GREETINGS.

We had a great year of travel in 2017, and 2018 is shaping up to be amazing, too! Since we last wrote to you we have had exciting trips to Ireland, South Africa, and the third segment of our Civil War trilogy, as well as our usual summertime weekend trips to Spoleto Festival the Shaw Festival! There’s a lot in store for 2018 and we’re already planning for next year, too, so get out your calendar and follow along.

Our first two international trips for 2018, Scotland and Tanzania, both filled up very quickly so we can’t take any more registrations for those, but we’ve just gotten our booked trip to the Santa Fe Opera on the schedule, our yearly theater sojourn at the Shaw Festival in September, and in November we’re going to take our first trip down to Panama and Costa Rica! Then, 2019 starts off with a bang as we head for a fascinating journey to Thailand and Laos! We will begin in and around Bangkok for a couple of days, then spend some time making our way north to Chiang Rai, before crossing over to visit Luang Phabang, Vientiane, and the temple area of Wat Phou. This is going to be one of those trips that you’ll hear people talking about for the next 10 years, so let us know NOW if you’re interested in coming with us.

In April of 2019 we embark on a adventure that has been very popular over the past few years, as we take an eight-day trip to call it all the Civil War. Two Capitols, in fact! This trip is the ever popular Shaw Festival in July. So, we conclude our British Isles sojourn with a trip to England and Wales! In September we might even more to the Shaw Festival for some of the best theatre to be found anywhere in the UK and Ireland, as well as our usual outstanding weekend in and around the Shaw Festival. Then, 2019 starts off with a bang as we head for a fascinating journey to Thailand and Laos! We will begin in and around Bangkok for a couple of days, then spend some time making our way north to Chiang Rai, before crossing over to visit Luang Phabang, Vientiane, and the temple area of Wat Phou. This is going to be one of those trips that you’ll hear people talking about for the next 10 years, so let us know NOW if you’re interested in coming with us.

To register, please complete the form to the right and return it to us along with your $500/person deposit ($1,000 for overseas trips). Check payable to UW-Madison, to the address below.

Your may also lock in space on any trip that you have read about in this newsletter for which we are not yet taking registrations by completing and returning the form to the right and request. We’ll be in touch with you when plans and prices are finalized. You are welcome to lock in space for any of our trips which are not currently lock-in space on any trip that you have read about in this newsletter. 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.

Don’t forget to tell all your friends and family about UW-Madison’s Educational Travel. Whether it’s a trip this fall or next year or even further time away, we hope you will join us for an exciting adventure, dash across the land, and create some wonderful memories along the way.
Scotland
May 2018

Part two of our British Isles trilogy (Orland in 2017 and England in 2019) will take us through the landscapes of Scotland. With stops in Edinburgh, Inverness, the northern highlands around Arisaig and Kyle of Lochalsh, the Isles of Skye, the Isle of Mull, and Glasgow, we will do our best to visit this land properly.

Tanzania
June 2018

We just can’t help ourselves. By the time this summer rolls around we are finally seeing that we have gone on only one trip to Tanzania, and that is just too short to let such wonderful experiences languish in our memories any longer. It is time to hit the refresh button! This will be our third trip to this beautiful,cruel, and absolutely amazing country and there is, simply put, no other place like it. We know you join us on one of the truly most beloved of all the most enjoyable trips upon which you may ever embark. In addition to seeing some of the most incredible people on earth, you will be mentored by the scope of the landscape and the sheer numbers of creatures that you Encounter every single day. Each itinerary will include Arusha National Park, Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, the Lake with the tonkala, and the lovely town of Lake Manyara.

Panama and Costa Rica
November 29-December 14, 2018 | Price: $6,999

Not our only way to see the most of central America...we see two destinations off of our list, but that won’t be our. as we travel south to the tropical oceans of these two Central American countries that are proudly proud of their culture, their history, and their longstanding reputation for forward-thinking ecological conservation. We’ll do a short tour of the Panama Canal, plus visit the national parks of the Colon Group, Bocas del Toro, learn about coffee in Boquete, hike in the coastal tropical rainforest, explore the historic Gemas archipelago island, explore the amazing biodiversity in the Corcovado National Park, visit the Tikal National Park in Guatemala, Xunantunich, Tikal, Yaxha, and Iximche, while enjoying cultural ecological stewardship. We’ll do a short transit of the Panama Canal, relax in Costa Rica, and the trip also makes its way to the lovely town of Tortuguero National Park. This is going to be a truly amazing trip and get you up close to the wonderful

Santa Fe Opera
August 12–18, 2018 | Price: $4,999

We wanted to visit Santa Fe, New Mexico, one of our favorite destinations, every other year to experience their world class opera, and thereby go on to help us see the future of our favorite composers. Matthew Diviney, General and artistic director, and the team will be back for another season. In addition to our package are two sessions, daily breakfast, a workshop before, and a city tour of Santa Fe, and you’ve had plenty of time to explore the museum and enjoy all of this wonderful music.

The Shaw Festival
May 2018

One of our favorite destinations includes the Shaw Festival (since we have gone on once) and this is just too short to let such wonderful experiences languish in our memories. This year’s lineup of plays includes the musical The Grand Old Duke of York, the musical O’Flaherty V.C., as well as the Magician’s Nephew, The Hound of the Baskervilles, and Paris. You’ll also see the lovely Prince of Wales Hotel, and the trip also includes an educational seminar and this, a year, visit to the frank Lloyd Wright-designed house, Cragside, on the beach above Lake Erie! If you’ve never joined us for the Shaw Festival this is a perfect time to find out what the fuss is all about.

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June 2018

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The Civil War: Two Capitals
April 2018

Our Civil War Trilogy was such a success that it makes sense to keep on touring in much as we can about this national American historical. This trip will focus on some of the most important battles for the two nations in and around the two nation capital, as well as other historical elements there in the political epicenter of the conflict. In and around Washington, D.C., we’ll visit Gettysburg National Military Park, the Summer White House, Fort Stevens, and the U.S. Capitol Building. Departing D.C., we’ll visit the scenic route of John Wilkes Booth from Ford’s Theater to Crypton’s Farm in Virginia, then visit the Battle of Chancellorsville site. We’ll tour the city of Richmond and the Confederate White House, visit the Manassas Museum, and tour the battles of the Fredericksburg. This year’s schedule includes the operas Candide, The Magician’s Nephew, Henry V, The Baroness and the Pig, and this time, as always, in the fall we will return once more to this lovely village on the shores of Lake Ontario for the best weekend of theater on the calendar. We won’t know next year’s schedule or what the fuss is all about.

Food and Wine of Northern Italy
October 2019

We know you want to go to Italy, and we don’t yet have an itinerary in place, but in the fall of 2019, we will be back. We’ll include Diaries, Aida, Patina, Varvara, and Verdi, finally ending up in Venice, exploring the superb almond cappuccino, as well as the history and culture of this country. We’ll be an exquisite journey through biology, geography, and cuisine and all of it’s the best places in each itinerarium to indulge in these subjects. Wine tastings, foreign markets, little restaurants, and the like, are so much in our menu. This year’s schedule may be available soon. Please keep an eye on our website, and keep your mailbox for the budget news.

Belize and Guatemala
2019

Replicating one of our earliest international trips from way back in 2006, we return to Central America to follow the rise and fall of the Mayan civilization. With all of the excitement around the recent discoveries in the field of Mayan archaeology it is time to update our understanding of this fascinating culture. While improving our knowledge of the wonderful world of the ancient Mayans, we will also have the chance to explore the modern day culture and all of it’s incredible opportunities in Latin America, the majestic ruins of Tikal, Xunantunich and Palenque, and concluding our trip in the lovely town of Antigua.

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Engeland and Wales
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