



AFRICAN
Hunting & Adventure Safaris

Dear Friends, Fellow Hunters and Adventurers

What an awesome past week we had!! On Tuesday, 23 April, we picked up Mr. Kenny and Mrs. Virginia Ricketts from Richards Bay airport, for their photographic Safari in Northern Zululand, South Africa!





This safari was bought by them on auction from the Junior League of Greenville, SC, after being donated by us from Safari Njema Africa. They stayed with us at Bayala Game Lodge, one of our many luxury accommodation lodges in SA. First off we started with game viewing at Bayala, where we saw Giraffe, Nyala, Impala, Zebra, Wildebeest, all the while, getting to know each other better. Showing them all our interesting critters, from trees to birds, bugs, wildlife and everything wonderful the African Bush has to offer.





The second day we were off to the very famous Hluhluwe/Umfolozi Game Park to see if we can find some of the Big Five! Once the hunting ground of the famous Zulu chief, King Shaka, the Park is renowned for its efforts in saving the White Rhino from extinction. We had a wonderful time, seeing 3 of the Big Five, including Rhino, Buffalo and Elephant! We stopped for lunch "braai" (barbeque) at one of the very scenic picnic spots in the Park. Another day was gone and time was flying by quickly!





As we were in Zululand, it is essential to go and see the traditional ways of the Zulu tribes. We were off to Duma Zulu for a more cultural experience! They showed us how the Zulus build their huts (called a kraal), made clothing and weapons from animal skins and bones, how the order worked (men first, married woman second and single woman last, always). They gave us a tour through their "kraal", from the hunters to the witchdoctor (Sangoma), to the woman making dresses and beading necklaces. In the Zulu tribe, the King or Chief, can have as many wives as he like, also the women are all bear chested, until they get married, then they would cover themselves up. This is so the men would know which women are still available! We tasted some traditional Zulu beer and watched their tribal dancing and singing, before we were off for some more adventure!





On Saturday we took a scenic drive to the little town of St. Lucia, where we took a relaxing and very private boat cruise towards the Estuary mouth. We saw Crocodiles, close-up birds like Fish eagles and King Fishers and many many Hippos!! Stopping halfway for coffee and snacks and just to appreciate the beautiful wildlife surrounding us! After a 3.5 hour cruise, we decided to try out one of the local seafood restaurants, for lunch. On our way back to the lodge, we stopped at Ilala Weavers for some local curios and gifts. Zululand is well known for baskets and other items weaved the traditional way, from the Illala Palm. It was once again time to head back to lodge for an evening of relaxation by the fire, accompanied with some great wines, cheese and crackers!





They came on safari to Africa as clients, and they left as new friends! It was a pleasant adventure having Kennie and Virginia with us. All the laughter, jokes and good conversation around the fire, made it extra enjoyable! We wish them all the best for the future and hope they had a safe journey back home!

Now we are excitedly awaiting the arrival of our next couple from Greenville, SC. Elizabeth Crouch and her fiancé Andy Kahle will be joining us on safari on May 10th! Travel safely guys, we are looking forward to your arrival!!

For all the rest, may you have a wonderful year!

Happy Hunting, Happy Adventures and "Safari Njema"!

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