

Naibor

Newsletter - June 2010

Welcoming the new season 2010/2011

The new season has started and what a wonderful start it is too. As we write this the weather is beautiful and the skies are blue. Whilst we did benefit from a good wet season, the river levels have already started to drop. Our resident hippo pod is still going strong and have been seen mating over the last couple of weeks, so fingers crossed in eight months time the pod will grow! Topi, Thomson's gazelle and Impala are still in huge numbers around camp feeding greedily before they have to share their turf with the wildebeest. The Irish Bridge pride sits regularly at the top of the hill surveying their empire; the three cubs are growing strong and all looking very healthy.

It promises to be another fabulous season here at Naibor in the heart of the Mara, why don't you come and join us for a sundowner and watch life play out on the Burrangat plains... karibu sana!

Adam, Vicki & the Naibor Team

Naibor Conservation & Community Fund

Our focus this season will be on the newly-named Naibor Community Clinic in Talek which was established by Dr Patrick Esho and his wife back in 2005. It provides an invaluable service to communities in and around the Talek area who otherwise would simply not have access to any medical facility. Naibor Camp commissions Dr Patrick's team to make regular visits to the staff for health checks and to provide them with any treatments and medicines they may require. We started helping the clinic by paying "over the odds" for its services which enable them to use the profits to treat many members of the community that can't afford such luxuries for free – a simple but highly effective approach.



In camp, we actively promote the work of the clinic among our guests, many of whom kindly donate to the cause. The clinic is always looking to improve its facilities, and is still in desperate need of so many supplies. At Dr Patrick's request, we are now helping to raise funds to purchase solar panels, batteries and a fridge so they can stock sensitive treatments, such as snake anti-venoms, at the correct temperatures. If you can help or know of someone that can, please do contact the camp on info@naibor.com.

What do our guests say about us...

"This place is just incredible. It has a lovely, low-footprint site and the accommodation is really wonderful: supreme tented luxury. The staff are absolutely superb - it's like a beautifully-crafted machine dedicated to your happiness, relaxation [and] education...do NOT omit having a bird walk with Adam - he's an ornithological genius... thank you Naibor for an incredible stay. My one-word summary: bliss."

Neville Young from the UK who stayed with us in April 2010.

"...it might be the LOW season [it] was HIGH enjoyment for us and with great guides and all the wild animals you could wish to see a few metres away....back to the camp for five star service, food and hospitality....we would highly recommend Naibor Camp.....Fireside chats a nice touch from our lovely hosts finished the day nicely"

Michael Crowe from Australia who also stayed with us in April 2010

Naibor hits international headlines...

Last month, Naibor hit international headlines; firstly, as a feature in British Airways Horizons, the in-flight magazine on all routes to and from South Africa. The journalist, who stayed with us in September Sonia Shoeman, had this to say... “We’ve come to Naibor Luxury Camp. It’s wonderful here, in the curve of the Talek River, which draws wildlife to it. Buckle up and wander through and around the tents, birds sing pretty, busy little tunes, hippos huff and haw in the pools below...Naibor is beautifully simple, with gorgeous rough-hewn wooden tables and lovely tin basins, a ... rustic chic”.

Then from Cape Town to London, Tracy Davies writes in the Metro (a free newspaper distributed on all London public transport); “For more intense game-spotting, visit the heart of the Masai Mara, where the rivers Mara and Talek cross. The Naibor Camp is the epitome of the modern glampari... guests can dine *al fresco* alongside hippos... after three days, I proudly tick off most of the big five.”

However, don’t just take their word for it, come and experience the magic for yourself!

Naibor gets a “pizza the action”

Back in March 2010, Naibor proudly hosted Mr. Jim Hunt and his daughter Rachel, during their African safari. While Jim is a quiet and unassuming man, he is actually the brains behind the hugely successful Hunt Brothers Pizza Company based in the USA. Originally started in 1942 by his father, James Austin Hunt, they currently distribute their delicious pizzas to over 6,000 outlets, supplying the central states with one and a half million pizzas a week! We asked Jim if he would sample Naibor’s pizza, lovingly produced by our executive chef Richard Wario, and offer us his expert opinion; “it’s absolutely delicious...you can’t beat it!” Needless to say the managers and chef’s were very proud as he went back up for seconds!



Naibor receives many accolades for its food; however, it’s always fantastic when real *fundi* gives you their stamp of approval.

Birds - A Naibor Specialty

As you may know the management of Naibor Camp has recently changed and you are now in the capable hands of Adam Scott & Vicki Kennedy, both originally from the UK.

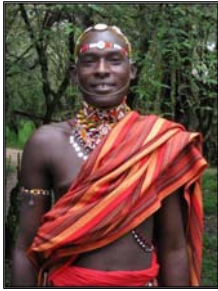
Adam has been watching birds since the tender age of 4! Over the years he has been to many parts of the world either travelling alone or leading groups from the UK on dedicated bird tours. He has travelled to Brazil, Ecuador & The Galapagos, Botswana, Namibia, New Zealand and Canada to name a few and has covered most of Europe! He has recorded over a quarter of the world’s 10,000 bird species, and illustrated books; so our point... he knows what he’s talking about!



Adam will happily lead your guests (of any birding ability) on a morning walk around camp (where you could record up to 75 species); teach them the delights of digi-scoping or accompany any keen birders on drives to enhance their birding experience. Pictured left is the Schalow’s Turaco our most special resident, taken by Adam, Manager of Naibor Camp.

To discuss anything in particular relating to birds please feel free to contact Adam directly on info@naibor.com.

60 seconds... Introducing the people that help to make your stay at Naibor a fabulous experience.



This newsletter it's one of our fine driver/guides, Daudi, from the Samburu tribe.

What gets you out of bed in the morning?

My guests!

What do you love about your job?

It's my career and I have chosen it; I started off wanting to be a conservationist (and did) and then moved on to guiding so I could share my knowledge and educate people.

What's your best sighting so far?

When a rhino charged my car with guests in it! We had narrow escape, it was very exciting and a little frightening but the clients loved it!

Favourite animal?

Cheetah because of their behaviour, they do not hunt just anything or unnecessarily, they are selective.

Favourite bird?

Hmm... all of them!

Photographs – the editor's pick of recent Mara images



Above images taken by Vicki Kennedy, Manager of Naibor Camp.

— Naibor —

Hidden in a grove of riverine woodland on the banks of the Talek River, this luxury tented camp combines contemporary style and comfort in the heart the world-famous, wildlife-rich Masai Mara.

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