Dear Smith alumnae and friends:

The Alumnae Association of Smith College’s Travel program values your experience and interest in the unique programs we put together each year. It is through your participation—and for your enrichment—that we continue to expand in new and exciting directions for all of our alumnae and friends.

With this in mind, I am writing to you and a select group of travelers with a special invitation to join our 2012 wildlife and service journey to Zambia. This “Uniquely Smith” adventure to Zambia will allow you to step foot into one of Africa’s last, unspoiled wilderneses. Follow the footsteps of Livingstone and experience the verdant beauty of Zambia as you feel Africa beneath your feet on a walking and wildlife viewing safari in South Luangwa, or a canoe trip on the Lower Zambezi. Discover this huge and untamed wilderness, sparingly inhabited by local tribesmen, rich in animal and bird life.

This unique itinerary, crafted especially for Smith alumnae, includes an opportunity to reach out and give back to the local community. Visit the Yosefe School, the Kakummi Health Centre, the NCS tree planting project, a local workshop making hand-crafted cards from recycled paper, the South Luangwa Conservation Society and Chipembele Education Centre. Meet the various leaders of these local projects, including fellow Smith alumna, Erinn McGurn ’94, co-founder and director of SCALEAfrica, an initiative to build better schools in Zambia. This is your chance to not only learn about these great projects, but also, firsthand, the positive impact that you can have in the local communities.

Smith College’s intellectual and social connections have never been more relevant than today, so please check your calendar and consider participating in this adventure. The dates are November 4 to 14, 2012 and the cost per person is $7,595 (double occupancy) plus international air, and includes all accommodations, ground transfers, flights between Johannesburg and Zambia, as well as 28 meals throughout the trip, entrance fees to parks and attractions, and English-speaking guides throughout.

At this time, we would like to offer you the opportunity to reserve space on this tour before an invitation goes out to our entire alumnae base. With only 20 spots available, it is important that you let us know soon if you are interested. Please contact the Smith Travel office at 800-225-2029 or via email at alumtrav@smith.edu if you have questions or would like to reserve your space. I hope you will be able to join; I am confident that it will be an exciting, eye-opening journey for everyone.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
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Lions, leopards and hippos – oh my! On safari in Zambia, discover a wilderness of plains and rivers called home by some of the most impressive wildlife in the world. From zebra to warthog and the countless number of bird species in the sky and along the river banks, your daily wildlife-viewing by foot, 4x4 open land cruiser, boat and canoe gives you rare access to this untamed part of the world. Experience the unparalleled excitement of tracking leopard and lion on foot in South Luangwa National Park. At night, return to the safari chic comfort of your camps for more wildlife viewing from your en-suite tents, viewing decks, and canvas or thatched lounges and dining rooms, where the fine cuisine is only upstaged by the view – elephant and antelope drinking at the river. Also learn about the work of SCALEAfrica, an initiative to build better schools in Zambia, co-founded and directed by Smith Alumna Erin McGurn.
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CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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RATES: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of June 2, 2011, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 15 travelers (30 maximum). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by ai lines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

INSURANCE: is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/travelling companions for the duration of their trip to Africa. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the safari, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest’s dependents or travelling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. Smith College Alumnae Association offers a comprehensive package and will forward an application form. The payment of the deposit or any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest or any guest’s dependents or travelling companions has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized representative of the Company.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this safari:

Up to 90 days prior to departure, less 25% handling fee, plus 35% non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.

62 to 75 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost in both the main trip and the extension.

Less than 75 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Company Name

Name appearing on credit card

Card number Expiration date

Card Verification Number* Card Type

Billing address of credit card

Amount of transaction Invoice #

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Phone number

Signature Date

*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:

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