Escape the hustle and bustle and unplug from modern-day distractions. Lose yourself in Tanzania’s boundless beauty and serenity with fellow alumnae and friends on this exclusive safari.
Dear Smith Alumnae and Friends,

I invite you to join Associate Professor Leslie King and fellow Smith alumnae for an exclusive journey into the heart of East Africa. This 12-day journey was thoughtfully designed to explore Tanzania’s fascinating history and culture while taking advantage of premier wildlife viewing.

Our adventure begins with a short, scenic flight to a private nature refuge and model for community-based tourism located just east of Serengeti National Park. This will make for the perfect launching point, offering not only your first taste of wildlife viewing, but several up-close, un-scripted encounters with members of the local Maasai community who are as curious about your lives as you will be about theirs. Next we will spend three spectacular days immersed in the untamed wilderness of the magnificent Serengeti.

After we depart Serengeti National Park, we will stop at Oldupai Gorge—the site of the Leakey family’s well-known archeological discoveries—en route to the lush and verdant Ngorongoro Crater, which is home to the highest concentration of wildlife in the world. Finishing out an already unforgettable journey, we will spend the last three days at Gibb’s Farm, a peaceful, eco-friendly sanctuary conveniently located near the village of Karatu for additional cultural interactions.

Limited to just 18 travelers, space is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to contact us early to reserve your spot on this remarkable journey.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Elizabeth A. Bigwood
Director for Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations, Smith College

Your Study Leader

Leslie King is an associate professor in Sociology and Environmental Science and Policy. She holds a B.A. in French from Hunter College and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Illinois. Her areas of interest include population studies, environmental sociology, and social movements. At Smith, Leslie teaches courses on world population and environmental sociology. Much of her research has focused on how ideologies of nationalism, gender, race/ethnicity, and class shape population politics and policies. Her current research project takes her in a new direction; she is investigating shareholder activism and socially responsible investing, particularly in the areas of social justice and the environment.

For more information on this and other Smith departures, visit http://alumnae.smith.edu/travel
Your Exclusive ITINERARY

March 14-15: En route from U.S. / Arrive Arusha
Jambo! Upon arrival your guide will escort you to the lodge.

March 16-17: Eastern Serengeti Eco-System
Fly to a private nature refuge and enjoy walks, authentic interactions with the local Maasai and wildlife viewing, including a night game drive.

March 18-20: Serengeti National Park
Spend three days exploring the Serengeti’s abundant wildlife. Look for the “Great Migration” on the expansive plains. At night, marvel at spectacular star-filled skies.

March 21-22: Oldupai, Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Highlands
Stop at the archeological museum at Oldupai Gorge. Engage with a charismatic historian and a renowned craftswoman. Enjoy wildlife viewing in Lake Manyara National Park.

March 23: Ngorongoro Crater
Spend a full day on the floor of the world’s largest intact volcanic caldera, which is home to roughly 30,000 animals!

March 24-25: Depart Arusha / Arrive home
Enjoy a farewell lunch at a sustainable business, started by a pioneering local woman. Fly tonight, and arrive home tomorrow.

What’s Included
- Tanzanian-born, English-speaking professional guides with a minimum of 10 years’ experience
- Accommodations in deluxe, walk-in tents (with en suite bathrooms) and comfortable lodges
- All meals: 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 8 dinners, and unlimited snacks and bottled water in vehicles
- Airport transfers for guests who arrive/depart on scheduled trip dates
- Daily safari briefings to help you prepare for each activity
- Related fees for all scheduled sightseeing, park, and cultural excursions
- Guaranteed window seat in a custom-made, 4-wheel drive Land Rover
- Scenic internal flight to the Serengeti
- Complete pre-departure information and access to a personal safari consultant

Extend your adventure!
The experts at Thomson Safaris are happy to arrange customized extensions.

Optional Hot Air Balloon Ride
At sunrise, you have the option to take a hot air balloon over the breathtaking Serengeti savannah. After landing, enjoy champagne and a full English breakfast in the bush before rejoining the group on a wildlife viewing drive.

Space is limited and advance reservations are required. *Height and weight restrictions apply.
From luxury lodges to eco-friendly tented camps, your accommodations are hand-selected for their prime locations and authentic African feel.

**Rivertrees Country Inn**
Nestled in the foothills of Mount Meru, the Inn blends simple elegance and modern convenience.

**Thomson Nyumbas**
Nyumba means “home” in Swahili, and these comfortable, eco-friendly accommodations will feel like one. Each spacious tent offers cozy bedding, solar lighting, and an en suite bathroom with flush toilet.

Our itinerary includes stays at:
- **Eastern Serengeti Nyumba** – exclusive camp set on a private nature refuge.
- **Serengeti Nyumba** – strategically situated according to wildlife migration.

**Gibb’s Farm**
Fresh food, fresh air, and fresh perspectives abound. This award-winning eco-lodge’s cottages, set amidst the working farm’s lush gardens, are the ultimate in sustainable luxury.

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**Tanzania Wildlife & Cultural Safari**
March 14-25, 2014

Please reserve ______ space(s).
Enclosed is my deposit of ________ ($700 per person).

#1 First and last name  DOB  Gender  Class Year

#2 First and last name  DOB  Gender  Class Year

Mailing Address  City  State  Zip

Phone (H)  Phone (W)

Accept my check made payable to Thomson Safaris

or

Charge my:  

- [ ] Visa
- [ ] MasterCard
- [ ] American Express

Card #  3-digit security code  Exp. Date

(4-digit for AMEX)

Signature as it appears on card

- [ ] Double room, rooming with ________________________________

- [ ] Single room ($700 supplement)

- [ ] I/we would like more information on booking flights through Thomson Safaris.
  Preferred departure airport: ________________________________

- [ ] I/we request economy class

- [ ] I/we request business class

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Return to: Smith Travel, Office of Alumnae Relations, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063.
You may also call 800-225-2029 or email alumtrav@smith.edu
Why Tanzania?
Visiting Tanzania will feel like stepping into your wildest dream. You’ll stalk with lions, roam with elephants, strut with flamingos, feel dwarfed by a 2,000-foot-deep crater, stand beneath giant baobab trees, and sleep under the stars. You’ll discover unbridled beauty at World Heritage Sites, practice tracking skills in remote wild lands, and experience peacefulness and connection to the Earth like never before.

You’ll feel safe and comfortable every step of your journey. Known as “the Switzerland of Africa,” Tanzania is a peaceful country. The people of Tanzania are some of the most warmhearted individuals on Earth, and they graciously welcome visitors into their homes and delight in sharing their culture with guests.

Experience amazing wildlife viewing year-round at Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, and the Eastern Serengeti Nature Refuge, all of which are teeming with the animals you’ve dreamed of seeing on safari. Hone your wildlife spotting skills with the help of an expert guide, and make unforgettable memories on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

What to Expect
Your itinerary is specially designed to maximize your cultural and wildlife-viewing experience as well as your comfort. There is virtually no bad time to visit Tanzania. Rains in November and April motivate the perpetual movement of animals in search of water (also known as The Great Migration). The climate is typically dry, sunny, and warm. In northern Tanzania, expect temperatures with daytime highs in the 80’s and lows in the 50’s in the evenings and early mornings. Temperatures will be cooler at higher elevations, such as the rim of Ngorongoro Crater (7,200 feet). The timing of this trip was specifically chosen to occur just after calving season. Over a million wildebeest and zebra young will have been born just weeks before your arrival!

Activity Level
This tour involves exposure to the outdoors, full days of touring, and some walking, often along uneven terrain. This is not an active safari, but you should be in good physical condition in order to enjoy it to the fullest. Wildlife-viewing drives may last up to five hours on bumpy, dusty, and occasionally muddy roads. Since your comfort is a priority, these drives are minimized with wildlife viewing and/or cultural stops along the way.

Sustainable Travel
Thomson Safaris was selected as the tour operator for this trip because of their extensive expertise in northern Tanzania and award-winning reputation in the adventure travel business. Working exclusively in Tanzania for over 33 years, they are leaders in ethical, sustainable, and responsible tourism. Below are some of the many ways Thomson Safaris continues to give back.

- Thomson hires locally and provides excellent benefits, job security, and training.
- To minimize our impact on Tanzanian landscapes and wildlife, Thomson Safaris practices Leave No Trace ethics at all its camps and on its Mt. Kilimanjaro treks.
- Thomson cares about the environment: mobile camps utilize solar lighting and water-conserving technologies, the U.S. headquarters has 110 solar panels, providing 1/3 of its power, and the Tanzania office maintains an organic garden.
- Owners Rick Thomson and Judi Wineland have helped to set up sustainable local businesses, support local schools and women’s empowerment initiatives, and fund a 12,000-acre conservation project east of the Serengeti through their many partner philanthropy organizations.
- Thomson Safaris also works with the organization Green Living Project in an effort to educate individuals and communities on diverse sustainable practices around the world.
- In 1996, a group of Thomson guests were touched by the Tanzania’s limited educational resources and, along with Thomson owner, Judi Wineland, founded the nonprofit organization Focus on Tanzanian Communities (FoTZC). The heart of its mission is to partner with Tanzanian communities on sustainable development projects. In addition to funding, building, and donating much-needed supplies to local schools, FoTZC provides funding for healthcare, clean water and women’s empowerment initiatives.

Experienced Guides
Thomson Safaris was one of the first safari operators in Tanzania to insist on local, Tanzanian guides. All Thomson guides have a minimum of 10 years’ experience in the field. More than just leaders, spotters, and wildlife experts, they are true ambassadors for Tanzania. In addition to superior wildlife spotting skills, your team of guides offers local insight that can’t be found in guidebooks. They can’t wait to share their country’s treasures with you!
Transportation while on safari
You’ve gone halfway around the world to be on safari; you don’t want to waste a single minute stuck in the mud or unable to cross the river. For that reason, Thomson Safaris uses specially customized Land Rover Defenders. These reliable, rugged vehicles are tough enough for river crossings, wild terrain, dirt roads, and anything that comes your way!

Benefits of the Thomson Safaris’ Customized Land Rover:
- While the vehicle is built to accommodate 8 passengers, a limit of 5 guests per vehicle means room to move and guaranteed window seats for everyone
- Better views because the seats have been lowered
- Protection from the sun due to the pop-up roof
- The ability to stand up and get 360° views when the roof is “popped up”
- Easy battery recharging via multiple US-style outlets in each vehicle
- Worry-free river crossings with a custom snorkel that keeps the engine going
- Complimentary snacks and bottled water, throughout the safari
- No mileage restrictions – you’ll go wherever the wildlife is

Accommodations
Accommodations have been chosen for their unique African feel, stunning settings, and ideal proximity to attractions. All lodges are comfortable and have electricity and private bathrooms. Your camps, which were designed exclusively by Thomson, are called Nyumbas (Swahili for “home”). They are eco-friendly mobile camps set on private sites that allow direct access to wildlife. The large walk-in tents feature real beds dressed in deluxe linens. En suite bathrooms include water basins, showers, and self-contained, pump-flush toilets. Due to ecological and conservation issues, none of the camps have fixed plumbing, and they utilize the abundant sunshine to provide solar-powered LED lighting. The camp chef prepares fresh gourmet meals from local ingredients, and restricted diets are easily accommodated with advance notice.

Accommodations for your trip include:

Rivertrees Country Inn, 1 night
Nestled in the foothills of Mount Meru, in view of Mount Kilimanjaro, this peaceful country estate combines simple elegance and modern convenience. Wake up in your farmhouse-style room to the sound of the rushing Usa River, and enjoy a hearty breakfast in an open-air, thatched-roof dining area.

Thomson Eastern Serengeti Nyumba, 2 nights
Wake to exceptional views of the Serengeti at this private, remote site. After a day of adventure, you’ll appreciate the comforts of the camp. Enjoy a hearty dinner prepared fresh from local ingredients, and discuss the day’s excitement with your fellow travelers and attentive staff.

Thomson Serengeti Nyumba, 3 nights
These semi-permanent, seasonal camps are strategically plotted across the Serengeti according to wildlife migration patterns. Each location offers comfort in the heart of the wilderness. With spacious tents, cozy bedding, and en suite bathrooms, you’ll have to look outside to remember that you’re deep in the bush. Best of all, with eco-friendly features like solar lighting, you’re not harming the stunning landscape.

Gibb’s Farm, 3 nights
Fresh food, fresh air, and fresh perspectives abound at Gibb’s Farm. At the end of full days of exploration, relax in your eco-friendly cottage, set amidst the farm’s lush gardens. Gibb’s Farm offers a variety of activities, adventures and opportunities to rejuvenate, from guided walks around the extensive grounds of this working coffee estate, to bike tours through the hills of the Ngorongoro highlands, to Maasai-inspired spa treatments Whether you wish to relax and recharge, explore the diverse natural surroundings, or learn more about the local culture and traditions, you have a variety of experiences to choose from.

Mount Meru Hotel, Day Room
The Mount Meru Hotel has been a mainstay of Arusha accommodations since it opened in the 1960’s, when Tanzania tourism was still in its infancy. It was recently renovated top to bottom, and the finished product is even better than the original. With reliable modern conveniences, a variety of dining options, and a central location, it is an ideal place to end your safari.
Complete Itinerary

3/14/14 Depart From North America

3/15/14 Arrival into Arusha
Thomson Safaris staff will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your comfortable lodge.
Accommodations: Rivertrees Country Inn

3/16/14 Arusha to Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem
Fly from Arusha to the Eastern Serengeti ecosystem. As you journey from the airstrip to camp, your guides will give you a brief history of the 12,000-acre refuge. Enjoy wildlife viewing along the way, one of the tangible results of conservation efforts in the area. Giraffe, eland, dik dik, ostrich, leopard and even wild dog can be seen in this unique wildlife haven, dubbed “Giraffic Park” by one enthusiastic Thomson guest. This afternoon, stretch your legs on a brief but scenic walk (a luxury not available in the national parks). A local wildlife scout will accompany you and your guide on this walk, pointing out nearby wildlife.
Accommodations: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)

3/17/14 Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem
Enjoy a light breakfast before heading out on a morning hike. Being out on the plains on foot at this time of day is magical; the sun creeping above the horizon bathes the plains in a soft morning light as animals, in particular predators, are at their most active. Later, you’ll meet members of the Enjipai Women’s Group, formed by a small group of Maasai women with a great entrepreneurial spirit. This afternoon, meet Maasai elder Nekaaki Kioki, a feisty grandmother and fantastic storyteller. She knows hundreds of Maasai folktales and tells them in a truly dramatic fashion. After dinner, take to the plains for a night drive. Because night drives are not permitted inside the national parks, few travelers in Tanzania have the chance to participate in such a unique experience.
Accommodations: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)

3/18/14 Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem to Serengeti National Park
On your way out of the Eastern Serengeti, you’ll visit a school in a nearby Maasai village, where you’ll learn more about the role of education in Maasai culture. As you journey into the heart of Serengeti National Park, you’ll be able to spot loads of wildlife. The big cats often spend these hours lying drowsily on the granite outcroppings of rock (also known as kopjes) that dot the plains, or up in a tree, while antelope, zebra, giraffe and other animals continue to graze. Accommodations: Southern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)

3/19/14 Serengeti National Park
During drives into the Serengeti, your expert guide will point out leopard hidden deep in the branches of a tree, lion stalking in the tall savannah grasses, and large herds of elephant wandering the plains (though you probably won’t have any trouble spotting those!). You will pack a picnic lunch so you don’t miss a minute of the action.
Accommodations: Southern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)

3/20/14 Serengeti National Park
Those with advance reservations will have the opportunity to view the Serengeti from a truly unique vantage-point: floating high above it in a hot-air balloon. You’ll head to the launch site before daybreak, beginning your ascent just as the sun starts to rise over the stunning plains below. After a breathtakingly beautiful flight, you’ll be greeted with champagne and a full English breakfast, after which you’ll rejoin the group. For those who opt not to take the balloon excursion, there is much to discover within arm’s reach of camp; learn how to identify animal footprints and bird calls with your guide. For the remainder of the day, spend more time seeking out wildlife and exploring the Serengeti’s rich landscapes.
Accommodations: Southern Serengeti Nyumba (BLD)

3/21/14 Serengeti National Park to Ngorongoro Conservation Area
As you follow the meandering path out of Serengeti National Park, take in the gorgeous scenery and wildlife before moving on to the next part of your adventure. Make a short stop at Oldupai Gorge, a deep ravine and the site where fossilized remains of animals and hominids that date as far back as two million years were discovered. A brief lecture and small museum tour are included. After settling in at Gibb’s Farm, you may choose to spend the afternoon relaxing on the verandah with tea, or take advantage of innumerable
optional activities, including bike tours of the highlands, guided walking tours of the coffee estate’s extensive grounds, or Maasai-inspired spa treatments.

**Accommodations: Gibb’s Farm (BLD)**

### 3/22/14 Ngorongoro Highlands

Tucked alongside the Rift Valley escarpment, Lake Manyara National Park takes its name from Lake Manyara, a shallow freshwater lake that covers nearly 80 of the park’s 127 square miles. Huge mahogany and fig trees forest the hilly area near the park gate, where baboons and blue monkeys often spend their days. Manyara is also known for its tree-climbing lions and leopards, but it takes a sharp eye and excellent luck to spot the big cats in the thick forest canopy.

After lunch back at Gibb’s Farm, visit the home of Daniel Tewa, a charismatic local historian, storyteller, and respected member of the Iraqw people. Daniel will impress you with his encyclopedic knowledge of Tanzanian cultures and history. His wife, Elizabeth, a skilled artisan who has made hundreds of fancifully beaded “wedding skirts” in her lifetime, will be able to explain the iconography used in these works of art. You’ll also be able to go inside the mound-like traditional Iraqw home, which Tewa built to preserve his heritage and the environment.

**Accommodations: Gibb’s Farm (BLD)**

### 3/23/14 Ngorongoro Highlands

Early this morning, you’ll depart for Ngorongoro Crater, a self-contained ecosystem absolutely teeming with wildlife. Often called “Africa’s Eden,” this caldera is one of the few places on earth where it is possible to see all of the Big Five in just one day. And that’s just the beginning: baboons and warthog in the Lerai Forest, hundreds of brilliantly pink flamingo around Lake Magadi, and clusters of wildebeest and zebra call this ecological wonder home. To maximize your wildlife viewing time, enjoy your picnic lunch near a hippo pool. This evening before your farewell dinner, relax at the tembo fire, an open-air sitting area nestled at the foot of the organic gardens. The tradition of the nightly campfire began as a purely practical measure to ensure that elephants—or “tembo” in Swahili—were not tempted to feast in the organic gardens at night. It soon became a popular place to sit and relax at the end of the day.

**Accommodations: Gibb’s Farm (BLD)**

### 3/24/14 Departure

Rise early to take in the delightful chorus of songbirds from your verandah. Breakfast at Gibb’s is a great way to start the day as everything is made with the freshest ingredients. Heading back to Arusha, you will make a brief stop at the Cultural Heritage Center which offers an abundance of wooden carvings, artifacts, apparel, and crafts. While the center caters mostly to tourists, they also have a separate wing that displays some of the finest African art in Tanzania. During a special farewell lunch at River House, you will have time to say goodbye to your safari companions and visit the heartwarming Shanga workshop. This socially conscious business creates new jobs and a sense of purpose for disabled local people who had few, if any, employment opportunities elsewhere. As the employees learn new skills, they are able to become active members of the community and make contributions to their families’ wellbeing. Transfer to a day room so you can freshen up and enjoy a light snack before your evening flight home.

**Accommodations: Day Room at Mount Meru Hotel (BL Snack)**

### 3/25/14 Arrive home

Please note: Thomson Safaris (TS) will attempt to adhere to this itinerary as much as possible. Any unforeseeable changes in fees, such as fuel surcharges, increased park fees or other fees that are out of TS control will be the responsibility of the guest. Some conditions (political, climatic, environmental, cultural, or wildlife migrations) may also necessitate changes in the itinerary. TS reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participant.
Hot Air Balloon Optional Safari
Take in sweeping views of the African plains from a hot air balloon during your stay in the Serengeti. Launch at sunrise and, depending on wind conditions, float over the Seronera River Valley for 30 minutes to an hour. Upon descending, celebrate with a champagne toast, and enjoy a full English breakfast right on the savannah. You may see wildlife, but the most incredible part of the experience is the unforgettable bird’s eye perspective as you skim over the tops of acacia trees and observe the pristine landscape from above.

$490 per person

Advance reservations required; height and weight restrictions may apply

Pre- and Post-Safari Extensions
No extensions are offered in conjunction with this trip however, the experts at Thomson Safaris are happy to arrange customized extensions upon request.

Included on Your Safari
- Accommodations (based on double occupancy)
- All National Park fees
- Meals as noted in itinerary, inclusive of restaurant staff tips
- Beer, wine, spirits and soda at welcome and farewell dinners
- Complete preparation materials including helpful tips, packing list, trip expectations, tipping guidelines, etc.
- Access to a personal safari consultant by phone or email, five days a week
- Full-color, 120-page Safari Journal
- Safari briefings throughout the trip
- Services of Thomson Safaris guides, drivers, Nyumba staff including chef and wait staff
- Land transportation in customized, 4-wheel drive Land Rover Defender with unlimited mileage
- Village, School, and Cultural Visits as Noted in Itinerary
- Guaranteed window seating in Thomson vehicles
- Village, school, and cultural visits as noted in itinerary
- Scenic internal flight(s) as noted in itinerary
- Complimentary bottled drinking water and snacks throughout your safari
- Keep Fit Kit at each Nyumba camp
- Airport transfers for Delta/KLM flights on scheduled arrival and departure days
- Baggage handling

Not Included
- International round-trip flight to Tanzania
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, and camp staff (approximately $200-$300US per traveler)
- Airline-imposed fuel surcharges, seat assignment and checked baggage fees
- Meals and expenses en route to Tanzania
- Fees for passport, visa, or immunizations
- Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- Beer, wine, spirits, and soft drinks, laundry, phone, internet, and items of a personal nature
- Optional balloon safari

How to Book
To reserve a spot, call Smith Travel at 800-225-2029, email alumtrav@smith.edu, or mail the reservation form with your deposit to Smith Travel, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063. A non-refundable deposit of $700 per person by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check, payable to Thomson Safaris. We cannot confirm reservations without a deposit. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and is payable by check, wire transfer or bank check. Credit cards are not accepted for final payment.

Airfare
International airfare is not included. Thomson Safaris is happy to make flight arrangements for you on Delta/KLM Airlines, or provide advice for you to coordinate your own. For best routing, fly into and out of Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) via Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam (AMS).

Insurance
It is highly recommended that you consider purchasing trip insurance that offers comprehensive coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation, illness or accident as well as damage or loss of luggage. Information will be promptly sent to you following registration and payment of deposit.

Shares
Single accommodations are limited, subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. Should you wish to share a room, we will attempt to find a roommate for you at your request. If we are unable to provide a roommate by the final invoice date, the single accommodation fee will be assessed.

Cancellation and Refunds
Notification of cancellation must be received in writing (by letter, fax, or email) to Smith Travel and Thomson Safaris. At the time we receive your cancellation, the following per person cancellation penalties apply:

Up to 91 days before departure: Deposit
90-61 days before departure: 50% of the package price
60-46 days before departure: 65% of the package price
45 days or less before departure: 100% of the package price

Terms and Conditions
A detailed liability statement, concerning, among other things, limitations of Wineland-Thomson Adventures, Inc.’s liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death, will be provided to passengers upon enrollment, along with an information form to sign and return to Thomson Safaris shortly after enrolling on the trip. Each of these forms is also available to prospective travelers upon request.