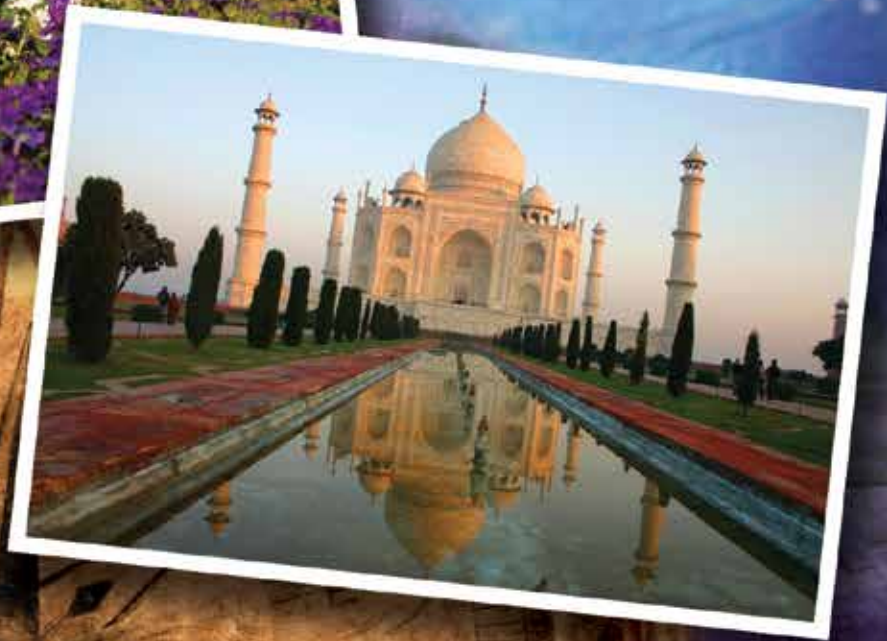

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GREETINGS,

Welcome to the ninth issue of the newsletter from your travel friends at UW-Madison Continuing Studies.

As expected, 2013 was a wonderful year of travel. In addition to our annual domestic trips, a spring trip to **Morocco** and a fall trip to **Turkey** immersed us in the extraordinary architecture, landscapes, and cultures of these two Muslim countries. Once again, we were humbled and amazed by the warm and generous welcome we received in these richly historic destinations, and we will revisit both of these countries again as soon as we can. Thank you to everyone who traveled with us in 2013! We sincerely appreciate your friendship and support.

If 2013 was great then 2014 is beginning to look like an honest-to-goodness "Year to Remember." In March we travel to **Italy** to visit the magnificent ruins of Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Paestum, and the glories of Florence, Siena, and Rome! That one's going to be hard to top, but in August we return once more to the unparalleled wildlife destination of **Tanzania** for a safari in her wild and remote southern parks, capped off with three days in Zanzibar.

Trips to Italy and Tanzania would constitute a great year of educational travel all by themselves, but in November we're putting the stamp of excellence on 2014 with our first visit to **India**! Join us for one of these overseas destinations and create memories to last a lifetime.

Our domestic lineup for 2014 is equally rewarding. In April we travel to **Washington, DC** for a weekend of performing arts and history; at the end of May we return to the gracious city of Charleston, SC, for their outstanding **Spoleto Festival USA**; in July we make our biennial trek to lovely **Santa Fe, NM**, for three nights of opera and culture; in September we take our annual trip to the **Shaw Festival** in Ontario for a weekend of truly outstanding theater and, finally, we'll celebrate the end of this fabulous year with our annual Holiday Weekend in **New York City**! But that's not all. In September, Jane Schulenburg will be leading a medieval history trip to **France**.

Remember: you don't have to wait for the brochure to sign up for a trip. There is a universal registration form at the back of this newsletter that you may use to register and/or lock-in space for any of our upcoming trips. Fill out the registration form that you're holding right now and save your space on the trip of your choice.

As always, thank you very much for the support that you have shown this program over the years. We are humbled by your enthusiasm for what we do, and are extremely proud to be able to offer you these opportunities.

Thank you. I look forward to traveling with you soon.

Sincerely,

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2014 DOMESTIC TRIPS



TESTIMONIALS

"Educational travel with the UW has opened a whole new world for me. I have been able to visit places I never dreamed I would go and never would've tried on my own. I have studied many cultures in the classroom setting, but nothing compares to experiencing it firsthand."

"I don't think it could have been planned any better."

"The trip went far beyond any expectations."

WASHINGTON, DC

April 17-20, 2014 Price \$1499

We return to our nation's capital for a weekend of outstanding performances, incomparable museums, and plenty of free time to explore this fascinating city on your own terms. We'll attend a concert by the **National Symphony Orchestra** as they perform Mozart's *40th Symphony* and Prokofiev's *Piano Concerto No. 3*; spend an evening with the **American Ballet Theater** as they present *Don Quixote*; attend the play *Camp David* at **Arena Stage**; visit the Newseum; and spend a day in **Harper's Ferry, WV**, to learn about John Brown's Raid and tour the **Civil War Battlefield at Antietam!** Join us for a great weekend!

SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA

Charleston, SC, May 30-June 2, 2014 Price \$1549

Widely acknowledged as the premier performing arts festival in the country, this trip has become very popular due to the outstanding quality of the performances and the warm and gracious welcome that we always receive in Charleston. This year we've got tickets to the opera *El Niño*, a performance by the innovative **Dorrance Dance** company, the play *My Cousin Rachel* by **Dublin's Gate Theater** and, of course, two sessions of the **Chamber Music Series**. If you've not yet been to Spoleto Festival, this will be a great opportunity to find out why it's so special. Please join us!

SANTA FE OPERA

July 30-August 3, 2014 Price \$1999

Santa Fe is one of the most unique cities in America, and every other year we go out there for a weekend of opera, history, culture, art, and more. Join us at the beautiful Santa Fe Opera House for performances of Beethoven's only opera, *Fidelio*; Bizet's incomparable *Carmen*; and a unique double-bill featuring Stravinsky's *Le Rossignol* with Mozart's *The Impresario*. As always, we'll enjoy a private **lecture** with Desiree Mays, a delicious **pre-opera buffet** and lecture at the opera house, a walking tour of historic Santa Fe and, this year, an optional half-day tour to the Spanish town of Chimayo to visit the **Sanctuario de Chimayo** and the famous **Ortega Weavers**. Santa Fe is a wonderful destination and there's plenty of free time for you to craft your own special experience in this beautiful locale!

THE SHAW FESTIVAL

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario September 26-29, 2014 Price \$1649

One of North America's finest repertory companies resides in one of North America's most beautiful towns and the result is the incomparable Shaw Festival. Our annual trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake is one of the highlights of our calendar and we'd love to have you join us! This year the entire group attends Sean O'Casey's classic, *Juno and the Paycock*; Philip Barry's romantic comedy, *The Philadelphia Story*; and the musical *Cabaret!* As we always do, we're letting you choose your other two plays. This year you can decide between Hankin's *The Charity That Began at Home: A Comedy for Philanthropists* or *When We Are Married* by J.B. Priestly. Your other choice is between Shaw's comedy, *The Philanderer*, or his classic, *Arms and The Man*. This year's optional lunchtime play is *A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur* by Tennessee Williams. You also visit **Niagara Falls** on your way in to Canada; attend our traditional Saturday morning **educational seminar**; and enjoy a delightful **meal with cast members**. If you're looking for a weekend of outstanding theater and education, then you can't do any better than the Shaw Festival!

2014 INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

As many of you already know, our international groups are limited to 16-24 people. This is to ensure a quality experience for our travelers and to minimize our impact at our destination.

Airfare is included in our trips outside of the USA.



SOUTHERN TANZANIA AND ZANZIBAR

August 25-September 9, 2014 Price \$8799

This trip has been on our horizon since our first northern Tanzanian safari in 2010, and the time to go further off the grid has finally come! We'll fly to Dar es Salaam before transferring by bush plane to wild and rugged **Ruaha National Park** for two nights, then carry-on overland to the lushly forested landscape of **Udzungwa Mountains National Park** for long hikes in one Africa's most undeveloped and unique wildlife parks. Lovely **Mikumi National Park** is our next stop, and then it's on to Africa's largest wildlife reserve: **Selous Game Reserve**. We'll spend three nights alongside the Rufiji River for driving, walking and boat safaris in one of the last great remaining wild places on earth. We'll conclude this adventure with three nights at a laid-back Indian Ocean beach lodge on the island of **Zanzibar**! This is likely to be the most breathtaking journey we've ever taken; and we've taken some great ones. If the idea of a safari in one of the wildest, most remote corners of Africa interests you, **YOU CAN SIGN UP NOW!**



MEDIEVAL FRANCE

September 18-October 3, 2014 Price \$5295

Plans are underway for our 39th UW medieval studies tour. This fall's seminar will focus on the rich historical landscape and hidden treasures found in the southwest and central provinces of France and the Loire Valley. The study tour will explore the history, art, and architecture of the medieval cathedrals, churches and monasteries, castles, and towns of these regions. A number of the sites are associated with the fascinating twelfth-century queen, **Eleanor of Aquitaine**. The tentative itinerary will include visits to the medieval city of Poitiers; the castles of Chinon, Loches, Angers, Saumur, and Beynac; the Apocalypse Tapestries of Angers; the wonderful Romanesque churches of Chauvigny, Aulnay, Saintes, and St-Savin-sur-Gartempe (with its famous wall paintings); Eleanor of Aquitaine's beloved monastery of Fontevraud; the marvelous Gothic cathedrals of Chartres and Le Mans; the medieval towns of Sarlat and Domme; the prehistoric caves of Pech Merle and Rouffignac; and a few days in Paris.

For more information contact Jane T. Schulenburg at 608-262-8663 or jschulenburg@dcs.wisc.edu.

INDIA

November 6-21, 2014 \$6599

One of the last major destinations remaining on our bucket list, we are finally taking a trip to India! It is hard to overstate the beauty, intensity, sights, sounds, aromas, flavors, and sheer awe that comes with a journey to one of the world's most fascinating and complex societies, so I won't even try. We'll visit the "Golden Triangle" this time, and save the rest of the subcontinent for future trips.

We'll begin in the bustling heart of the country, **Delhi**, and then move on to **Varanasi** before flying to **Khajuraho**. From there we'll travel to **Agra** to visit the Taj Mahal, then head west towards the desert to see the architectural wonders of **Jaipur** and **Jodhpur**.

You can lock in your space now! Please let us know if you're interested in this trip as space will be limited. Full details will be available very soon.



2015 INTERNATIONAL TRIPS



PERU

Spring 2015 Price TBD

There are few places on earth that possess more awe-inspiring sites than Peru. You will tread the cobbled streets of Lima to learn the history and culture of the native peoples, and of their conquest by the Spaniards; explore beautiful Arequipa; and delve into the archaeological capital of the Americas: Cuzco.

Descend into the second-deepest landform on earth in Colca Canyon; sail upon

Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable body of water in the world to visit the Uros people on their man-made reed islands; and venture into Peru's Sacred Valley to visit one of the world's truly wondrous places: Machu Picchu. This extraordinary journey concludes with a three-hour trip by motorized canoe down the Rio Tambopata to a jungle lodge deep in Amazonia for three days of excursions in this uniquely wild and verdant landscape.

There are many amazing countries on our planet. Peru may be the most amazing of all. Let us know now if you're interested in joining us!



COSTA RICA

June 2015 Price TBD

For those interested in a genuine cultural experience, Julie Dahl will lead a Spanish immersion trip to the lovely Central American country of Costa Rica in the summer of 2015. Planning is now underway! Please contact Julie at jdahl@dcs.wisc.edu for further information!



TANZANIA: THE NORTHERN CIRCUIT

June 2015 Price TBD

Tanzania is the most popular destination we have ever included on our schedule. The names of the places that we visit are legendary in the annals of travel, and if you have ever wanted the unqualified thrill of a real safari there is arguably no place better on earth than northern Tanzania. With guided game drives in Arusha National Park, Tarangire National Park, Lake Manyara National Park, incomparable Serengeti National Park, and stunning Ngorongoro Crater, you are assured of an unforgettable and life-changing experience.

This will be our fourth visit to this extraordinary place, and the first three trips filled up almost immediately. Please let us know now if you would like to join us in 2015!



PATAGONIA

Fall 2015 Price TBD

Experience the wild remoteness and maritime drama of Cape Horn and Tierra del Fuego, and the awesome majesty of the Andean glaciers on this very special trip to the furthest reaches of South America.

From Buenos Aires to Patagonia, to Santiago, you will learn about the history, the flora and fauna, and the glaciology and geology of some of the most spectacular scenery on earth! Please let us know now if you're interested in this fantastic opportunity. Space will be limited.



REGISTER OR "LOCK IN" SPACE NOW!

We are currently accepting registrations for: Washington DC, Spoleto Festival, Southern Tanzania and Zanzibar, Santa Fe and the Shaw Festival.

To register, please complete the form at right and return it to us along with your \$500/person deposit (\$1000 for overseas trips) check payable to UW-Madison, to the address under "Payment."

You may also "lock in" space on any trip for which we are not yet taking registrations (India, New York City Holiday Weekend, Peru) by completing and returning the form. Please send no money for the "lock in" request. We'll be in touch with you when those plans and prices are in place, at which time we will invite you to make a deposit.

Thank you.

OTHER TRIPS IN 2015 AND BEYOND

2015 will also find us visiting Spoleto Festival USA, The Shaw Festival and New York City!

2016 might take us to Spain, Ireland, Panama, Turkey(?) and to our usual lineup of domestic destinations. Please join us!

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Register me for: Trip destination(s)

ARE YOU SHARING LODGING WITH ANOTHER TRAVELER? YES NO

NAME (THERE IS A SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FEE FOR TRAVELERS NOT SHARING A ROOM.)

"Lock in" your space for future trips

You are welcome to lock in your space for any of our trips which are not yet accepting registrations. We will notify you when deposits are being accepted. Send no money at this time. Please list the tours you wish to lock in:

Payment

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (IF ANY)

Mail Registration Form with deposit and/or "Lock In" choices to: Kim Seymour, Educational Travel Program, 21 N. Park St. 7th floor, Madison, WI 53715.

Call: 608-262-3731

Interested in destinations you don't see here? Let us know!

If you have a disability and desire accommodations, please advise us when you register. Requests are confidential. These programs are offered by UW-Madison in cooperation with UW-Extension.