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In our previous newsletter I described the first week of a two week hunt and photo safari with Africa Maximum Safaris. At the conclusion of our week long hunt, my wife, Laura, Sid and Bonnie Westcott, and I packed our bags and set out on a one week photo safari. Although I usually take a few pictures on a hunt, the photo safari was a new experience for all of us. Each photo safari is planned well in advance by Jacques Senekal and his wife, Natalie. Many options are available to the traveling tourist including visits to the a cultural village, a hot air balloon safari, national parks, the Pilanesberg Game Reserve, a lion park visit, as well as golfing and the resort of Sun City. The four of us decided to tour the Cradle of Life and Sterkfontein caves and Kruger National Park. Leaving camp we traveled to Limpopo, over-nighting in Tzaneen. After touring the Northern section of Kruger, we spent the niht at Letaba Camp and then headed South. The accommodations were wonderful! The restaurants were fantastic!

Traveling to Graskop, we viewed the Drakensberg escarpment of the Lowveld, drove through Blyde River Canyon, and spent the night in Dullstroom before heading on to Johannesburg. (I particularly liked Dullstroom, “a drinking town with a fishing problem”).

The photo safari with Africa Maximum was a wonderful experience. The wildlife, the scenery and the stops at little towns and villages for a cup of coffee and some shopping topped off our trip to South Africa. I’ll get our pictures organized and show them at a future ACSCI meeting. Many thanks to Jacques and Natalie for their guidance and attention to detail. I highly recommend them to you if you are planning a hunting safari, a photo safari, or both. They can be reached at PO Box 94, Swartruggens, 2835, South Africa.