



Thank you Mom for being in Network Marketing!  
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Having a mom that is a Network Marketer rather than a 9-5 mom has been very rewarding. One of the best rewards that my mom has shared with me has been a trip to Africa. My sister was going around the world on Semester At Sea, and one of the ports of call was Mombassa in East Africa. My sister, Sarah, was to arrive in Mombassa and would take a train with some of the other students to Nairobi. My mother suggested we meet her there and go on safari together. I was so thrilled and excited. On the way to Nairobi, we stopped in London and went to the theatre, shopping, and sight seeing. When we arrived in Nairobi, our driver picked us up and took us to the hotel. I went swimming at the hotel pool, and an armed guard who had a machine gun strapped to him protected me. We met my sister the next day at the train station and together flew on to the Masai Mara. When we landed, the safari Land Rovers were there to pick us up in the middle of the Serengeti to immediately begin the Safari. My sister and I sat on the roof of the safari car and took a million pictures of the wild animals. One day we visited a Masai Mara village and learned about their culture. We saw how the tribal people lived in small huts, and we bought things that the people had made. I had not known that tribal people as these had existed, and it was interesting to see how these people survived and lived. A special memory of Africa was when my mom and sister and I went on a safari at nighttime. There was the driver and a Masai man who did not speak English, but he held a huge spotlight out through the roof of the Land Rover. All of a sudden, the driver stopped the car and reached under the seat of the car. We had no clue what he was doing, but he pulled out a thermos of hot chocolate. After the students left to go on to India, my mother and I continued on safari. We went to a resort near Mt. Kenya called The Ark. The resort had a salt lick that attracted animals, and glass walls where we could sit and view all the animals. Our room had a buzzer that sounded once for approaching elephants, and twice for rhino. After a night at the Ark, we had a driver take us across the equator. A sign marks the equator and a man stood there and showed us how waters flows in different directions on each side of the equator. We traveled on to the beautiful Mt. Kenya Safari Club where we had High Tea and walked all through the grounds there. When our time in East Africa was over, we flew back to England for a few days of shopping.

Not only has my mom taken me to Africa, but I have also been to Mexico, Europe, Canada, and all over the US. She has wanted me to experience traveling, and I realize how lucky I am to have been so many places before I turn 20. I know my mom says that she is the lucky one who gets to have me for her daughter, but I cannot imagine having anyone else for a mom. I am so lucky that my mom chose network marketing as a career so that she spent so much time with me growing up. I am so very blessed to have a mother who role modeled that I can be a successful communicator and a true leader.