



# ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION of SMITH COLLEGE

## ***Traditional and Modern Women in Tanzania***

***January 18 – 30, 2008***

**DETAILED ITINERARY**  
(subject to amendment)

**Friday, January 18**

**Depart USA /Amsterdam/ Arusha, Tanzania**

Depart from Boston's Logan Airport to Tanzania via Amsterdam.

**Saturday, January 19**

**Arusha**

This evening we arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport where our guide greets us. We transfer to a beautiful lodge a few miles outside of Arusha. The private cottages are set amidst an old growth forest of a hillside with stunning views of Mount Meru and Mount Kilimanjaro. Proceeds from the lodge benefit the Sibusiso Foundation, which aids mentally challenged children and their families throughout Tanzania.

*Kigongoni Lodge (Meals aloft, snack)*

**Sunday, January 20**

**Arusha**

After a safari briefing, we meet with The Society of Women with AIDS, a local support group for Tanzanian women living with the HIV/AIDS virus. In the afternoon, we visit with Peter and Charlotte O'Neal, the founders of the United African American Community Center, a non-profit community which funds programs and projects for the betterment of the Tanzanian people. Tonight we settle in our comfortable lodge for our welcome dinner.

*Kigongoni Lodge (All meals included)*

**Monday, January 21**  
**Arusha**

Today we get an early start with a visit to a traditional village on the slopes of Mt. Meru. Here we are introduced to our respective hosts from the Meru tribe who are part of the Baraka Women's Group. We spend the next few hours assisting in the daily routine of the local women, learning about their houses, the community dynamics, farming, and the way their children are raised. We are welcomed into their village as friends of Thomson Safaris. After a traditional lunch, there will be time for a discussion before we head back to the lodge.

*Kigongoni Lodge (All meals included)*

**Tuesday, January 22**  
**Lesilalei Maasai boma and Selela Village visits**

Early this morning we head into the Great Rift Valley where we will meet with two "modern" Maasai women. We will have the opportunity to learn about their ever-changing roles as tribeswomen and a variety of issues ranging from legal rights to living in a polygamous community. Traditionally the spokesmen at Maasai bomas are men who, by social taboo, are not allowed to talk about women's "business." Finally, we make our way towards Gibb's Farm nestled among coffee plantations in the Ngorongoro Highlands.

*Gibb's Farm (All meals included)*

**Wednesday, January 23**  
**Iraq Village visit in the Karatu Region**

Early this morning we travel to the seldom-visited Mbulu area set in a large marginal agricultural region. Like most subsistence farmers, these women of the Iraq tribe take care of their chores during the first few hours of the day. We will join the women in their daily life and experience a lifestyle quite different from that of the Meru women. Over 80% of the people in Tanzania live as subsistence farmers, a life of difficult labor linked inextricably to the land.

*Gibb's Farm (All meals included)*

**Thursday & Friday, January 24 & 25**  
**Ngorongoro Crater**

After a late breakfast, a brick-red clay road leads us to the rim of Ngorongoro Crater, a perfect bowl, ten miles wide. At 2,000 feet below the rim lies a microcosm of wildlife, bursting at the seam with 30,000 animals year-round. Descend by Land Rover to the Crater floor, where we may spy rhino, leopard, buffalo, lion, elephant, flamingo, and more. Continue the search the next day and return to our comfortable Classic Camp to savor the seclusion and rustic beauty of our nights deep in the heart of Africa.

*Ngorongoro Classic Camp (All meals included)*

**Saturday- Monday, January 26-28**  
**Olduvai Gorge / Serengeti National park**

Today the Serengeti awaits. Along the way, stop at Olduvai Gorge. View the archeological site where the dedicated Leakey family made a lifetime of discoveries. Continue on, and watch as the plains open up before us, over 57,000 square miles of sprawling, unspoiled landscape. Spend the next three days in the heart of it all: eland, Africa buffalo, topi, lion, zebra, baboon, leopard, giraffe, and so much more roam free. Spot an endless array of wildlife engaging in all manner of fascinating activity. From our Class Camp, enjoy remarkable sunsets and excellent meals. Feel an unparalleled sense of immersion into the wild plains.

*Serengeti Classic Camp (All meals included)*

**Tuesday & Wednesday, January 29 & 30**  
**Serengeti / Arusha/ Depart**

Say goodbye to the guides and staff who have cared for us so well. Fly back to Arusha in time for a farewell lunch with new friends and the opportunity to shop, swim or repack before being escorted to the airport this evening. Arrive back home to the bustle of modern life Wednesday afternoon.

*Dayroom- Arusha Hotel (B, L, snack; meals aloft)*

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner