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Two million years ago, the length of Africa was riven by great subterranean forces and the Great Rift Valley was formed, cutting a swathe north to south from Ethiopia's Red Sea down through Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi and Mozambique. In some places it left a string of large, deep lakes; in others, a necklace of small shallow ones. There are towering escarpments and a valley floor that in places seems endless. This is the perfect habitat for wildlife and man.

Early hominids found it a decent enough place to live. And, if it were not for Doctors of Anthropology Louis and Mary Leaky's discovery of a 1.7 million year old skull in what is now called the Olduvai Gorge, the 'Out of Africa' theory of evolution - that East Africa is the 'Birthplace of Mankind' - might not have arisen.

More than anything else, East Africa is known for its wildlife. Nowhere in the world can you drive freely among herds of game on the floor of a huge

collapsed volcano, or float above vast plains in a hot air balloon, or photograph elephants against a backdrop of a snow-capped mountain. It is also a place where one of the last great animal migrations can be witnessed as millions of wildebeest and zebra move through the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem in a search for fresh grass. Here the cycles of life and death are most poignant.

The East African countries of Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda provide endless safari opportunities. It is the only place where you can stand close enough to a four hundred pound mountain gorilla to hear him breathe. It is a place where you can be out on safari for days without seeing another person unless you want to. And, it is a place where you can meet tribal people who have been living in co-operation with nature since man first walked the earth.

If you're seeking both a wildlife and a cultural experience, I recommend that you visit East Africa.



Candlelight dinner at Campi ya Kansi, Chyulu Hills, Kenya



Near Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Uganda



Agama Lizard, Amboseli, Kenya



Flamingoes on Lake Nakuru, Kenya



Mountain gorilla, Parc National des Volcans, Rwanda



Sarova Shaba, Samburu Game Reserve, Northern Frontier, Kenya



Greeting the elders, Chyulu Hills, Kenya



The Plains of the Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya



Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area, Tanzania



Maasai elder, Chyulu Hills, Kenya

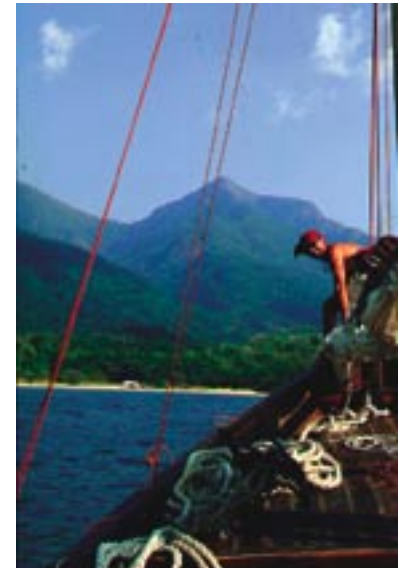
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Kenyan Canna Lily, Masai Mara, Kenya



A Masai Mara sunset, Kenya



Heading in to Greystoke Camp, Mahale Mountains, Tanzania



Maasai dancers, Amboseli, Kenya



Dhows sailing on Lake Victoria, the borders of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda



Lioness at rest, Serengeti Plains, Tanzania

“The views were immensely wide - everything that you saw made for greatness and freedom, and unequalled nobility . . . in the highlands you woke up in the morning and thought: ‘Here I am, where I ought to be.’”

Isak Dinesen - Out of Africa