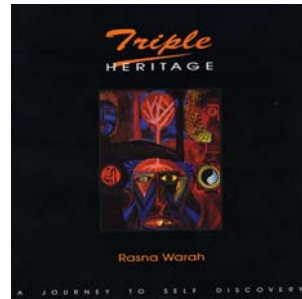


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Recommended Reading

Triple Heritage by Rasna Warah - Fourth Generation Kenyan.

[Click here](#) to Read Author's Preface. 100% Book profits support the author directly. Contact AfricanMecca to purchase the book. Price of the book is US \$20.00 includes regular mail shipping and handling charges through postal mail



Safari Destination Guide

Shaba National Reserve

Shaba National Reserve, which lies east of the road linking Isiolo with Marsabit, form a trio of unusual and attractive game sanctuaries very different from others in Kenya. Shaba National Reserve has a particular place in the history of Kenya game conservation for it was in this reserve that the authoress, Joy Adamson, died, her trilogy of books on the rehabilitation of the compliant leopard to a wild environment remained unfinished. Shaba was one of Joy Adamson's greatest African loves; it was in this tranquil wilderness where she released the first hand-raised leopards Shaba took its name from the Mount Shaba (1525 meters), a volcanic mountain that became extinct around 5,000 years ago. Mount Shaba lies on the border of the reserve.

Animals commonly seen are elephants, lions, cheetahs, grevy's zebras, giraffes, gerenuks, buffalos, oryx, grants gazelles, dikdiks and waterbucks. The river forest attracts a wide variety of birds.



[Click here](#) for a complete guide to **Shaba**

Joys Camp - Shaba

AfricanMecca Tier 1 Accommodation. [Click here](#) for

details on Safari Tier™

Joys Camp is situated in Shaba National Reserve, which is 314kms from Nairobi. Shaba National Reserve is a semi desert with a rugged hilly terrain, with great rocky kopjes (small hills) and lots of springs supporting the abundant wildlife. The landscape is similar to nearby Samburu with riverine forests, acacias and doum palms. An elegant oasis in the arid lands of Samburu tribe; **Joys Camp** is built on the site of **Joy Adamson's tented home in Shaba National Reserve**. The site was also home to Penny the leopard, the heroine of her last book. The 10 chic canvas bedrooms are set on raised



platforms with breathtaking views of the surrounding hills. The camp overlooks a large natural spring where elephant and lion jostle for watering rights with herds of buffalo and the rare desert species of Beisa Oryx, Reticulated Giraffe and Grevy's Zebra.

[Click here for complete information on Joys Camp.](#)

Indian Ocean Beach Destination Guide

Dar es Salaam

The largest city in Tanzania, with an estimated 3 million people, Dar es Salaam is now the busiest port in East Africa. The city continues to attract investors, indicated by the increase in the number of banks, restaurants and hotels as well as growing tourist markets. It is the gateway to Zanzibar, a 75-minute ferry ride away, and a starting point to the northern and southern safari circuits. Beach destinations in Dar es Salaam included: **North Coast Beach** - Located about 25-30 km north of the city on the Kunduchi area, **City Area** - Coco Beach at Oyster Bay is popular and a good swimming beach mostly visited by the locals, **South Coast** - Ras Kutani lies on an Indian Ocean beach adjacent to a unique fresh water lagoon; a four kilometre crescent of white sand and gentle surf, cooled by tropical trade winds.



[Click here for complete details on Dar es Salaam](#)

Ras Kutani Beach Lodge

AfricanMecca Tier 1 Experience. [Click here](#) for details on

AfricanMecca Rating

The tranquil Indian Ocean shores of Tanzania today epitomize the resources, culture and history along the coast in past centuries. Only the distant billowing of the scimitar-shaped sail of an Arab dhow, unchanged for millennia, will give the modern day visitor an indication of a past that witnessed the waves of traders, explorers, adventurers, pirates, slavers and invaders that came with the tides of time. Alongside its long, colorful and sanguine history, the Tanzanian coast today offers its visiting guests that increasingly rare beach destination: long stretches of pristine deserted beaches, warm blue seas and an opportunity to experience peace and tranquility long since swamped by overcrowding in more publicized tropical resorts. None more so than **Ras Kutani**, set on a crescent of white sandy beach, washed by the gentle surf of the temperate Indian Ocean. The resort is situated only 35 kilometers south of the port of Dar es Salaam but offers the perfect hideaway, far from the madding crowd.



[Click here for complete details on Ras Kutani Beach](#)

Lodge

Recommended Indian Ocean Beach & Cultural Program

Overnight Prices:

- **Ras Kutani Beach Lodge:** From US \$252 or GBP135 per person/night sharing.
Programs Inclusions: Breakfast, lunch dinner and all taxes.

[Click here](#) for more **Dar es Salaam & Surrounding Beach Holidays & Cultural Programs Prices.**

Recommended African Safari Program

- **Best of Kenya Safari - TIER ONE & TIER TWO - 8 Days**

The **Best Of Kenya Safari** sets out to discover 3 unique and diverse eco-systems famed in Kenya. Experience Amboseli National Reserve with the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro in the backdrop. The visit to Northern Kenya supports very distinct wildlife and birdlife including good sighting of the elusive leopards. The visit to the Masai Mara National Reserve can turn out to be an event of a lifetime. The reserve shares a similar ecosystem with its sister park, Serengeti in Tanzania and welcomes the wildebeest, zebras and antelopes during the great migration season. The presence of the migration attracts prey and predator to partake in the cycle of life, which is eloquently described in AfricanMecca's poem about the Serengeti.

Prices start from US \$2970 or GBP 1581 per person sharing.

[Click here](#) for complete prices and itinerary for the **Best of Kenya Safari I & II**

Another Perfect AfricanMecca Customer Experience

About Me Writing This Testimonial About AfricanMecca's Services: Jeffrey Groberman I began as a comedy writer for CBC radio, co-creating Dr. Bundolo's Pandemonium Medicine Show. Produced television shows for all Canadian and several US television networks. Now splitting time between producing "DottoTech" a how-to computer show seen nationally in Canada. Many of my misadventures to the Cook Islands, Queen Charlotte Islands, Palau and the Caribbean have been the subject of many humorous articles in Canadian Newspapers.

The Complete AfricanMecca Safari, Beach Vacation and Deep Sea Diving Experience: I have just returned from a marvelous 19 day trip to Kenya arranged for me by AfricanMecca. I am a fairly experienced traveler and did not choose AfricanMecca lightly; but only after fairly extensive research and checking out online reviews in Lonely Planet and Trip Advisor. I was impressed at how quickly my trip advisor, Raza Visram, responded to my countless questions and inquiries. I began my planning with Raza in December of 2005 hoping to travel to Kenya in April. However an unexpected illness in January forced me to postpone the trip 6 months till this past November. Even though Raza had spent an enormous amount of time helping plan the trip (more than 20 emails), he was more concerned with my health than disappointed with the delay (In total he responded to over 80 of my emails, never losing patience with my countless questions). The trip was tailored to my specifications: I told him how many days I had, what I wanted to do (Safari and Scuba diving) and how much money I had to spend – he took care of the rest and came back with a very ambitious itinerary. I, of course, checked out each camp and hotel online and was impressed with the reviews of every one. I have traveled to some fairly exotic destinations and I'm always mentally prepared for things to go wrong; but on this trip there was not one single mishap. I was met by a representative at every

destination, whisked to my accommodations, picked up and delivered to tours on time. I was equally impressed with the quality of the staff at every destination who were always genuinely concerned that I was happy, and to see if there was anything else they could do to make my trip enjoyable. The trip itself was outstanding. At each destination I thought my accommodations were going to be the best of the trip, only to find that each ensuing stop was even more spectacular – and the cost of the whole trip was very reasonable. If you wish more details about my trip, feel free to visit my travel blog at: <http://out-of-kenya.blogspot.com>
You can also **CLICK HERE** to download the whole experience in PDF format.

If you are planning a trip to East Africa you can't do better than letting AfricanMecca plan it for you.

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