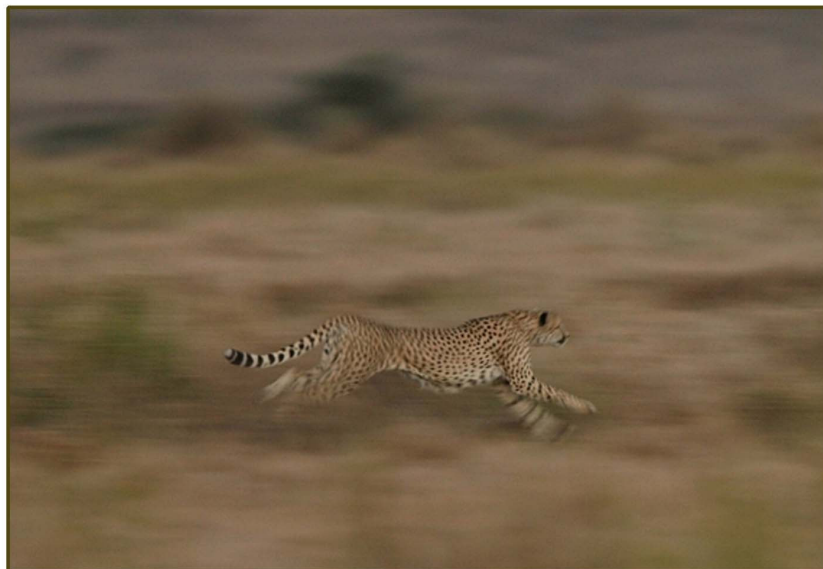




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To all our friends,

As we came to the end of a very busy 2004 safari season, where so much has happened, changed and grown, we wanted to take this opportunity to let you all know what has been keeping us so busy. It was fantastic to have so many of you on safari with us this past year and join us in exploring new places. For those who did not manage to come on safari we hope to see you in the not so distant future.

Approximately a year ago Robert & William decided to venture forth into the safari business alone in order to be at the cutting edge of the business, and to be flexible and dynamic without the restrictions of larger partnerships. A year on, we have no regrets – our last safari season had us in the depths of western Tanzania trekking for Chimpanzees and swimming in the gin-clear Lake Tanganyika, we were jetting from our luxury mobile tented camps in Kenya to the Okavango Delta's private camps, and on to South Africa's leading private game reserves and the magnificent Cape Town. We were back into some of the tribal community areas, which offer both wildlife and tremendous insight into the lives of Kenya's people living an entirely tribal existence. We were exploring Kenya's dramatic North Coast in a traditional luxury *Dhow*, Island-hopping along the ancient Lamu Archipelago in traditional laid-back coastal comfort.

Similarly, we have gone back to some of our old basics that were such a part of getting us to where we are now. These include: placing renewed emphasis on making our safaris adventurous and fun whilst still focusing on comfort and great wildlife viewing in all of East Africa's most stunning destinations, going to areas where we can get out on foot more, spending more time with local tribal communities (such as the Samburu people in the Kipsing, northeastern Kenya), exploring exciting new areas and new places to camp and generally getting away from your 'run of the mill' safaris. You want adventure? We will arrange it.



  
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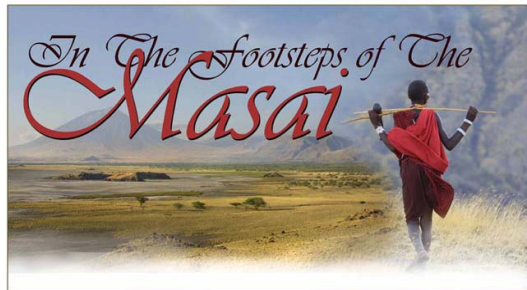
  
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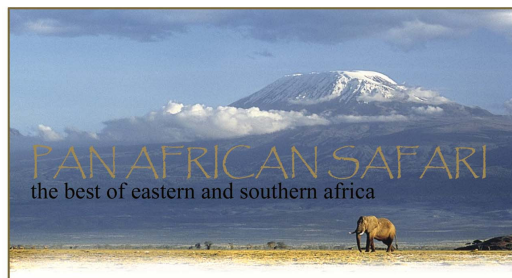
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Our Luxury Mobile Camps continue to improve with 220V electric lighting throughout by the use of solar energy (of which there is no shortage in Africa) to charge batteries. We have a new Dining/Lounge tent which is much wider and broader than the traditional safari 'mess', and opens along its length to maximize ventilation and cooling during the hot summer days. The entire tent can be kept closed within netting screens to keep bugs out yet allowing any cooling breeze to flow through. It also combines a living area where one can relax on loungers and bean-bags whilst downloading images off their digital cameras or whilst just watching wildlife pass by the front of camp.

In the pipeline for the coming season is a Tech-Tent, where avid digital photographers can spend their free hours downloading and editing images without being disturbed by others in the mess tent. This tent will be powered by a small silent generator. Also in the pipeline are reconfigured tents to allow for 3 sides to be opened up, leaving netting screens to keep the tents cool during the heat of the day and keep any bugs out.

Lastly under development for the up-coming summer season is a prototype 'family tent', which will be a large tent incorporating two bedrooms with a common living room in between, and a single shower and 'flush' bathroom at the end of a short enclosed corridor.



  
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## Robert

Robert & his wife Angela continue to be actively involved in the day to day running of the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust ( [www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org](http://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org)) The Trust is best know for the elephant orphan's project, rescuing infant orphaned elephants, raising them until they are old enough to assimilate back into the wild again. Aside from the Orphan's Project DSWT runs six desnaring antipoaching teams in and on the boundaries of Tsavo National Park, Kenya's largest National Park. The teams retrieve over 2,000 snares a month, rescue numerous animals and reprimand poachers. The Trust also runs a mobile veterinary unit which the past year has saved the lives due to poaching, largely snares and spear wounds, of over 32 elephant, 5 giraffe, lion, cheetah, buffalo, zebra, impala and Grant gazelle.



Taru and Roan Carr-Hartley

Their two sons Taru and Roan aged 6 and 4 are growing up with wildlife and conservation in their blood. Growing up in the Nairobi National Park also contributes to this.

## William

William still insists that a Land Rover and a full tank of gas is all one needs in life. This was, however, until his girlfriend Tanya came along and shed a whole new light on the situation. Now the idea of staying home for longer periods of time is a little more comforting. Still, his aeroplane is finally built and the Private Pilot's License is a mere 6 hours away, so Precious the trusty Land Rover is now feeling very threatened. William and Team's efforts in this year's Rhino Charge charity off road driving challenge ([www.rhinoark.org](http://www.rhinoark.org)) did not go as well as hoped – losing four wheel drive half way through the day meant they could only manage third place...still not bad considering there were 54 other 4x4's out there.

We are looking forward to our 2005 season, and to welcoming those of you who will be on safari with us this year – we certainly have some fun and exciting safaris booked for the forthcoming season. We would also love to hear from any of you, so please get in touch with your news. There are some exciting new developments planned for the future, and we will keep you informed.

We would like to wish you all the very best for a happy and prosperous 2005.

With warm regards, William, Robert and all the crew.



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