

AFRICAN ALBUM

Following their two-week charity mission for Oasis Africa Australia at a school in Kibera, Aussie stars Gyton Grantley, Nat Dean, Renai Caruso and Clayton Watson open their photo albums to share their experiences

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SAFARI

Clayton: 'We were all amazed at the openness and wide variety of animals that roamed free on the Mara. With our two trusty Masai guides, we were lucky enough to see everything from zebras, buffaloes, hyenas, hippos, some very weird bird life, a family of giraffes and a massive male lion. We expected wild scenes of feeding and mating, but it was a serene experience that will stay with us for a lifetime.'

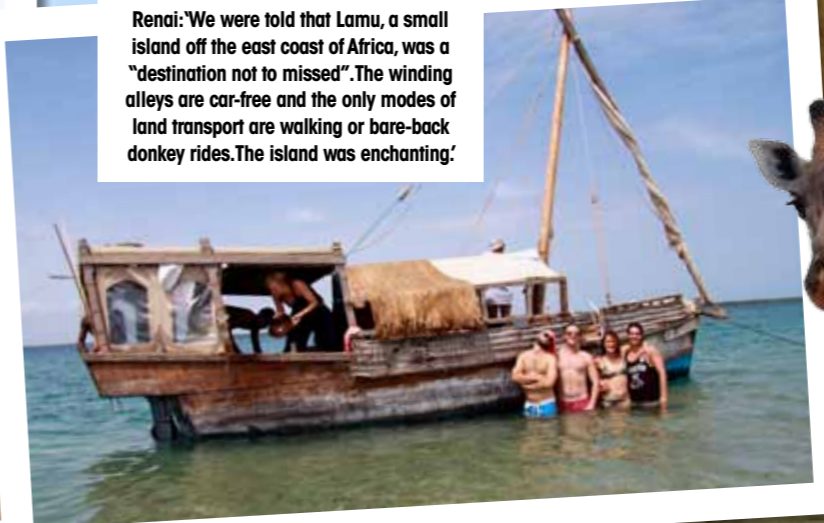


GYTON GRANTLEY NATHANIEL DEAN RENAI CARUSO CLAYTON WATSON



LAMU

Renai: 'We were told that Lamu, a small island off the east coast of Africa, was a "destination not to be missed". The winding alleys are car-free and the only modes of land transport are walking or bare-back donkey rides. The island was enchanting.'



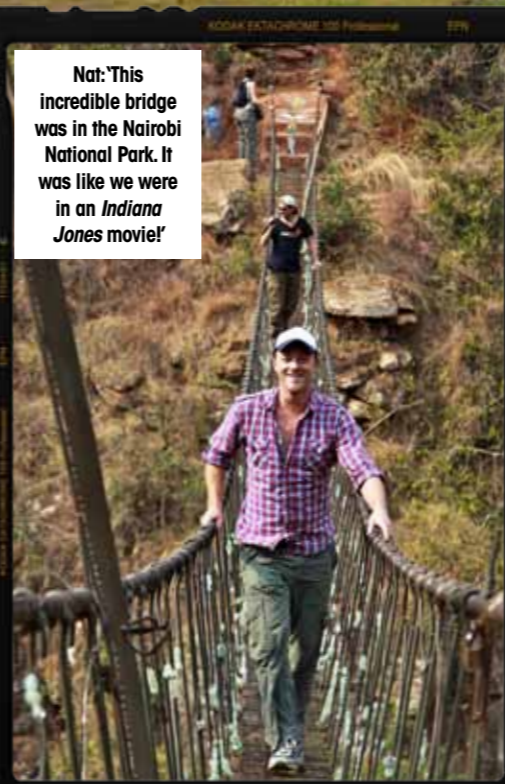
Clayton: 'After a week of non-stop running and working with the kids, it was a great chance to kick back with our crew and enjoy cruising around the warm waters of Africa! Lamu is just off the Kenyan coast, near the Somali border, and its waters are pristine and beautiful.'

ACTING CLASS

Gyton: 'Teaching is always a pleasure and a rewarding experience. Watching the kids use their imagination and explore the potential that lies within them was incredible. Nat and I witnessed some fabulous interpretations of local animals such as chameleons and lions, but the kangaroo was the favourite animal at the end of the day.'

GIRAFFE SANCTUARY

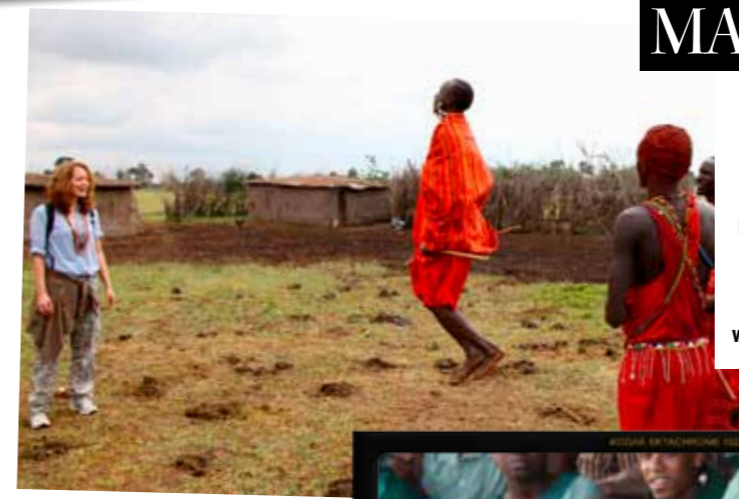
Nat: 'After spending the morning with the kids of Kibera doing some acting classes, we crammed into vans and went to a giraffe sanctuary, where orphaned giraffes are cared for. Some of the kids had never left the slum before and were excited to see animals up close. It was amazing to watch their eyes light up as they got to feed and pat the giraffes.'



Nat: 'This incredible bridge was in the Nairobi National Park. It was like we were in an Indiana Jones movie!'

MASAI MARA

Renai: 'The Masai Mara National Reserve was a world away from anything I have ever experienced. We were greeted by two towering Masai men and taken to a village built of sticks, mud and goat dung. We were welcomed by the tribe with a ceremony that was unlike any reception I have ever had. It was a very special moment in time.'



FOOTBALL

Gyton: 'Part of our time at the Oasis Africa Australia Kibera School in Kenya was shared with the Warringah Rugby Club. The boys from The Rats built the school a bridge over a creek and brought along books for a new library. A very lucky busload of kids came along and watched the team's match against Kenya A. I don't think The Rats have ever had a bigger and more enthusiastic cheer squad. The kids were like an army!'

