Williams Alumni Travel-Study presents

TREK TO THE ROOF OF AFRICA

June 20 – July 2, 2013

Hosted by Scott Lewis, Director of the Williams Outing Club
Dear Williams Alumni & Friends,

Towering majestically over the surrounding African landscape—its glaciers gleaming in the equatorial sun—Mount Kilimanjaro is the tallest freestanding volcano on earth. It is an astounding natural phenomenon, its massive breadth encompassing five distinct climatic zones. I invite you to embark on one of the world’s greatest adventures and alluring challenges—a bid for the summit.

We have chosen the magnificent Western Approach route, the most scenically beautiful and least traveled path. This extraordinary non-technical route to the summit (Uhuru Peak – 19,341 feet) is a world-class trekking experience. This route also allows for a summit bid by daylight and offers plenty of time for acclimatization.

Throughout the climb, the dedication to safety is unparalleled. From a comprehensive Kilimanjaro Preparation Guide, which all registered travelers will receive far in advance of the trek, to the expert mountain guides, every measure has been taken to ensure that travelers have the best possible chance to safely reach the summit.

The leader of the trip is Scott Lewis, Director of the Williams Outing Club and a popular campus leader for the past 21 years. Scott is a certified Wilderness EMT and an energetic promoter of outdoor activity.

For those interested in experiencing the premier wildlife viewing destination in the world, we are offering an attractive post-climb option – a 5-day safari extension to two of Africa’s greatest wildlife regions, the Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti. Check the box on the registration page to receive information on the safari extension.

You’ll be in good company on this all-Williams trip. Please contact Thomson Safaris to reserve your place. Space is limited to 12 trekkers so don’t delay.

Sincerely,

Robert Behr
Alumni Travel-Study Coordinator
TREK ITINERARY

June 20 & 21:
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Arusha with an evening arrival into Kilimanjaro Airport. Stay at a nearby lodge, resting and preparing for your adventure.
*Overnight: KIA Lodge (Meals aloft, snack)*

June 22:
After breakfast and a climb briefing, make your way to the scenic foothills of Kilimanjaro. Take a day to acclimatize as you walk the plains and woodlands with a guide. The foothills cover a diverse terrain of acacia-covered savannah, open grasslands, forests, farms, and mountain villages.
*Overnight: Ndarakwai Ranch (All meals included)*

June 23:
After breakfast, transfer to Londorossi Gate (7,375 feet), and begin your trek through thick rainforest. Birdcalls reverberate through the dense forest canopy, and exotic plants like the impatients kilimanjari and red hot poker add a vibrant splash of red to the lush green surroundings.
*Overnight: Forest Camp — 9,281 feet (All meals included)*

June 24:
Make your way out of the forest this morning, where you’ll enjoy spectacular views of the plains below and perhaps even the snow-streaked Uhuru Peak above. Later you’ll arrive at your camp among the heather and all grasses. This will be a relatively non-strenuous day to acclimatize.
*Overnight: Shira Camp 1 — 11,499 feet (All meals included)*

June 25:
Resume your trek from the savannah of heather and grasses into the moorlands, where you will find your camp set among a misty, cloud-covered terrain of bizarre flora and volcanic rock. There won’t be much of an altitude gain today as you move up the mountain steadily and gradually, heeding your guides’ advice to go “pole, pole,” or slowly, slowly.
*Overnight: Shira 2 Camp — 12,795 feet (All meals included)*

June 26:
Continue up expansive ridges on a long, steady climb to an extraordinary rock formation called Lava Tower. Camp is nestled at its base, and if the weather is right, and you are up for a challenge, you can scramble to its top for spectacular views.
*Overnight: Lava Tower Camp — 15,213 feet (All meals included)*

June 27:
You’ll drop down from the alpine desert into the moorlands today, giving you time to acclimatize in the lower altitudes. Explore the valleys and starkly beautiful landscapes. You will also trek up the towering Barranco Wall that will require some scrambling, but, ultimately, pays off with extraordinary views of glaciers above the clouds.
*Overnight: Karanga Camp— 13,231 feet (All meals included)*

June 28:
Winding through a forest of towering senecio kilimanjari, proceed steadily upward into a high alpine desert where the air thins and cools. Hike over fields of scree, and enjoy the otherworldly setting. You’ll camp in this lunar-like landscape where you might see hanging glaciers glinting in the sunshine above.
*Overnight: Barafu Camp — 15,331 feet (All meals included)*

June 29:
Depart the stark alpine desert this morning and venture into Kilimanjaro’s final climate zone. You’ll trek over a varied terrain of switchbacks, rock fields loose scree, and snow-packed trails. Enjoy spectacular views of the jagged, tower-like Mawenzi Peak and the slopes below.
*Overnight: Crater Camp — 18,802 feet (All meals included)*

June 30:
Wake to the glow of a brilliant sunrise reflecting off the glaciers that surround your camp. After breakfast, make your way to the summit this morning! Enjoy the views, and then begin your descent of almost 8,000 feet to your camp nestled in thick heather.
*Overnight: Millennium Mweka Camp — 10,065 feet (All meals included)*

July 1-2:
Descend through the forest to the park gate and transfer to Arusha for some celebration, rest, and a shower! Depart for the airport this evening, and arrive home in the U.S. Or begin your post-climb safari option.
*Dayroom: KIA Lodge*
**Before You Go**

- Professional, prompt answers to all your questions from experienced Kili trekkers
- A personal trekking consultant to help you prepare for your climb
- Access to personal training packages
- Exclusive climbing tips, a detailed preparation guide, and packing list

**During Your Trek**

- 98% summit success rate!
- Licensed, NOLS-certified, Wilderness-First-Responder, Tanzanian guides
- Comprehensive safety equipment
- Customized dining tent with solar-powered lighting
- Top-quality rental gear and Mountain Hardwear tents
- Delicious mountain meals, devised by a nutritionist and prepared by expert chefs (most special dietary needs will be accommodated with advance notification)

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**Why You Should Trek with Williams College Alumni and Thomson Safaris**

**Kilimanjaro Trek**

$5,990 per adult
$410 single supplement

*The above prices do not include international flights*

**Kilimanjaro Trek Includes**

- All Kilimanjaro Park Fees
- Accommodations Based on Double Occupancy
- Four-Season Mountaineering Tent, with Ground Sheet, Fly Sheet, Vestibule, and Foam Sleeping Pad
- Meals as Noted in Itinerary, Inclusive of Restaurant Staff Tips
- Complimentary Bottled Drinking Water Before and After Your Trek
- Purified Drinking Water During Your Trek
- Services of Licensed Kilimanjaro Guides
- Services of Kilimanjaro Staff Including Porters, Chef, and Wait Staff
- Access to a Pre-Trip Kilimanjaro Consultant by Phone or Email, Five Days a Week
- Detailed Trek Briefings Throughout Your Trek
- Guided Walks with a Naturalist, when Available
- Airport Transfers as Noted in Itinerary
- Land Transportation in a Customized, 4-Wheel Drive Land Rover Defender
- Baggage Handling
- Beer, Wine, Spirits, and Soda at Welcome and Farewell Dinners

**Kilimanjaro Trek Does Not Include**

- International Round-Trip Flight to Tanzania
- Airline-Imposed Seat Assignment and Checked Baggage Fees
- Airline-Imposed Fuel Surcharges
- Meals and Expenses en Route to Tanzania
- Fees for Passport, Visa, or Immunizations
- Cost of Hospitalization or Evacuation
- Beer, Wine, Spirits, and Soft Drinks
- Sleeping Bag, Hiking Gear, and Other Items of a Personal Nature
- Laundry, Phone, Internet Usage at Lodges
- Tips for Guides, Drivers, and Camp Staff
Thomson’s Ethical-Trekking Promise

We Lead by Example on Kilimanjaro Porters’ Rights
- We support the International Mountain Explorer’s Connection and Kilimanjaro Porters’ Assistance Project.
- Porters are paid the highest wages, bonuses and benefits on the mountain.
- Porters get free transportation and free English lessons.
- Porters are treated with respect and dignity.
- Porters are paid full wages, even if they have to descend early.
- Porters are properly outfitted and must pass a gear check before every trek.

We Support the Greater Kilimanjaro Community
- A full-time, year-round, local staff is committed to your experience—not seasonal or contract labor.
- We empower Tanzanians in the workplace and encourage upward mobility with additional training.

Thomson Treks Are Eco-friendly
- Thomson adheres to Leave-No-Trace camping and trekking practices.
- Thomson supports clean-up initiatives and pays porters bonuses for bringing down refuse left by others.
- Fresh produce comes from company organic gardens.
- Solar power and recycling are standard on the mountain and in the offices.

Ready to register?

Reserve a Space:
To reserve a space, call Thomson Safaris at 800-235-0289. Or, mail your deposit and registration form to:
Thomson Safaris
c/o Williams Alumni Travel-Study
14 Mount Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02472

A non-refundable deposit of $700 per person payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check, payable to Thomson Safaris along with your full name and contact information, reserves your space on the trek. We cannot confirm reservations without a deposit. Final payment is due March 20, 2013 and payable by check, wire transfer, or money order.

Shares:
If you would like to share a tent and room, we will attempt to find a roommate for you. If, by the time of departure, a roommate cannot be found, you will be charged the single supplement of $410.

Insurance:
Trip cancellation and interruption coverage is not included and is highly recommended. Information will be sent to registrants promptly following registration and payment of deposit.

Airfare:
International airfare is not included. Thomson Safaris, our operator for this program, will be happy to make flight arrangements for you on Delta/KLM Airlines, or help you to coordinate your own. You will need to fly into and out of Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO).

Cancellation and Refunds:
Notification of cancellation must be received in writing to Thomson Safaris. At the time Thomson Safaris receives your cancellation, the following per person cancellation penalties apply:
- Up to 91 days before departure: Deposit ($700 per person)
- 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 The President and Trustees of Williams College and Wineland-Thomson Adventures, Incorporated’s liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death, will be provided to passengers upon enrollment, along with a Kilimanjaro Release and Assumption of Risk 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.
Please reserve _____ space(s). Enclosed is my deposit of _________ ($700 per person).

#1 First and last name (as it appears on passport) Date of birth

#2 First and last name (as it appears on passport) Date of birth

Address

City State Zip

Phone (H) Phone (W)

Email

☐ I am interested in extending my trip with a safari extension.
☐ Accept my check made payable to Thomson Safaris or
Charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card # Expiration Date

Signature as it appears on card

☐ I would like more information on booking flights through Thomson Safaris.
☐ I will make my own flight arrangements.

☐ Double room, rooming with _____________________________________________
☐ Single room on trek ($410 supplement)
☐ I would like a roommate. If one is not available, I will pay a single supplement.

Return to: Thomson Safaris, 14 Mount Auburn Street, Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 800-235-0289