

Nana & pop's African safari 2014

Our family have been on an African safari this is our story.

An African safari was on our bucket list
to have our family with us we would insist.
Makutsi Lodge in Sth Africa was the destination
we are covered for malaria, had our vaccination.

From Melbourne to Perth, J/burg to Hoedspruit
planes full of people, all we can do is sit.
Went on a small plane it just had a prop
everyone worried it might just stop.

Before we even unpacked an elephant herd went past
with warthog and Impala, boy they can run fast.
Each safari drive would take at least 3 hours,
everyone took 100's of photos, we shared ours.

Slept in Rondavels, round with thatched roof
stone floors, ensuites, kettles and all waterproof.
Visited Blyde River Canyon & Kruger National Park
long days of driving, everyone happy, home before dark.

Drinks in the LAPA, until summoned by drums
with popcorn aplenty it added to the fun.
Red wine and white, we tried double brandies
the boys played chess, had soft drink and candies.

We had salads and soups, all of it great
made us determined to never come late.
We tried mince Boboti, Impala, Kudu roast
eggs & bacon to go with fabulous toast.

Baboons watched us swimming in the warm pool
we played ball and all managed to keep cool.
Nyala nibbled grass beside the tennis court
everyone played, not as well as we aught.

There were vehicles with seats up high out back
from where we could see everything, but no chat.
Our guides were smiling Derek & Ralph big & strong
they followed the footprints never going wrong.

We saw Zebra & Hippo, a family of Lion
cheetah & Jackal, Rhino, all nine.
My favourite, the elegant giraffe, in dense scrub
old males, Mothers and a very young cub.

Birds were abundant, saw them everywhere
Vultures & eagles, hammer cock, saw a pair.
Red billed ox peckers have a job to do
pulling ticks from animals, not leaving any goo.

Saw African Antelope like Kudu with horns
there were bushbuck, steenbok, even Duiker at dawn.
On our visit to Kruger, saw Buffalo in long grass
tiny verbet monkeys, Wildebeest, Hyena were sparse.

Some were lucky to watch how animals survive
having to catch and kill smaller prey to stay alive.
It was hard to watch a creature die
but the law of the jungle really explains why.

Seeing the big 5, a mission for some
and looking for them each day was fun.
The elusive leopard is still on the list
cause he's the only one we have missed.

After wonderful experiences, an amazing week
flew back to j/burg to tired for cheek.
The Butcher Restaurant was a lovely farewell
before visiting Soweto where 3 million dwell.

So now our special holiday is almost done
All going different ways, we had lots of fun.
Kim Jim and us are the Cape bound
We wonder if there could be more to astound.

Unbelievable memories of our awesome time
Kids were wonderful, the weather was fine
Makutsi was the best, we thoroughly recommend
Now its over we've come to the end.