Greetings,

Welcome to the 12th issue of the newsletter from your travel friends at UW-Madison’s Division of Continuing Studies.

2014 came to a fantastic close with our first-ever trip to India! Twenty-three learners visited Delhi, Varanasi, Khajuraho, Orccha, Agra, Jaipur, and Jodhpur and had a truly extraordinary experience. India, of course, has many marvels to share with the world, and I am already looking forward to going back for more! Thank you to everyone who joined us on that one. I hope it was as unforgettable for you as it was for me.

Our second trip to Peru in March and our inaugural Civil War trip in April both filled up very quickly, and our fifth safari to Tanzania in June also reached capacity in short order; all of which makes me think that we’re doing something right. Thank you for joining us as we travel the world in search of unique educational opportunities!

At the end of May we go back to Charleston, South Carolina, for their outstanding Spoleto Festival of performing arts and, of course, we will also venture back to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, in September to The Shaw Festival for some of the best theater to be found anywhere in North America. We have plenty of space for you on both of those trips, so please get in touch if you want to join us.

The most exciting news we have to share is that in October we finally head to the farthest reaches of South America and the wilds of Patagonia! This journey has been on our wish list for a decade, and we are finally sharpening our pencil to scratch it off! We first visit Buenos Aires, and then we fly to Ushuaia to board our ship for four nights of sailing around Cape Horn to Punta Arenas, Chile, before traveling overland through the majestic landscapes of the southern Andes to The Glaciers National Park. This will very likely be our only visit to this remote and beautiful location. Please call us by April 30 to reserve your spot on this trip. Space is limited for this one!

We have a favor to ask of you. Please visit uwtravel.org to complete a survey to help us determine future destinations and understand your educational travel preferences. We are very grateful to hear what you have to say; by responding to this voluntary survey you will have a direct impact on where we go next—we want to take you where you want to go! As always, thank you very much for the support you have shown this program over the years.

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

Sincerely,

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2015 Domestic Trips

**Spoletto Festival USA**
Charleston, SC, May 29-June 1, 2015  Price $1549

Join us at North America’s finest performing arts festival. Companies throughout the world converge on historic and friendly Charleston, SC, for ballet, theatre, dance, opera, music, and more. The 2015 program includes the contemporary Chinese opera *Paradise Interrupted*, two chamber music concerts, a performance by the Trisha Brown Dance Company, the Globe Theater’s festival debut with its production of *Romeo and Juliet*, an educational seminar, and a city tour.

**The Shaw Festival**
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Sept 4-7, 2015  Price $1649

Our annual pilgrimage to Canada for the Shaw Festival is our most popular and enduring trip. Year in and year out, this festival provides truly outstanding theater that never fails to thrill us and leave us wanting more. This year’s lineup is another great one! The group will attend *The Lady From the Sea*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, and *Light Up the Sky*; and you get to choose between *Sweet Charity* or *You Never Can Tell*. Your other choice of play will be *Pygmalion*, *The Intelligent Homosexual’s Guide to Capitalism and Socialism with a Key to the Scriptures* (or *iHo* for short), or *Top Girls!* This year’s one-act is *The Twelve-Pound Look*. As always you’ll enjoy our *educational seminar* and, this year, we’ll have a *panel discussion* with the festival’s creative staff, so it’s another wonderful weekend of theater at your fingertips. Join us!

2016 Domestic Trips

**New York City**
February 2016  Dates TBD  Price TBD

Next year we return to the Big Apple for another weekend of world-class performances. We’re changing the time of year this go ‘round, but we’ll have another itinerary of outstanding performing and visual arts activities in store for you. We’ll probably go to a jazz club, an opera, a symphony, one or two museums, and still have plenty of time to shop and do the touristy things that everyone wants to do in New York. This is a great way to kick off your year and we’d love to have you join us. Details should be available no later than June!

**Washington, DC**
Spring 2016  Dates TBD  Price TBD

We will 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. It’s too early to know exactly what we’ll do, but we usually include a symphony, a ballet and/or an opera at the *Kennedy Center*, an evening of theater at *Arena Stage*; a visit to one of the many fine museums on the National Mall; and a day-trip to a nearby Civil War Battlefield! Details will be available in our next newsletter. Join us for a great weekend!

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**
Summer 2016  Dates TBD  Price TBD

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. We’ll attend three operas at the beautiful *Santa Fe Opera House*, and enjoy a *private lecture* with Desiree Mays, a *pre-opera buffet and lecture* at the opera house, a *walking tour* of historic Santa Fe and another yet-to-be-determined day-trip in this fascinating corner of our country. 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! Details coming in the fall.
All of our international trips include roundtrip airfare!

2015 International Trips

Registration deadline is April 30

Join your trusted travel friends at UW–Madison Continuing Studies for an incredible journey to the incomparable landscape of Patagonia. 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, and back, you will learn about the history, the flora and fauna, and the glaciology and geology of some of the most spectacular scenery on earth!

With like-minded learners you’ll begin in Buenos Aires, visiting the museums and other fine institutions of this elegant and sophisticated city, before heading south to the remote town of Ushuaia for a four-night cruise through one of the most captivating wilderness regions in the world: Southern Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego.

Disembarking in Punta Arenas, Chile, the next leg of the journey takes you overland through the southern Andes to El Calafate and the famed Los Glaciares National Park for three nights among the glaciers of this captivating landscape.

There will be a normal amount of walking in Buenos Aires as we tour the city; and our shore excursions from our ship sometimes find us on foot over uneven terrain. While we are not going to be undertaking anything remotely resembling an extreme activity, Patagonia is a rugged land. There are some easy hikes through unique forests and over glacial erosion and, occasionally, we climb into and out of Zodiac boats for our shore excursions, so please be aware that there are some unique travel conditions in this spectacular and remote area of South America.

You should also be prepared for maritime conditions and the vagaries of tide and swell while on our ship and, in general, expect the extreme and unpredictable weather for which this region is famous.

As always, you will enjoy the outstanding services, exquisite lodging, and exceptional guides that you have come to expect when you travel with us.

Price includes international airfare, two domestic flights in South America, all lodging, daily breakfasts and most other meals, a four-night cruise with full-board and all shore excursions (A-type cabin), all entrance fees, cruise fuel surcharges, all ground transportation, guides, and services. This price is based upon double occupancy.

Port charges of $40 at Ushuaia and Punta Arenas must be paid in person and are not included in this price.

Don’t miss this rare opportunity to visit the uttermost regions of the earth!

Group size will be limited to 24 persons in order to ensure a quality experience. The registration deadline for Patagonia is April 30, 2015.
Morocco and Paris
Spring 2016  Dates TBD  Price TBD

You read that right. We’re returning to Morocco sooner, rather than later. We had a wonderful trip to North Africa in 2013, and this time we’ll be adding three nights in Paris! Join us as we visit Casablanca, the royal cities of Meknes and Fez, and cross the Middle Atlas to the Sahara, where we visit Erfoud, Zagora, and Ouarzazate before concluding our Moroccan sojourn with four nights in Marrakech that includes a day trip to lovely Essaouria on the Atlantic Coast. From Marrakech we will fly to Paris for visits to the Arab Institute and The Grand Mosque, in addition to an entirely unscheduled day for you to do whatever your heart desires in The City of Lights!

Burma
Fall 2016  Dates TBD  Price TBD

Bet you didn’t expect to see this one, did you? I do not know why, but Burma has fired my imagination since I was a young boy and I’m going to go there. Anybody who wants to join me is welcome. I don’t have any details yet or I’d share them with you, but my hope is to spend at least two weeks exploring this beautiful and mysterious country. Let us know if you’d like to join us.
Visit uwtravel.org and fill out our survey about your travel preferences and where you want to go next. Look for this button on the webpage to take the survey:

**Take our travel survey**

If you can’t get online, contact Betsy Strahin at 608-890-0114 or estrahin@dcs.wisc.edu for a paper copy or to complete the survey over the phone.

Thank you!

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**UW-Madison Educational Travel Universal Registration Form**

**Contact information**

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**Register me for: Trip destination(s)**

ARE YOU SHARING LODGING WITH ANOTHER TRAVELER?  
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**“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:

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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!**

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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.