

Grand Voyage Mathilde et Antoine

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IN A NUTSHELL :

Date: February 22nd, 2016 (666th day)

Location: Mwanza, Tanzania

Driven km up to date: 64 800.



PHOTOS



VIDEO



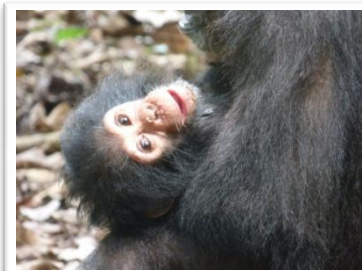
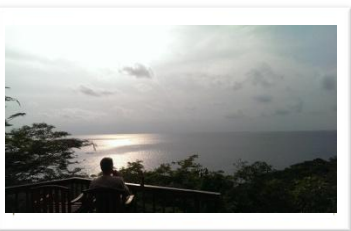
NEWS

During the past month, we have fully enjoyed the **sedentary life**. We've spent three weeks at **our friends' the O'Sullivan**: Penny, Mark and their children Nana, Caleb and Cedar. This was our longest stop since the beginning of the adventure. We have refilled batteries with family life, good food, sports and a bedroom with a bathroom. The O'Sullivan's are a lovely family. Their three children are curious, intelligent and calm. And the parents are funny, welcoming and spiritual.

After this stop, we are finally ready to hit the road again and enjoy at 100% the adventures that await us in this last trip segment. Thanks to discussions, readings and reflections, we now better understand the cultural differences, especially in the way people relate to one another generally in Africa, which also involves material interests. The African solidarity model leans on mutual dependence between people. This micro-level system supersedes the absence of macro institutional system (health, banking, education). Each person one encounters can potentially be a life insurance (financial, material, outputs) to include in their social network.

During a one-week trip to **Kigoma**, we still have driven Pavan as well as experienced local transportation: a 18h **train** journey to do 400km; a 6h bus journey, on the same itinerary (3 time faster but 3 times more stressful). The **Tanganyika lake** is sublime: crystal clear water, colorful little fish, fishermen boats, surrounded by mountains. The **Jacobsen guesthouse** / camping is a paradise. And despite the logistical obstacles, we were able to go by the boat to visit the chimpanzees in their protected forest in the Gombe National Park.

FUNNY PICTURE



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INTENSIVE MOMENTS :

- Thematic nights at the O'Sullivan's: Bulgarian dinner, Mexican evening. Big success!
- Living with chimpanzees for one hour in a rainforest.
- Experience the slow and relaxing pace of life on an African train.
- Eat ugali (kind of thick mashed maize) in a village with Ilan in the very local mode.



CURRENT MOOD : We are ready to hit the road again. Pavan has been filled with water and we've be filled with energy . Let's head to Rwanda !



COUNTRIES VISITED : Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia, France, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania.

COMING : Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Israël?, Jordan?, Libanon?, Europe.



MAP - ITINERARY :

since the last newsletter

 *Departure*

 *Arrival*



1. Corner bar – Mwanza!(TAN)
2. At the O'Sullivan's (TAN)
3. Tabora (TAN)
4. Kigoma – Jacobsen (TAN)
5. Gombe national park (TAN)

