“Ours was a magical trip! We all agreed—one of the best ever!”
—JOAN COWEN BOWMAN ’54
Last year, a record number of new travelers joined us for the first time, becoming part of the thousands of Smith alumnae, family, and friends who have enjoyed Smith Travel trips over the past 33 years. Their enthusiasm, excitement, and sheer joy in travel continue to inspire us, especially as we present our exciting new program for 2011.

Our goal is ambitious: to make every trip we offer feel like “the trip of a lifetime.” To do so, we strive to vary our program each year and appeal to people of all ages, tastes, and budgets. We constantly research the best itineraries from reputable tour operators with expertise in the specific region of the world you’ll be visiting, and we keep abreast of all the latest travel trends and information on the best destinations.

Several of the trips we offered in 2010 are back by popular demand, including “The Blue Voyage” to Turkey in September and the “Mediterranean Music Cruise” in May. We have also incorporated several highly customized trips unavailable elsewhere; these are indicated as “Uniquely Smith” in the following pages, and include

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destinations such as Southern France, Sicily, and Ecuador. President Carol Christ will lead one such trip to Bath and the Dorset coast, literary homes to Jane Austen and Thomas Hardy.

In addition to the local guides who accompany all our trips, there will be guest speakers to enrich your experience, usually from Smith and occasionally from a co-sponsoring institution such as Dartmouth, Yale, MIT, or Vassar. Whenever possible we arrange for you to meet with local Smith alumnae to give you a deeper, first-hand understanding of the culture of the country you are visiting.

We hope that while looking through the pages of this catalogue you will find your “trip of a lifetime,” one that inspires your intellectual curiosity, matches your energy level, and meets your desire to continue your Smith education with like-minded people whose company you are guaranteed to enjoy.

To quote Smith Travel’s favorite travel writer, Pico Iyer: “We travel, initially, to lose ourselves; and we travel, next, to find ourselves.”

Find yourself with Smith Travel in 2011.

We look forward to seeing you!

All best wishes from Northampton,

Carrie Cadwell Brown, MEd ‘82
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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR TRAVEL,
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“The participating faculty, the small group size, and the venue were all so superb!”  
—Mary Shaw Newman ’50, On “Landscapes and Libraries”


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Into Africa
Exploring Africa’s Hidden Treasures on a Voyage from the Gulf of Guinea to Namibia
Aboard the Corinthian II

This 2,500-mile voyage along the Western Coast of Africa affords an intimate view of one of the most exciting, unusual, and spectacularly beautiful destinations on the planet. You’ll witness an extraordinary array of animal and plant life and human cultures, spanning a geography that extends from the equatorial rain forest to the savannah and desert. Highlights include the vast mangrove lagoons of Gabon, the soaring sand dune “seas” of Namibia, and flamingo colonies, thousands-strong, in Walvis Bay. As you sail through the Gulf of Guinea, you’ll stop in Ghana, Togo, and Benin, and journey to Equatorial Guinea to visit a lush island rainforest and a game-rich national park on the mainland. Along the journey, colonial influences shift from French to Portuguese and Bavarian, adding to the historical, culinary, and cultural interest.

ON THE ITINERARY
A Gelede mask dance in Benin
Sao Tome and Principe’s pristine rainforests
Angola’s Kissama National Park
Dinner in the Namib Desert, surrounded by towering sand dunes

TRIP DETAILS
Duration: 21 days (18-night cruise)
Activity level: Moderately active
Cost: Starting at $12,995 per person, based on double occupancy
Single supplement: $2,495 per person, limited availability
Deposit: $2,000 per person, payable to Travel Dynamics International
Co-sponsors: Columbia University, the Explorer’s Club, and the American Geography Society

SMITH FACULTY SPEAKER
Louis Wilson, professor of African and African American history
January 5-12, 2011

Pre-Hispanic Art, Missions, and Wildlife of the Sea of Cortez

Aboard the National Geographic Sea Bird

History, art, and nature join together for an unforgettable experience on Mexico’s Baja Peninsula and Sea of Cortez. On this land-and-sea journey, you’ll explore the majestic desertscape and Sierra de la Giganta mountains of Baja, where you’ll visit an 18th-century mission and view petroglyphs from the Neolithic period. Next you’ll board the National Geographic Sea Bird for a five-day adventure with an expert expedition team. As you sail between a host of desert islands, you’ll spy dolphins and whales; swim and kayak in deserted bays; observe a rich array of birdlife; snorkel with sea lions; hike amid giant barrel cactus; and explore lush mangrove channels on Zodiac cruises. Expeditions are interspersed with leisure time, beach barbecues, and long walks in spectacular desert-and-sea scenery.

ON THE ITINERARY

- Loreto, the first Spanish settlement in Baja
- Snorkeling with sea lions
- Neolithic rock art in Mulegé
- The dramatic cliffs and exquisite beaches of Isla Espiritu Santo

TRIP DETAILS

Duration: 8 days

Activity level: Moderately active

Cost: Starting at $3,480 per person, based on double occupancy

Single supplement: Price available upon request

Deposit: $400 per person, payable to Lindblad Expeditions

Co-sponsors: Vassar and Bryn Mawr colleges

SPEAKERS

National Geographic naturalists

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Egypt and the Eternal Nile

Immerse yourself in the treasures of ancient Egypt on this elite, wide-ranging journey into the past. You’ll explore the Colossus of Ramses II and the Sphinx of Memphis, the iconic pyramids of Giza, and the spectacular Egyptian Museum in Cairo. While in Cairo, you’ll also visit the 12th-century Citadel of Saladin and the winding alleyways of Khan el-Khalili bazaar. A cruise on Lake Nasser will bring you to the two massive temples of Abu Simbel in Nubia. Next you’ll sail the Nile to Luxor, where you’ll explore the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens, the imposing Colossi of Memnon, and Karnak, the mightiest of all ancient Egyptian temple complexes. Your exploration concludes in Alexandria, where you’ll visit the new library and ancient catacombs. Enjoy a post-trip option to Petra and Amman in Jordan.

ON THE ITINERARY

Shipboard view of sunrise over Abu Simbel temples
Ben Ezra Synagogue in Cairo, where Moses was reportedly found by Pharaoh’s daughter
Three-day Nile River cruise
Alexandria’s Greco-Roman heritage

TRIP DETAILS

Duration: 17 days
Activity level: Moderately active
Cost: From $4,195 per person, based on double occupancy (includes airfare from New York City)
Single supplement: $1,395 per person
Deposit: $500 per person, payable to Odysseys Unlimited

SMITH FACULTY SPEAKER

Scott Bradbury, professor of classical languages and literatures (first departure only)
From Classical Monuments to Cosmopolitan Culture
The Taj Mahal, Temples, and Palaces of Northern India

The Ganges River, the Taj Mahal, New Delhi—Northern India boasts iconic landmarks of Indian culture, set amid colorful bazaars, opulent lodgings, and exquisite art and architecture. Your journey begins in Old Delhi, where you’ll be treated to a rickshaw ride and will view the 13th-century UNESCO-sited tombs of Humayun and Qutub Minar. Following sunset and sunrise cruises on the Ganges, you’ll view erotic sculptures at ancient Chandela temples, visit the Taj Mahal and Red Fort Palace in Agra, and tour the 16th-century ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri. In Jaipur, the pink-hued city of the maharajas, you’ll explore Hawa Mahal, the Palace of the Winds, an 18th-century, open-air observatory, before traveling to Udaipur to learn about the Mewar School of miniature painting. Your trip concludes in cosmopolitan New Delhi.

ON THE ITINERARY
Elephant rides to a torch-lit, tented dinner in the Aravali foothills
Private dinner at the home of a prominent Delhi family
Interviews with master gem polishers, textile weavers, brass makers, and painters
Meetings with community leaders

TRIP DETAILS
Duration: 15 days
Activity level: Moderately active
Cost: $4,995 per person, based on double occupancy
Single supplement: $1,495 per person
Deposit: $750 per person, payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.

SMITH FACULTY SPEAKERS
Nalini Bhushan, professor of philosophy, and Richard Millington, director of American studies, Sylvia Dlugash Bauman Professor of American Studies, and professor of English language and literature
FEBRUARY 15–28, 2011

Expedition to Antarctica
Aboard the M.S. Le Boreal

Discover Earth’s last frontier aboard the deluxe M.S. Le Boreal, an intimate, environmentally friendly vessel that will be your elegant and comfortable home base as you explore the secrets of the “White Continent.” Your Antarctic expedition will include explorations of rugged, volcanic topography; wildlife sightings in the heart of the region’s unique ecosystem, accompanied by a team of expert naturalists; and visits to the outposts of some of history’s most intrepid explorers, including Roald Amundsen, Robert Scott, and Ernest Shackleton. The journey begins with two nights in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires before heading into the lingering light of the austral summer, when sunrise turns the icescape pink and gold. You’ll marvel as human reference points disappear amid fantastically shaped icebergs, glimmering turquoise glaciers, penguin rookeries, and breaching whales. Extend your journey with a post-cruise option to Iguazú Falls.

ON THE ITINERARY
Fashionable and cosmopolitan Buenos Aires
Zodiac excursions with an expert team of naturalists
Wildlife sightings, including penguins, seals, whales, and countless seabirds

TRIP DETAILS
Duration: 14 days
Activity level: Moderately active
Cost: From $6,635 per person, based on double occupancy
Single supplement: Price available upon request
Deposit: $800 per person, payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company

SMITH FACULTY SPEAKER
Paulette Peckol, Louise C. Harrington Professor of Biological Sciences
Amazon. The word alone conjures some of the most vivid images on earth: jewel-toned parrots, pink river dolphins, and troops of monkeys swinging amid dense rainforests that curtain the banks of the world’s vastest river. On this extraordinary journey aboard the luxurious river ship Delfin II, you’ll revel in the exuberant life of the Amazon Basin. You’ll spot tamarins foraging along the shoreline; the enigmatic hoatzin, a tropical, pheasant-like bird so unusual that it occupies its own ornithological genus; and three-toed sloths creeping ponderously among low-hanging branches. By day you’ll explore Pacaya Samiria, Peru’s largest nature reserve, and in the evenings attend lectures or relax in the observation lounge, taking in the nighttime sounds of the rainforest.

ON THE ITINERARY

Pacaya Samiria Reserve, the largest protected natural area in Peru

Village visits and discussions with ribereños about making a living from the river and rainforest

Pink freshwater dolphins

Giant kapok trees that tower high above the forest canopy

TRIP DETAILS

Duration: 8 days

Activity level: Moderately active

Cost: From $3,995 per person, based on double occupancy

Single supplement: Price available on request

Deposit: $850 per person, payable to Orbridge

SPEAKER

Greg Greer, naturalist
MARCH 16–29, 2011

Mysteries of the Mekong
Angkor Wat to Ho Chi Minh City

A SEVEN-NIGHT CRUISE DOWN the tranquil Mekong River forms the backbone of this utterly unique journey to the ancient nations of Vietnam and Cambodia.

Your trip begins with a visit to Angkor Archaeological Park, the famous UNesco World Heritage site and former capital of the Khmer Empire from the 9th to 15th centuries. Next you’ll board the posh colonial-style cruiser La Marguerite, sailing past floating villages, rice fields, orchards, and colorful river markets, with a stop in Phnom Penh, considered the loveliest French-built city in Indochina. The cruise concludes in cosmopolitan Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), where you’ll explore the city’s cultural treasures, French colonial districts, and learn about France’s influence on Vietnamese cuisine.

A two-night Bangkok pre-program option and a three-night Hanoi post-program are offered.

ON THE ITINERARY

12th-century temple complex of Angkor Wat
Bird watching in the Cambodian jungle
A lecture by an American expat at the former residence of US Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge

TRIP DETAILS

Duration: 14 days
Activity level: Active
Cost: Starting at $3,695 per person, based on double occupancy
Single supplement: Price available upon request
Deposit: $600 per person, payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company

SMITH FACULTY SPEAKER
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A succession of invaders has left Sicily with an exceptionally rich cultural legacy. Your tour begins in Syracuse, founded by the Greeks and once a rival to Athens, where you’ll visit a tropical garden and enjoy an exclusive reception at an 18th-century palace. From Agrigento, you’ll explore Roman mosaics at the Villa Imperiale and the Siceliot (Sicilian-Greek) acropolis, theater, and temples at Selinunte and Segesta. In Palermo, you’ll visit magnificent private palaces and see intricate Byzantine mosaics gracing chapels and cathedrals. Final highlights include a visit to a wine-making estate; the hill town of Taormina, with its celebrated Greco-Roman theater and splendid view of Mount Etna; and a trip across the Straits of Messina to view the Bronzes of Riace, two exceptional 5th-century BC statues.
ON THE ITINERARY

Superb classical music in a private, relaxed setting

UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Carthage, Diocletian’s Palace in Split, Old Dubrovnik, Valencia’s Silk Exchange, and a Gaudi church in Barcelona

Roman mosaics in Tunisia

TRIP DETAILS

Duration: 14 days

Activity level: Moderately active

Cost: From $9,995 per person, based on double occupancy

Single supplement: $2,395 per person

Deposit: $1,000 per person, payable to Travel Dynamics International

SMITH FACULTY SPEAKER

TBD

MAY 3–16, 2011

Mediterranean Music Cruise

A Voyage from Venice to Seville

Aboard the Corinthian II

Sail with world-famous flutist Sir James Galway and pianist Lowell Liebermann aboard the all-suite Corinthian II, on a dazzling Mediterranean journey with visits to Italy, Croatia, Tunisia, and Spain. Intimate concerts aboard ship and in palaces and churches on shore, underscored by the generous accessibility of the artists, make this an unparalleled experience. Your cruise begins in Venice, with highlights along the way, including the Italian hilltown of Macerata, home to the Sferisterio Opera Festival; the chic Croatian Riviera with its lovely, historic cities of Dubrovnik and Split; Palermo, in Sicily, where you’ll discover masterpieces of mosaic art; and the ancient ruins of legendary Carthage, in Tunisia. Your trip concludes in Spain, where you will visit the architectural monuments of Barcelona, Valencia, and Seville.
The roads to Compostella—said to be earthbound reflections of the Milky Way—once drew pilgrims from all over Europe. The ancient routes, together constituting a UNESCO World Heritage site, still converge today in Southern France, leading through picturesque, unspoiled countryside. On this trip you’ll tour magnificent Romanesque abbeys; visit Carcassonne, the most spectacular fortified town in Europe; explore a prehistoric art cave near Les Eyzies; and stay in a sophisticated, 14th-century chateau. The trip concludes in elegant Bordeaux, with a private wine tour and tasting and a visit to Arcachon, a seaside town with the largest dune in Europe, where you’ll enjoy a private cocktail reception at a Belle Epoque mansion. A two-day extension in Paris is offered.

ON THE ITINERARY

St. Pierre de Moissac, a UNESCO abbey with the finest capital carvings and cloister in Europe

Prehistoric art caves painted in the Stone Age

Wine tastings in Cahors and Bordeaux

A private reception hosted by a Smith alumna

TRIP DETAILS

Duration: 10 days

Activity level: Moderately active

Cost: $3,980 per person, based on double occupancy

Single supplement: $740 per person

Deposit: $800 per person, payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.

SMITH SPEAKER

Pamela Petro, lecturer at the Jacobson Center for Writing, Teaching, and Learning, and author of The Slow Breath of Stone: A Romanesque Love Story

MAY 5–14, 2011

Hidden Treasures of Southern France

Wine, Art, and Abbeys along the Great Pilgrimage Roads
MAY 6–15, 2011

Celtic Lands
France, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland
Aboard the M.S. Le Boreal

Explore the vibrant, varied heritage of the Celts on this cruise aboard the exclusive charter Le Boreal, embarking from the Norman port of Honfleur, France, and concluding in Scotland’s historic capital of Edinburgh. En route you will discover 4,000 years of history along the dramatically beautiful, legend-haunted Irish and Welsh coasts. You'll visit D-Day landing beaches, with subsequent stops in Dublin, where you’ll marvel over the artistry of the 9th-century Book of Kells, and the North Wales coast, where you’ll tour 700-year-old Caernarfon Castle and drive through dramatic mountain passes in Snowdonia National Park. The trip ends with the stark, serene beauty of Scotland’s Inner Hebrides and Orkney Islands. Options include a two-night pre-cruise in Paris and a two-night post-cruise in Edinburgh.

ON THE ITINERARY

- Lectures by David Eisenhower, political scientist and grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Celia Sandys, author and granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill
- City tour of Dublin in the footsteps of Jonathan Swift, James Joyce, and Sean O’Casey
- The Isle of Iona, where Celtic crosses mark the graves of Scotland’s monarchs
- Dunvegan Castle, seat of the MacLeod Clan, on the Isle of Skye

TRIP DETAILS

- Duration: 10 days
- Activity level: Moderately active
- Cost: Starting at $5,195 per person, based on double occupancy
- Single supplement: Price available upon request
- Deposit: $800 per person, payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company

SPEAKERS

Various
JUNE 8–16, 2011

Jane Austen and Thomas Hardy’s England
A President’s Tour

This exciting educational journey through the English countryside features Carol T. Christ, president of Smith College and noted scholar of English literature. She’ll share her knowledge and expertise as you visit the homes and haunts of authors such as Jane Austen and Thomas Hardy. Your excursion begins in Bath, social capital of Regency England, where you’ll learn about Austen’s life and visit the places that inspired her writing. The tour will conclude in Hardy’s beloved Dorset countryside, where you’ll tour the exquisite village of Shaftesbury, medieval Athelhampton House, and Max Gate, Hardy’s own home. In between, you'll be treated to private openings of museums and gardens in England’s picturesque West Country; visits to iconic English landmarks such as Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral; and lectures by top scholars of English literature.

ON THE ITINERARY

Homes and havens of Jane Austen, Thomas Hardy, John Keats, and George Eliot

Stonehenge, Salisbury Cathedral, and the Jurassic Coast

Stourhead Gardens, one of the world’s finest 18th-century landscaped estates

Country house accommodations, including bucolic Summer Lodge

TRIP DETAILS

Duration: 9 days

Activity level: Moderately active

Cost: $5,795 per person, based on double occupancy

Single supplement: $1,195 per person

Deposit: $750 per person, payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.

SMITH FACULTY SPEAKER

Carol T. Christ, President, Smith College
Changing Tides of History
Cruising the Baltic Sea and the Norwegian Fjords
Aboard the M.S. Le Boreal

Sail across the Baltic Sea in the company of Mikhail Gorbachev, former president of the Soviet Union, and Lech Walesa, former president of Poland, aboard the deluxe cruiser Le Boreal. You’ll embark from the Swedish capital of Stockholm bound for the Hanseatic port of Bergen, Norway. In between, you’ll discover the dynamic cities of Helsinki and Copenhagen, as well as the medieval byways of Riga, in Latvia, and Tallinn, in Estonia, known for the spires and gables of its distinctive skyline. You’ll also explore the cultural renaissance under way in Gdansk, Poland. Highlights of the trip include cruising the majestic Norwegian fjords and one night in regal St. Petersburg, where you’ll be treated to an early-opening tour of the world-acclaimed Hermitage Museum. Extend your trip with a two-night pre-cruise option in Stockholm and a two-night post-cruise option in Bergen.
JULY 26–AUGUST 6, 2011

Voyage to the Lands of Gods and Heroes
A Family Learning Adventure in the Classical World
Aboard the Corinthian II

Sail with your children or grandchildren aboard the all-suite Corinthian II as you explore classical antiquity in Athens, the Greek islands, Sicily, Rome, and along Italy’s enchanting Amalfi Coast. Your journey includes visits to Pompeii, where volcanic ruins will spark your imagination; Sicily, where you’ll witness the majesty of Mount Etna from Taormina’s Greek theatre; Crete’s Minoan Palace of Knossos, associated with the legendary Minotaur; and the fortified town of Rhodes, one of Europe’s best-preserved medieval cities. On Santorini—which many speculate is the original Atlantis—you’ll explore evidence of an ancient volcanic eruption, and in Athens, enjoy the best of ancient and contemporary worlds. The Young Explorers Program, led by onboard counselors, will offer fun, educational activities to enhance children’s appreciation of the ancient world.

ON THE ITINERARY

For Young Explorers:

- Grape-stomping on Santorini
- Competitions in the original Olympic stadium
- A pretend archaeological dig
- Treasure hunting in Athens
- Myths, constellations, and celestial navigation

TRIP DETAILS:

Duration: 12 days

Activity level: Moderately active

Cost: Starting at $4,895 per child and $7,495 per adult, based on double occupancy

Single supplement: $2,295 per person, limited availability

Deposit: $1,000 per person, payable to Travel Dynamics International

Co-sponsors: Williams College, Dartmouth Alumni Travel, and Smithsonian Journeys

TBD

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Switzerland for Families

Called “The Playground of Europe,” the Bernese Oberland—the highlands towering above the city of Bern—boasts gingerbread chalets, jagged mountain peaks, crystalline lakes, and timbered villages blanketed in snow in winter, and surrounded by flower-filled meadows in summer. Interlaken will be the base from which you’ll discover this storied region, where you’ll explore the mighty Aare and Rosenlaui Gorges and Switzerland’s majestic glaciers, visit historic towns, and cruise sapphire-toned lakes. You’ll also enjoy exhilarating rail journeys that showcase the Oberland’s spectacular scenery, encompassing the highest railway station in Europe. In addition to nature’s marvels, the trip offers a mix of adventurous excursions and activities for young people designed to appeal to all family members.

ON THE ITINERARY

Thun, the picturesque capital of the Bernese Oberland

Spectacular railway journeys, including the Golden Pass, the Bernese Oberland, and Jungfraubahn trains

Alpine panoramas from the village of Grindelwald and Grosse Scheidegg pass

Special youth program with activities director

TRIP DETAILS

Duration: 9 days

Activity level: Moderately active

Cost: $3,195 per person, based on double occupancy

Single supplement: $650 per person

Deposit: $600 per person, payable to Alumni Holidays International

SMITH FACULTY SPEAKER

TBD
Discovering Eastern Europe

Experience the grace, beauty, and heartbreak of Central and Eastern Europe on an odyssey through Poland, Hungary, Austria, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. In Poland, your tour takes in the Old Towns of Warsaw and Krakow, both UNESCO Heritage Sites, as well as the haunting concentration camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau. Hungary offers the regal, paired cities of Buda and Pest, and the scenic and truly blue River Danube. In Vienna, you’ll attend a classical music performance and tour majestic Schönbrunn Palace, while in Bratislava, Slovakia’s thriving capital, you’ll explore the city’s imposing castle and 18th-century neoclassical Archbishop’s Palace. Your journey ends in Prague, where you’ll explore the famed architectural treasures of the city’s UNESCO-sited historic center. A post-trip option to Prague is offered.
Amalfi
The Divine Coast

Nicknamed “The Divine Coast,” the Amalfi seaboard, in southern Italy, winds around towering cliffs and drops to perfect, sandy coves. Following the serpentine landscape, the Amalfi Drive passes ancient villages, colorful villas, and cascading flower gardens. Your Amalfi experience will be based in the dramatically situated town of Vietri sul Mare, from which you’ll explore the precipitous hillside town of Positano; 13th-century Villa Rufolo in Ravello, mentioned by Boccaccio in The Decameron; and the clifftop village of Sorrento in the heart of Campania, known as Italy’s breadbasket. You’ll also explore the ancient and sophisticated Isle of Capri, marvel at the baroque architecture of Naples, and discover the ruins of Herculaneum and Pompeii, under the haunting shadow of Mount Vesuvius.
Legendary Turkey and the Turquoise Coast
(repeated due to popular demand)

Discover Turkey, where Europe and Asia meet to form “the cradle of civilization.” You’ll visit legendary sites from classical, medieval, and modern times, and cruise the dazzling Turquoise Coast. Your journey begins in Istanbul with visits to the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, and the Topkapi Palace, home to the Ottoman sultans for 500 years. After a haunting stop at the World War I battlefield of Gallipoli, you’ll cross the Dardanelles to visit Troy and the magnificent Greco-Roman acropolis at Pergamum. You’ll spend a full day in Ephesus, deemed the best-preserved city of the classical world, before commencing your yacht cruise along the fishing villages and remote ruins of the Turquoise Coast. Your journey concludes in Antalya, a cliffside resort with nearby Roman ruins. Extend your tour with a post-trip option to Cappadocia and Ankara.

ON THE ITINERARY
- A private cruise on the Bosphorus
- The extraordinary Library of Celsus and 25,000-seat amphitheatre at Ephesus
- Four nights aboard a gulet, a 2-masted Turkish sailing vessel

TRIP DETAILS
- Duration: 15 days
- Activity level: Moderately active
- Cost: From $3,695 per person, based on double occupancy (includes airfare from New York City)
- Single supplement: $1,095 per person
- Deposit: $500 per person, payable to Odysseys Unlimited

SMITH FACULTY SPEAKER
- TBD
SEPTEMBER 12–20, 2011

Mediterranean Masterpieces
Rome to Nice
Aboard Sea Cloud II

Enjoy the cultural richness of Italy and Southern France on this Mediterranean adventure aboard the magnificent three-masted yacht Sea Cloud II. Sailing toward France along Italy’s western coast, you’ll make forays into Rome, home to masterpieces of the Italian Renaissance; drive through Tuscan olive groves and vineyards from Livorno to Pisa, where you’ll visit the Duomo and Leaning Tower; and visit Genoa to enjoy a private visit to the Palazzo Doria Pamphilj, set amid spectacular gardens. Your sailing adventure continues along the French Riviera, where you’ll savor bouillabaisse in Marseille and take in the seaward approach to picturesque St. Tropez. In town you’ll visit the Musée de l’Annonciade, home to paintings by Matisse, Bonnard, and Signac, and conclude your voyage with a farewell captain’s dinner in Nice. A pre-cruise option in Rome and post-cruise option in Nice are offered.

ON THE ITINERARY
France’s Côte d’Azur
Lectures by Patrick Bowe, author of Gardens of the Roman World
The vanishing art of hand-set sails, practiced by the expert crew of Sea Cloud II

TRIP DETAILS
Duration: 9 days
Activity level: Moderately active
Cost: From $7,295 per person, based on double occupancy
Single cost: $4,148 per person (limited availability)
Deposit: $2,500 per person, payable to Academic Arrangements Abroad

SPEAKERS
Various
Ecuadorian Amazon and Highlands

Ecuador is as rich in biodiversity and natural wonders as it is in history, art, and culture. On this three-pronged expedition, you’ll explore them all, starting with a journey to Sacha Lodge, a 5,000-acre private reserve in the heart of the Amazon rainforest, where you will view monkeys, sloths, anteaters, and other exotic animals, plus more than 500 species of birds. In Quito, the Ecuadorian capital, you’ll see Spanish colonial architecture, including magnificently gilded baroque monasteries and churches, and shop at the famous Otavalo Market, an Indian fair. Traveling to the Andes, you’ll luxuriate in the elegant 17th-century Hacienda Cusin, owned by Barbara Millhouse ’56 and her husband, Nicholas, with each room offering a fireplace. The region boasts excellent hiking and mountain biking, as well as 1,200-year-old pyramids and a condor reserve. You can also enjoy a post-trip option to the Galapagos.

ON THE ITINERARY

- Treetop canopy walks and zipline tours in the Amazon Basin
- Quito’s architectural masterpieces
- A 3-night stay at a 17th-century, Smith alumna-owned hacienda in the Andes

TRIP DETAILS

Duration: 10 days

Activity level: Moderately active

Cost: $3,795 per person, based on double occupancy

Single supplement: $995 per person

Deposit: $750 per person, payable to Classic Escapes

SMITH FACULTY SPEAKER

TBD
ON THE ITINERARY

Access to local dignitaries and religious sites that are not often open to outsiders

The white temples of Taktsang Monastery, carved 10,000 feet above ground

Visits with farming families

TRIP DETAILS

Duration: 17 days

Activity level: Active, high altitude

Cost: $8,435 per person, based on double occupancy

Single supplement: $1,995 per person

On-tour air: $1,700 per person

Deposit: $1,000 per person, payable to Travel Concepts

Co-sponsor: Princeton University

SMITH FACULTY SPEAKER

TBD
From the vast Kalahari Desert to the fertile Okavango Delta, Botswana offers some of the most remote and unspoiled wilderness in Africa. On this exceptionally well-planned safari, you’ll travel by day in 4x4s and mokoros—traditional African canoes—in search of wildlife from hippos and crocodiles to wildebeests, giraffes, cheetahs, leopards, baboons, hyenas, and rhinos. By night you’ll stay in elegant, intimate camps nestled into the countryside, where it’s not surprising to spy passing lions or hear elephants splashing in the river while you dine. Your guide will be Grant Atkinson, one of Africa’s premier naturalists with an exceptional knowledge of Botswana’s ecosystems. A pre-trip option in Cape Town and a post-trip option in Victoria Falls are offered.

On the itinerary
- The finest cheetah viewing in Africa
- Spectacular bird-watching, including White-faced Scops-Owls and African Wren-Warblers
- Okavango Delta, the earth’s largest inland waterway
- Seba Camp, an elephant research station and safari center

Trip details
- Duration: 11 days
- Activity level: Moderately active
- Cost: $5,995 per person, based on double occupancy
- Single supplement: $1,495 per person
- Deposit: $750 per person, payable to Classic Escapes

Smith Faculty Speaker
TBD
Legendary Cultures
An Epic Journey by Private Jet

SEPTEMBER 17–OCTOBER 7, 2011

The height of luxury and comfort, this 21-day private jet tour will uncover the cultures and age-old traditions of nine different locations, from Norwegian Samiland to Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, and China’s Yunnan Province. You’ll encounter nomads and artisans, village elders and tribal warriors, all willing to provide an insider’s view of their way of life. More than just a trip, this journey also has a charitable mission—to transport supplies to medical clinics and schools and donate funds for essential services and innovative projects in the villages and towns you’ll visit. This program will be co-sponsored by various educational institutions.

Habitat For Humanity

BRAZIL: JANUARY 27–FEBRUARY 6, 2011
MONGOLIA: SEPTEMBER 2011
(exact dates to be determined)

Once again, Sherley Young ’61, a veteran group leader for Habitat’s Global Village program, will be leading our annual Habitat for Humanity trips, this time with excursions to Brazil and Mongolia. Working side by side with Sherley, you’ll join other alumnae, students, and volunteers in constructing much-needed housing for local residents. Plus, you’ll have plenty of time to relax and enjoy the customs, food, and culture of the community. In Brazil, there will be a focus on music and samba clubs, and in Mongolia the plan is to do some horseback riding after the build. For more details, please e-mail Sherley Young at sherleyy@yahoo.com.

For information on these trips, please contact Smith Travel: 800-225-2029; alumtrav@smith.edu.
Information Request Form for 2011 trips

Please reserve space for me ___ and my spouse/friend ___ on the trips checked below, or please send me a brochure for the requested tour.

☐ Into Africa: Exploring Africa’s Hidden Treasures on a Voyage from the Gulf of Guinea to Namibia
   December 18, 2010–January 7, 2011

☐ Pre–Hispanic Art, Missions, and Wildlife of the Sea of Cortez
   January 5–12, 2011

☐ Egypt and the Eternal Nile (waitlist only)
   January 12–18, 2011

☐ Egypt and the Eternal Nile (2nd departure)
   January 19–February 4, 2011

☐ From Classical Monuments to Cosmopolitan Culture: Taj Mahal, Temples, and Palaces of Northern India (Unique Smith)
   February 10–24, 2011

☐ Expedition to Antarctica
   February 15–28, 2011

☐ The Amazon River
   March 7–14, 2011

☐ Mysteries of the Mekong River: Angkor Wat to Ho Chi Minh City (waitlist only)
   March 16–29, 2011

☐ Sicily in the Spring (Unique Smith)
   March 22–April 1, 2011

☐ Mediterranean Music Cruise: A Voyage from Venice to Seville
   May 3–16, 2011

☐ Hidden Treasures of Southern France: Wine, Art and Abbeys along the Great Pilgrimage Roads (Unique Smith)
   May 5–14, 2011

☐ Celtic Lands: France, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland
   May 6–15, 2011

☐ Jane Austen and Thomas Hardy’s England:
   A President’s Tour (Unique Smith)
   June 8–16, 2011

☐ Changing Tides of History: Cruising the Baltic Sea and the Norwegian Fjords
   June 9–20, 2011

☐ Voyage to the Lands of Gods and Heroes: A Family Learning Adventure in the Classical World
   July 26–August 6, 2011

☐ Switzerland for Families
   August 8–16, 2011

☐ Discovering Eastern Europe
   August 16–September 1, 2011

☐ Amalfi: The Divine Coast
   August 31–September 8, 2011

☐ Legendary Turkey and the Turquoise Coast
   (repeat trip due to popular demand)
   September 10–28, 2011

☐ Mediterranean Masterpieces: Rome to Nice
   September 12–20, 2011

☐ Ecuadorian Amazon and Highlands (Unique Smith)
   September 24–October 3, 2011

☐ Himalayan Kingdoms: A Journey through Tibet, Nepal, and Bhutan
   October 23–November 8, 2011

☐ Botswana: Desert Sunset, Delta Dawn
   November 7–17, 2011

☐ Not Your Average Adventures!

☐ Legendary Cultures: An Epic Journey by Private Jet
   September 17–October 7, 2011

☐ Habitat for Humanity
   Brazil: January 27–February 6, 2011
   Mongolia: September 2011

☐ Sign me up! This is a firm request for

☐ I’m asking Smith Travel for an expanded brochure for the following trip(s)

☐ Keep me informed about the 2011 trips to

Please fax completed form to 413–585–2015, or mail to Smith Travel, AASC, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063
**Important Information**

**Eligibility:** While Smith Travel programs are designed for alumnae of Smith College and accompanying members of their immediate families, enrollment is open to all members and friends of the Smith community. Space permitting, a participating alumna may bring a non-Smith friend or couple.

**Activity level:** All participants must be in good health to enjoy a Smith Travel program. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time a reservation is made. By forwarding the deposit for registration in full, the participant certifies that they do not have any physical or other limitations that would create a hazard for themselves or other travelers or would require adjustments to the program for other travelers. Nearly all Smith Travel programs involve walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs, and navigating areas that are not handicapped accessible. Please check with Smith Travel if more information is required for you to make your decision.

**What’s included:**
- A comprehensive educational program, including lectures and discussions with a Smith lecturer, host or speakers from institutions co-sponsoring the trip
- Accommodations based on double occupancy in first-class hotels or ships with private bathroom
- Services of tour directors and experienced local guides
- Bus transfers and baggage handling for participants traveling on group flights
- Port charges on cruises
- Excursions as listed in final itineraries
- Meals as indicated in final itineraries
- Pre-trip information
- Most gratuities

**What’s not included:**
- Round-trip airfare (unless specified)
- Passport and visa fees
- Personal travel insurance (We strongly recommend that you take out insurance. Smith Travel will send you details of its preferred travel insurance company.)
- Transfers and baggage handling for those traveling independently
- Gratuities to ship’s crew

**Tour Costs:** Prices are, of necessity, subject to change should exchange rates fluctuate or conditions change. All prices are per person, based on double occupancy.

**Pre-Registration:** To be sure of a place on one of the 2011 trips, you may ask Smith Travel to reserve a space for you. Please go to the previous page for details as to how to do this. As soon as the trip brochure becomes available for this trip we will contact you immediately, send you the final trip brochure and you can then send in your trip deposit to confirm your place.

**Passport Requirements:** Please note that many countries now require individuals to possess passports with an expiration date of six months beyond the expected return to the United States. Please check that your passport meets the requirements of the country you will be visiting. If your passport needs to be renewed, leave yourself ample time for processing.

**Terms and Conditions:** The Alumnae Association of Smith College (AASC) is the sponsor of the tours. As the sponsor, AASC has engaged independent tour operators to arrange the tours. Because the AASC does not own, operate, manage, or control and is not in a partnership or joint venture with, either the tour operators or the various independent companies and persons with which or whom the tour operator has arranged to supply services to the tour, the AASC and its officers, directors, trustees, agents, servants, employees, affiliations, and assigns are not liable for any negligent or willful acts or omissions of the tour operator or the various suppliers, including any acts or omissions on their part that cause, without limitations, injury, death, theft, damage to or loss of property, delay, inconvenience, or the cancellation, substitution, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, transportation, or other services. Additional terms and conditions may apply to your trip and will be sent to you with your registration acknowledgement, which you must sign and return to Smith Travel.

**Questions:** 800-225-2029