Join Your Fellow Sweet Briar Alumnae on a Journey through Nature and History

May 29 to June 11, 2009

SOUTH AFRICA: THE THREE KINGDOMS
Dear Alumnae and Friends of Sweet Briar,

The history of southern Africa is a story rich in struggle, courage, self-sacrifice, tragedy and endurance. We are pleased to offer the opportunity to discover that history through three kingdoms—Lesotho, Swaziland, and KwaZulu-Natal. Journey through the lands where the mighty Zulu clashed with British imperial power and the tenacity of the Boers in a conflict that would impact the fate of all South Africans for more than a century to come. Explore natural beauty at Phinda Reserve, site of one of the most ambitious wildlife reintroduction programs in Africa and amidst the legendary biodiversity of Kruger National Park. This is certain to be an adventure you will never forget.

Louise Swiecki Zingaro, ‘80
Executive Director of Alumnae Affairs

YOUR ITINERARY

May 29
WASHINGTON, D.C./EN ROUTE

Travel: Flight

May 30/31
JOHANNESBURG/DURBAN/LESOTHO

Accommodations: Goble Palms (D;B,L,D)

Travel: Flight, drive

Enjoy your welcome dinner and some well-deserved rest, before heading to the first of the Three Kingdoms—Lesotho. Cross through the Drakensberg Mountains at Sani Pass, the highest pass in Africa. Visit a traditional Basotho homestead and eat lunch by the roaring fire at a local pub.

Highlights:
• Scenic drive through the Drakensberg Mountains and Sani Pass.
• Basotho homestead visit.
• Lunch at the highest pub in Africa.
• Visit to Howick Falls (time permitting).

June 1
BATTLEFIELDS/ISANDLWANA

Accommodations: Isandlwana Lounge or Fugitive’s Drift (B,L,D)

Travel: Drive

Your route takes you through some of the most contested lands of southern Africa—battlefields where the head-on collision of the Zulu, British and Boers made the rivers run red and shaped the geopolitical future of South Africa. Today, this is a peaceful region of farmsteads, villages, and scenic trails, with a vital culture that belies the area’s brutal past.

Highlights:
• Driving tour through noted battlefields including Spioenkop, Tugela Heights, Isandlwana and Rorke’s Drift.
• Visits to the Blood River Monument and the ENcome Museum, which memorialize opposite sides of the same Boer-Zulu battle.
• Opportunities to shop for local arts and crafts.

June 2/3
PHINDA RESERVE

Accommodations: Phinda Forest Lodge (B,L,D Daily)

Travel: Drive, optional boat

Optional activities: Bush walks, rhino tracking, horseback riding, canoeing, river boating, deep sea fishing, snorkeling, scuba diving.

Phinda means the return in Zulu, and this is the site of one of South Africa’s most ambitious wildlife reintroduction programs. Explore the beauty and wildlife of this pristine reserve.

Highlights:
• Drives through the reserve with opportunities to spot all the big five.
• Visits to the Phinda Private Game Reserve and the Phinda Zulu Cultural Village.
• Opportunities to shop for local arts and crafts.

YOUR ITINERARY (Continued)

June 4
DURBAN/MAZZARBAZAR

Accommodations: Mazza Bazar (B,L,D)

Travel: Drive

May 30
WASHINGTON, D.C./EN ROUTE

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**WHITE RIVER**

- Visit markets to shop for local crafts.
- Learn about Swazi herbal medicine.
- Optional wildlife drive through Milwane Wildlife Sanctuary.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Scenic drive to White River.
- Visit craft shops and artisan's studios to observe glass-making, batik, weaving and other Swazi crafts.
- Predators including lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog, and hyena.
- Herbivores including white rhino, giraffe, kudu, impala, zebra, wildebeest, elephant, and buffalo.
- Wildlife drives for white rhino, elephant, giraffe, impala, zebra, lion, hyena, nyala, and buffalo.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

- *Royal Swazi Sun Hotel & Casino:*
  - Offering a spacious en-suite bathroom and lounge.
  - Designed to complement the area's agricultural history, with consistent excellence.
  - Nestled in 30+ acres of magnificent gardens, it reflects the area's agricultural heritage.
  - Featuring a veritable museum of Zulu artifacts, this lodge offers incredible views, soothing pool with a view, and rooms with private balconies.
  - Royal Swazi Sun Hotel & Casino is the flagship hotel of Swaziland. It is famed for its colonial style and superb location, as well as its golf course, casino, and magnificent pool.

- *Jatinga Country Lodge:*
  - Each of the 20 thatched cottages features state-of-the-art amenities, and ecological sensitivity as well as an admirable spirit of conservation.
  - The chalets sit on short stilts to allow small animals unfettered freedom of the forest floor. Each chalet offers a spacious en-suite bathroom and a lounge.

- *Isandlwana Lodge:*
  - Privately owned, the main lodge features a veritable museum of Zulu artifacts and protect the ecosystem while offering guests an exceptional experience, this lodge is built in the swazi tradition.
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- *Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens:*
  - A popular spot for birdwatching, the gardens include 300 different trees, 116 species of reptiles, 505 species of birds and 147 species of mammals.

**FREE TIME:**

- Your guide will help you interpret the staggeringly complex web of life, which includes 300 different trees, 116 species of reptiles, 505 species of birds and 147 species of mammals.

**EXPERIENCES:**

- Explore cape town, one of the world's most beautiful cities.
- Go to the top of Table Mountain and the beautiful cities.
- Dine on some of the finest food in the world.
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gracious antique furnishings, air conditioning, private
verandah, and en-suite bath and shower in green
slate. The thatched lounge, bar, and dining area abut
a breakfast deck and swimming pool overlooking a
watering hole frequented by elephants.

Radisson Waterfront Hotel:
Situated on the edge of
the Atlantic Ocean, overlooking its own private mari-
ya and the famous Robben Island, this first class
international hotel combines high levels of luxury
with the warmth of true South African hospitality.
Relax on the pool terrace with a refreshing drink or
take a dip in the sparkling swimming pool.

PLEASE NOTE: International Airfare is NOT
included and is at additional cost. The itinerary
sequence is correct at the time of writing, but is
subject to change. Additional costs apply to
optional activities.

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES:
• Superior accommodations throughout as
indicated or similar.
• An escort from Sweet Briar College will
accompany the tour with a minimum of 10
travelers on the main tour and 6 on the
extension.
• A specialist English-speaking guide will
accompany the tour throughout with a mini-
mum of 10 travelers.
• All meals while on safari. Other meals as
specified in itinerary.
• All sightseeing in cities and transportation via
air-conditioned motorcoach.
• All wildlife viewing by private 4X4 open vehi-
cles, driven by professional driver/guides.
• Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
• All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and all
gratuities including to drivers and guides.
• All park entry fees.

Your South Africa: The Three Kingdoms
Discovery Journey
May 29 to June 11, 2009 ~ prices per person
$7,295 Double Occupancy, Land Only
$2,295 Single Room Supplement, Additional
International Air Rates from
Washington, D.C. including internal air
in South Africa
$1,700 per person, plus an estimated $780 in
departure taxes (subject to change)
Internal air within Southern Africa
- if international air is not obtained through Classic Escapes
$475 on main trip
$450 on Cape Town extension
Post-Extension to Cape
Town
June 10 to 15, 2009 ~ prices per
person
$2395 Double Occupancy, plus $75
taxes - including air within South
Africa if taking air via Classic Escapes.
$795 Single Room Supplement, Additional

RATES:
All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign cur-
currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of January 11,
2008, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a mini-
mum of 10 passengers traveling together. The right is reserved
for a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely
done. The minimum on the extension is 6 passengers. We will
do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should
increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we
reserve the right to surcharge.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:
A deposit of $750 per person for the main trip and $250 for the
extension must be submitted with each application. Deposits
may be paid by check or charged to American Express,
MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Final payment is payable by
check or money order ONLY and is due no later than February

CANCELLATIONS:
Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notifica-
tion. The following per person fees are applicable on this
safari:
• Up to 95 days prior to departure, less $250 handling fee, plus
$250 non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
• 94-75 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
• 74-60 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on both
the main trip and the extension.
• Less than 60 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on
amount recoverable from overseas suppliers. These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by
airlines. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN
THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY.  INFORMATION WILL
BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM.

DEVIATIONS:
Should additional reservations be required, includ-
ing extensions in Africa, we will be happy to
make all the arrangements. However, there
will be an extra charge of $150 per person for
such deviations, over and above the cost of the
services required.

CONSENT:
The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a
reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests cov-
ered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and
general information contained in this brochure whether the
guest 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 director of
the Company.
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