Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

I invite you to join Carleton College anthropologist Jim Fisher on an extraordinary journey to Bhutan, called by its people Druk Yul (“Land of the Thunder Dragon”), set amidst the breathtaking Himalayas. Admire wonderful Buddhist monuments and spectacular landscapes, and experience the unique culture of the world’s last remaining Buddhist kingdom, where traditional architecture, arts, and dress are ubiquitous, giving Bhutan a timeless quality.

- Explore Bhutan’s remote, lesser visited, eastern region, where our visit is timed to coincide with the Thangbi Mani, a traditional, colorful Buddhist festival celebrating the cultural heritage of the ancient Thangbi monastery.
- Several active Buddhist monasteries and dzongs (fortress-monasteries) reveal to us Buddhist practice and fabulous artwork (sculptures and tapestries), such as the 17th century Paro Dzong, which now houses the National Museum; and the 17th century Punakha Dzong, the winter home of the head abbot of Bhutan and a retinue of 500 monks.
- Visits to remote villages inform us about ancient traditions and modern culture, with a tasting of local food and drink at a farmhouse; a walk to the Khamsyum Yuley Namgay Chorten, a shrine built recently by the royal family; and other excursions.
- Exquisite shrines and temples, such as the famous Paro Taktsang (Tiger’s Nest) hermitage, built into a sheer cliff face 2,700 feet above Paro Valley; and Chimi Lhakhang, a 15th century fertility temple set atop a picturesque hill.
- A day in and around the capital city of Thimphu, including a visit to the National Institute for Zorig Chusum (Thirteen Arts and Crafts of Bhutan) to see students at work on paintings, carvings, and sculptures; plus Royal Thimphu College.
- Breathtaking views of the world’s highest mountain range, with many peaks soaring over 20,000 feet (although at no time will we be staying at an altitude above 8,000 feet).
- Traveling and learning with Professor Fisher, PLUS a professional trip manager and guide who will meticulously handle all of the details so that you can relax and experience this remarkable itinerary.

For travelers who have an extra nine days to travel, we suggest you join our optional post-tour extension aboard the Palace on Wheels, a luxury train in northern India. Discover on daily excursions extraordinary fortress/palace complexes with exquisite rooms containing dazzling royal artifacts, built by the kings of Rajasthan; Agra and Delhi, with their incredible monuments of the Mughal Dynasty, such as the world famous Taj Mahal; two exceptional wildlife sanctuaries, one affording the best chance of seeing tigers in India, and the other hosting more than 350 species of birds; and more.

We hope you will join Professor Fisher and fellow Carls in Bhutan for this multifaceted adventure!

Sincerely,

Frances L. Spangler ’91
President, Carleton College Alumni Association

P.S. Reserve your space soon, because this trip is limited to just 25 participants.
Friday, September 13 - DELHI, INDIA
Arrive in Delhi this afternoon and transfer to our hotel. Overnight at The Oberoi Hotel for two nights. (D)

Saturday, September 14 - DELHI
We will focus on three major sites today: the National Museum of India, which contains over 200,000 works of art spanning thousands of years; the World Heritage site of Humayun's tomb, the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent (“the predecessor of the Taj Mahal”); and the Qutub Complex, a World Heritage site that includes a 236-foot-high minaret, a 1,500-year-old iron pillar that does not rust, and a large mosque that was constructed from re-used temple pillars. We will also slowly drive by and admire many other famous monuments, such as Jama Mosque, Red Fort, Raj Ghat (where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated), the ruined fortress at Feroze Shah Kotla, the Ashok Pillar, and Safdarjung’s tomb. (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 15 - DELHI | PARO, BHUTAN
We transfer to the airport and fly to Paro, Bhutan, on Druk Air (Bhutan’s national carrier), arriving in the early afternoon. After going through the entry formalities, we transfer to our hotel. Paro is located in one of the country’s most picturesque valleys, where shrines dot the landscape and graceful willow trees grow along the edge of the Paro River as it winds through fields and farmlands. Overnight at Khangkhu Resort for two nights. (B,L,D)

Monday, September 16 - PARO
Our journey begins in the beautiful Paro Valley, situated at 7,200 feet, once the crossroads of trade routes to Tibet. In the morning, we drive and hike upward, through pine forests festooned with Spanish moss, to reach the monastic retreat of Paro Taktsang (also known as “Tiger’s Nest”). Built into a sheer cliff face 2,700 feet above the Paro Valley, this is one of the most famous temples in Bhutan. Padmasambhava (also known as Guru Rimpoch), the great 8th century Buddhist saint and teacher, is thought to have landed at this spot after flying over the mountains from Tibet on the back of a tigress, thus bringing the teachings of Buddhism to Bhutan. The primary temple was built around Padmasambhava’s meditation cave in 1684. Enjoy lunch en route, at a teahouse with fantastic views of the monastery. (The total hiking time today will be approximately three to four hours, but travelers who prefer not to hike can ride horses to the teahouse and relax, or visit another monastery.) Also visit Paro’s Ta Dzong (a dzong is a traditional fortress style of Bhutanese architecture), the religious and secular center of the Paro Valley and a 17th century architectural wonder, which now houses the National Museum. (B,L,D)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 17, 18 & 19
PARO | BUMTHANG

On the morning of September 17th we fly from Paro to Bumthang. Over these three days we will visit several monasteries and traditional villages, as well as attend the Thangbi Mani Festival. We will walk to Jambay and Kurje, the two oldest monasteries in the region, as well as to Tamshing Monastery. We will also walk to Nga Lhakhang Village via Thangbi Village and, en route, visit the (monasteries) Thangbi Lhakhang and Nga Lhakhang. Thangbi Lhakhang is one of the historically significant temples in Bumthang. Thangbi Mani is a three–day festival that celebrates the cultural heritage of this ancient Lhakhang. The people from the three villages of Thangbi, Goling, and Kharsath have been organizing the annual festival since its inception. The Gomchens (lay monks) of this monastery perform rituals for the entire festival, while some young men and women perform mask and folk dances. We will also visit a typical farmhouse and taste butter tea, buckwheat noodles, and ara (local wine). Overnight at Gongkhar Lodge for three nights. (B,L,D daily)

Friday, September 20 - BUMTHANG | TRONGSA

Today we will drive approximately three and a half hours from Bumthang to Trongsa, and visit en route the Yathra weaving center at Zukney. In Trongsa, visit the 17th century Trongsa Dzong, considered Bhutan's most impressive dzong on account of its size, design, and location; and the remarkable Ta Dzong (Trongsa Museum), the 20th century watchtower overlooking the dzong, which houses eleven galleries of art and artifacts. Overnight at Yangkhill Guest House. (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 21 - TRONGSA | PHOBJIKHA | PUNAKHA

Enjoy a scenic, three and a half hour drive to Phobjikha Valley, which provides, arguably, the grandest vistas in Bhutan. Along the way, visit Gangtey's Gold Roofed Monastery, situated on a prominent hilltop with splendid views of the valley. Continue driving for two and a half hours through the Wangdi area to the 17th century Wangdu Phodrang Dzong, perched high above the confluence of the Dangchu and Punatsang-chu Rivers, and then on to Punakha, located in a warm valley. Overnight at Zangto Pelri for two nights. (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 22 - PUNAKHA

Drive to the village of Nezigang, where you will hike up through cultivated fields and little hamlets to visit the Khamsum Yuley Namgay Chorten, a shrine recently built by the royal family. The shrine is an elaborate structure with a rainbow of Guru Rimpoche (Padmasambhava) images and superb views of the Punakha Valley. Descend and follow ancient riverside trails amid whitewashed farmhouses. Later, visit the massive, 17th century Punakha Dzong, Bhutan's former winter capital, built at the confluence of the Mo Chu and Pho Chu (the Mother and Father Rivers). This vast, labyrinthine dzong played a pivotal role in Bhutan's history, and today it serves as the winter home of Je Khempo, the head abbot of Bhutan, who resides here with a retinue of 500 monks. (B,L,D)

Monday, September 23 - PUNAKHA | THIMPHU

Visit the Chimi Lhakhang, an hour's walk through mustard fields. This 15th century temple of fertility was dedicated to Lama Drukpa Kuenley, a Tibetan Buddhist saint known popularly as “the divine madman” and considered a folk hero in Bhutan for his unconventional ways. Drukpa Kuenley
originally built a chorten (shrine) on the site in the 14th century. The temple, flanked by nearly one hundred tall prayer flags, sits atop a picturesque hill and has long been a pilgrimage site for childless couples. Continue on with an approximately two and a half hour drive through small villages and forests to **Dochula Pass** (10,200 ft.) where, if the weather is clear, we will be treated to magnificent mountain views. Visit the newly-built temple and 108 stupas at the pass. We then continue our drive to Bhutan’s capital, **Thimphu**, which is more like a large village than a national capital. **Overnight at Druk Hotel for two nights.** (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, September 24 - THIMPHU**
A one-hour hike this morning brings us up to **Tango Monastery**, a monastic school and retreat built in the 15th century. The monastery is the residence of the Druk Desi Gyaltsen Tenzin Rabgye, a lama who is believed to be a reincarnation of the 16th century monk who founded Tango. Tango’s inner courtyard is beautifully painted in bright colors, with lovely views stretching across the Thimphu Valley. Descend by vehicle and continue by road to the **Bagana Bridge**, where you will then enjoy a fairly level walk through a beautiful riverside village. Return to Thimphu by vehicle, and visit the **National Institute for Zorig Chusum** (Thirteen Arts and Crafts of Bhutan) to see students at work on painting, carpentry, carving, sculpture, and embroidery; plus the paper factory workshop that uses high-altitude plants, leaves, and flowers. In the afternoon, we visit **Royal Thimphu College**, Bhutan’s first (and only) private college, which your Carleton leader, Jim Fisher, helped found. Time permitting, we will also visit the outside of the **National Memorial Chorten**, built in 1974 to honor the late 3rd king, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, featuring elaborate mandalas, statues, and a shrine dedicated to the late king; as well as the **Changangkha Lhakhang**, a temple and monastic school that was established in the 12th century. (B,L,D)

**Wednesday & Thursday, September 25 & 26**
**THIMPHU | PARO | DELHI, INDIA | EXTENSION or HOME**
In the early morning of Sept. 25 we drive to **Paro** for our short return flight to Delhi, India, arriving at approximately 10:00am. We re-visit the National Museum. After lunch, travelers who are not taking the optional extension will transfer to the **Radisson Blu**, where rooms are reserved until 10:00pm. They will transfer to the airport for flights homeward either very late on Sept. 25 or very early on Sept. 26. (B,L)

Travelers who are taking the optional extension will transfer to the airport for their domestic flight to Jaipur, departing in the evening of Sept. 25, and will overnight at the **Trident Jaipur**, checking out on Sept. 26 to begin the extension.

*Itinerary and flights within the program are subject to change.*
POST-TOUR EXTENSION
September 25 – October 3, 2013 (9 Days)
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Plus one night each in Jaipur, Bharatpur and Agra at Luxury Hotels

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Wednesday, September 25, 2013 - DELHI, INDIA | JAIPUR
After re-visiting Delhi's National Museum, we will take leave of the main tour group and transfer to the airport for our domestic flight to Jaipur to begin our extension. Overnight at the Trident Jaipur. (B,L,D)

Thursday, September 26 - JAIPUR | BOARD PALACE ON WHEELS
Spend a full day in Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan, which is surrounded by rugged hills, crowned by forts, and enclosed by embattled walls. Jaipur is aptly called the "Pink City of India," and takes its name from the Maharana Sawai Jai Singh, who founded the city in 1728. A keen astronomer, he built an observatory that still exists, equipped with masonry instruments of remarkable size and accuracy. Our city sightseeing includes the observatory, with its 90-plus-foot tall sundial; the City Palace, which houses a museum containing rare manuscripts, paintings, and an armory; the museum amidst the Ram Niwas Palace Gardens, founded in 1876, with a large collection of antiques; and the Hawa Mahal, popularly known as the Palace of Winds. A short drive from Jaipur lies Amber Fort, site of a 17th century palace overlooking a lake at the entrance to a rocky mountain grove. The palace is a distinguished specimen of Rajput architecture. The Jai Mandir (Hall of Victory) is so delicately ornamented with fine inlay work that it glows. The Fort of Jaigarh, crowning the summit of a peak, is of amazing beauty and grandeur. We board the Palace on Wheels in time for dinner this evening. Overnight aboard the Palace on Wheels for five nights. (B,L,D)

Friday, September 27 - RANTHAMBORE | CHITTORGARH
Following an early breakfast this morning, travel to nearby Ranthambore National Park for game viewing. The park is surrounded by the Vindhya and Aravali mountain ranges and is located very near to the outer fringes of the Thar Desert. It is famous for its tigers and can be one of the best places in the country to see these majestic predators in the wild, even during the day. The varied topography of this national park is home to other animals such as the jackal, mongoose, sloth bear, leopard, and numerous species of birds. After lunch, we continue on to Chittorgarh Fort, a massive structure perched on a 650-foot hill and featuring several gates. The origin of Chittorgarh can be traced to the 7th century, and it remained the capital of the local Sisodia clan of Rajputs from the 8th to the 16th centuries. Return to the Palace on Wheels for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 28 - UDAIPUR
Arrive in Udaipur early and spend the morning exploring the City Palace, the largest palace complex in Rajasthan and once the seat of the Rajput kings of Mewar. Built in granite and marble and surrounded by crenellated fort walls, the palace stands on a crest overlooking Lake Pichola. Almost all its rooms have beautiful paintings, inlay glass work, antique furniture, and colorful enamel. Also visit the Crystal Gallery. After
lunch at the Fateh Prakash Palace hotel, we enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola and tea at the jetty. Return to the Palace on Wheels for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

**Sunday, September 29 - JAISALMER**

Arrive in Jaisalmer and spend the morning exploring its **Fort**. Built in 1156, the fort crowns Trikuta Hill and about a quarter of the old city's population resides within its walls. Continue on to the **Havelis**, which represented status symbols for the Marwaris and served as homes for their extended families in a secure and secluded setting. Return to the Palace on Wheels for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

**Monday, September 30 - JODHPUR**

After breakfast, visit Jodhpur’s majestic **Mehrangarh Fort**, Rajasthan’s most formidable. Inside is a series of courtyards and palaces that house a museum with a splendid collection of miniature paintings. At the southern end of the fort is a sheer drop to the old town beneath, with magical views. Continue on to the **Jaswant Thada**, the traditional cremation ground of the rulers of Jodhpur. Taking pride of place amongst the ornamental gardens and chattris is the fabulous white marble memorial to Jaswant Singh II, built in 1899. Inside the main hall are royal portraits and other possessions. Return to the Palace on Wheels for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, October 1 - BHARATPUR | DEBOARD PALACE ON WHEELS**

Arrive in Bharatpur in the morning, deboard the Palace on Wheels, and begin the day with an early visit to the **Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Keoladeo is famous as one of Asia’s finest birding areas, with over 380 resident and migrant species, including the Common and the rare Siberian Crane. It is also an excellent place to see mammals such as the golden jackal, striped hyena, fishing cat, jungle cat, nilgai, sambar, and wild boar. After bird watching, check in to **The Bagh Bharatpur**, a heritage hotel set in a 12-acre, 200-year-old garden, and have lunch with a cooking demonstration. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Enjoy dinner and a **Raas Leela dance performance** this evening. **Overnight at The Bagh Bharatpur.** (B,L,D)

**Wednesday, October 2 - BHARATPUR | FATEHPUR SIKRI | AGRA**

After breakfast we depart for Fatehpur Sikri (“The City of Victory”), the abandoned city of Emperor Akbar. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the audience halls, palaces, and mosques are perfectly preserved, as are the tombs of several Sufi saints. Continue on to Agra, where we visit Agra Fort and the Taj Mahal, both UNESCO World Heritage sites. **Agra Fort**, built by Emperor Akbar, comprises a maze of fabulous courtyards, mosques, and private chambers that echo the story of the Mughal Empire. Construction of the massive fort was begun in 1565, and additions were made until the time of Akbar’s grandson, Shah Jahan. The famed **Taj Mahal**, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, was built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his queen, Mumtaz Mahal. This beautiful tomb complex in pure white marble and red sandstone with gardens is an architectural marvel unique in its size and exquisite proportions.

Construction began in 1631 and was not completed until 1653, a period during which 20,000 people were engaged in the construction. Dinner is at our Agra hotel amidst 35 acres of luxurious gardens. **Overnight at the 5-Star ITC Mughal Hotel.** (B,L,D)

**Thursday, October 3 - AGRA | DELHI | FLY HOME**

This morning we drive to Delhi, with a stop for lunch en route. Upon our arrival in Delhi we check into **day rooms at the Radisson Blu hotel**, which will be available until 10:00pm. Transfer to the airport terminal tonight for flights homeward. (B,L,D)
Main Tour Prices (Per Person)

DOUBLE Occupancy ........................................ $6,995.
SINGLE Supplement ......................................... $ 795.

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability). Prices based on a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 25 participants. With 6-9 participants, a $300 per person small group surcharge will apply.

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