Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

Sitting astride the mid-Atlantic ridge, Iceland is one of the most geologically active places in the world and, therefore, one of the most spectacular. I am pleased to invite you to share a wonderful, two-week journey to Iceland with two Carleton College professors, geologist Mary Savina ’72 and artist David Lefkowitz ’85.

The images in this brochure give you an idea what splendid landscapes you will admire, but you really have to see (and hear) them, the experience enhanced by the fresh ocean air, to truly appreciate them. To help you understand how these fabulous landscapes are formed will be Professor Savina, who has taught geology at Carleton for 35 years. Professor Lefkowitz, who has been teaching painting and drawing at Carleton since 1997, will share his perspectives on how an artist interprets both the natural and cultural worlds that we will encounter. Also joining you throughout the trip will be an expert Icelandic guide.

The pace of this tour allows you to experience Iceland in-depth. Begin with a night in Iceland’s capital, Reykjavík. Then spend six nights at a comfortable hotel on Iceland’s south coast and drive through the center of the island to enjoy five more nights at a comfortable hotel on the north coast. Return to Reykjavík along the west coast before flying home. Your days will be spent walking through truly astonishing landscapes, including waterfalls and glaciers, geysers, hot springs, and volcanoes, plus bird colonies, towns, and farms. We will emphasize the connections among Icelandic history, Icelandic culture, and the landscape.

I hope you will join this Carleton group, which is limited to 26 participants plus our two professors and expert local guide. Contact the Alumni Adventures office toll-free at (800) 811-7244 or via email at carleton@studytours.org to reserve your space today.

Sincerely,

Frances L. Spangler ’91
President, Carleton College Alumni Association
Saturday & Sunday, August 16 & 17, 2014
U.S. | Arrive Keflavik | Reykjavik

Depart the U.S. on flights to Keflavik International Airport (KEF). Those arriving on the suggested flight will be transferred as a group to our hotel in Reykjavik, 40 minutes away. The morning and afternoon are free to explore Reykjavik. We will gather this evening for a welcome dinner. Overnight at Best Western Hotel Reykjavik. (D)

Monday, August 18 - Reykjavik | Reykjanes Peninsula | Hvolsvöllur

Enjoy a short orientation tour this morning of Reykjavik, passing landmarks such as the University of Iceland, City Hall, Icelandic parliament, the Lutheran and Catholic cathedrals, and Höfthi summit house. Depart Reykjavik for the Reykjanes peninsula to see old lava flows, volcanic mountains, hot springs, solfataras, and bird life. Stop at the famous Blue Lagoon, a "natural" geothermal pool in the middle of a lava field, and (if you wish) take a refreshing dip in the warm, mineral-rich water. An indoor pool and geothermal sauna are also on-site. Continue on to our hotel in Hvolsvöllur, locale for the Brennu Njals Saga (Burnt Njal), the longest and one of the most famous of the sagas. Overnight at Hotel Hvolsvöllur for six nights. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, August 19 - Golden Circle

This morning we visit the church at Skálholt, built on the site where southern Iceland’s first bishopric was founded in the 11th century. Drive on to the geothermal fields of Geysir for a walk around the hot springs. Nearby is Gullfoss, which travels 18 miles from the glacier Langjökull in the north to fall more than 100 feet into the canyon of Hvítá. Continue on to Thingvellir, the old parliament site where the national assembly was founded in A.D. 930 (and continued until the late 1800s, when it moved indoors to Reykjavik). Thingvellir is also a place of geological interest, where the continental plates of North America and Europe come to the surface. (B,L,D)
Wednesday, August 20 - Westman Islands

Today we visit Heimaey, one of the Westman Islands (Vestmannaeyjar). Though it’s near the end of their season, we hope to see the puffins at Stórhöfthi. We will walk up to the crater of nearby Eldfell volcano, which erupted in 1973, nearly filling the harbor (see John McPhee’s *Control of Nature*), and visit the old fort Skansinn. In the afternoon there will be free time to explore Heimaey (perhaps visiting “Pompeii of the North”) before returning by ferry to the mainland. (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 21 - Vatnajökull National Park

Today we drive along the South Coast, passing small villages and crossing the Laki Lava. The 216-square-mile Eldhraun is believed to be the world’s largest flow from a single eruption in historical times. The 1783 eruption that produced the lava affected climate all over the world and devastated the Icelandic population. Drive over huge fields of glacial sands (Sandur) to Vatnajökull, Europe’s biggest glacier, which covers about 8% of Iceland. Weather permitting, we will see Iceland’s highest peak, Hvannadalshnjúkur (6,922 ft.). After lunch, stop at the beautiful Svinafellsjökull glacier tongue, one of the many outlet glaciers of the massive Vatnajökull glacier; and continue on to Jökulsárlón, one of Iceland’s deepest lakes, for a boat ride among its icebergs. Return along the coast to our hotel in Hvolsvöllur. (B,L,D)

Friday, August 22 - Thjórsárdalur Valley

In the valley of Thjórsárdalur we follow an easy hiking path upriver to Gjáin, a beautiful, green oasis. Its waterfall is one of several along the river Rauthá, and at the bottom and on its walls are beautiful lava formations. Not far away is Hjálparfoss, a two-stepped waterfall dropping into a round pool near the confluence of the rivers Thjórsá and Fossá. Continue on to the Viking farm Stöng, a reconstructed period homestead roofed with turf. The valley of Thjórsárdalur is dominated by Hekla, Iceland’s second most active volcano, which buried Stöng and other farms in A.D. 1104. (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 23 - South Shore

Explore Iceland’s south shore today, stopping first at Seljalandsfoss waterfall, a narrow ribbon of water that can be viewed from all sides. Drive through the area most affected by the 2010 eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano and visit Skógafoss, the last in a series of 20 waterfalls on the Skógá River. Drive to Vík í Mýrdal, a pleasant coastal village with a population of 300. Reynisfjara is a beach of black volcanic rock situated between Vík and the rock formations at Dyrhólaey. Just offshore are the sea stacks of Reynisdrangar (“night trolls”), and in the headlands above is a huge, stratified bird colony with kitiwakes on the lower level, puffins nesting in the middle slopes (in summer), and fulmar near the top. Visit the Vík Wool Shop, and drive to the small village of Skógar to visit the folk museum Skógasafn. (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 24 - Hvolsvöllur | Kjölur Highland Road | Akureyri

Take a scenic drive this morning through the interior highlands along Kjölur Road, which will give us a taste of Iceland’s desert-like center, on our way northward. The “hub” of the Kjölur route is Hveravellir, an enticing geothermal area of fumaroles and multicolored hot pools, where we have the opportunity to take a dip in one of the springs. Continue driving to Akureyri, capital of the north, and check in to our hotel. *Overnight at Hotel Northurland for five nights.* (B,L,D)
Monday, August 25 - Hrísey Island
With about 16,000 inhabitants, Akureyri is Iceland’s largest town after Reykjavik, beautifully located near the head of the fjord. Begin today with a city walk, including the botanical garden, the “old town,” and the Lutheran Church with its panoramic view. In the afternoon, take a short ferry ride to Hrísey, Iceland’s second largest island, which we will tour by tractor. Now with a population of approximately 200, Hrísey has been continuously inhabited since Iceland was first settled. There are no natural predators on the island and bird hunting is forbidden, making it an ideal bird sanctuary. (The birds are very tame and roam the entire island.) After a visit to the House of Shark Jórundur, with exhibits related to shark fishing as well as the history of the island, return to Akureyri this afternoon. (B,L)

Tuesday, August 26 - Husavik | Jökulsargljufur National Park
Drive to the small, picturesque fishing town of Húsavík, including a visit to the whale museum, and then along the Tjörnes Peninsula from where (if it is a clear day) the island of Grímsey should be visible. Grímsey is the only place in Iceland that is crossed by the Arctic Circle. Arrive in Ásbyrgi (hoofprint of Sleipnir, Othinn’s eight-legged horse), part of Jökulsargljúfur National Park, for a short walk and then visit the Park’s spectacular Dettifoss, Europe’s most powerful waterfall. Return to Akureyri this afternoon. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, August 27 - Siglufjörður | Hofsos | Holar
Today, explore the mountainous Tröllaskagi Peninsula, which has the highest peaks outside the central highlands. Drive along scenic Eyjafjörður fjord, through the fishing villages of Dalvík and Ólafsfjörður, with superb views (and perhaps some bird watching) along the way. A new tunnel takes us to Siglufjörður, an idyllic fishing village barely 24 miles from the Arctic Circle. From 1900 to 1970, Siglufjörður was the herring capital of the North Atlantic, but today is a quiet home to 1,500 people and we will visit its herring museum. In the afternoon we take in dramatic scenery on a drive to Hofsós, a small village whose natural harbor is one of the oldest trading ports in Iceland, dating back to the 16th century. After a visit to the Iceland emigration museum, our final stop of the day is Hólar, in the Hjaltadalur valley, which was the seat of the bishop and the main regional center from A.D. 1106-1801. Return to Akureyri over Öxnadalsheithi mountain road. (B,L)

Thursday, August 28 - Gothafoss | Lake Mývatn
This morning we drive east of Akureyri to Gothafoss (“waterfall of the gods”) where statues of pagan gods were thrown into the water in A.D. 1000, and onward to the Lake Mývatn area, featuring abundant bird life, a variety of volcanic and geothermal features, and a wealth of walking trails. At Skútustathir we walk around some of the region’s numerous pseudo-craters. Continue on to Dimmuborgir to see its amazing rock formations (and perhaps the trolls), and to the lunar-like crater Hverfjall. It is about 20-30 minutes’ walk up to Hverfjall’s rim, from where you can admire the view around Lake Mývatn. Visit the colorful geothermal fields at Námaskarð, the caldera Krafla, and the Crater Lake Víti (“hell”) before returning to Akureyri. (B,L,D)
Friday, August 29 - Akureyri | Skagafjörður | Borgarfjörður | Deildartunguhver | Reykjavík

Return to the south today, visiting along the way Skagafjörður and Glaumbær farm museum. Continue on through old lava fields and sculpted valleys and fjords to Borgarfjörður. Stop at Grábrók volcano, where an easy climb to the top of the crater offers a view over Norðurárdalur valley. Marvel at Deildartunguhver, one of the world’s most powerful hot springs, producing 52 gallons of hot water per second; and at Hraunfossar, where crystal clear water seems to appear from nowhere beneath the 1,000-year-old lava field and fall into the muddy glacial river. A ten-minute walk up the river takes us to Barnafoss, where the glacial river has carved strange rock formations. Check in to our Reykjavík hotel, and gather this evening for a farewell dinner. Overnight at Best Western Hotel Reykjavík. (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 30 - Reykjavík | Depart Keflavík | U.S.

Those departing on the suggested flight will be transferred as a group from Reykjavík to Keflavík International Airport (KEF). (B)

Carleton College Faculty Leaders

Mary Savina (’72) is Charles L. Denison Professor of Geology at Carleton College, where she earned undergraduate degrees in history and geology. Her specialties—geoarchaeology, landscape history, and environmental geology—combine these interests nicely. Mary received the 2013 Undergraduate Research Mentor award, presented by the Geosciences division of the Council on Undergraduate Research. She first visited Iceland several years ago and was enchanted by the combination of active geologic landscapes (volcanoes and glaciers!) and the deep historical roots of Iceland culture. A return trip in 2011, on the same itinerary as this Alumni Adventure, cemented her fascination with the country. Mary has taken Carleton students (and, in some cases, alums) to other active geological landscapes in Greece, New Zealand, and the Mojave and Sonoran deserts of the American Southwest. She has also found good excuses to travel to Australia, Europe, and central Alaska, generally finding wherever she goes opera performances, in addition to fascinating building stones, landscapes, and people. In her spare time, Mary studies voice and sings in a choir.

David Lefkowitz (’85) is a visual artist and Associate Professor of Art at Carleton. Lefkowitz’s work in painting, installation, and mixed media (including cardboard, sticks, sheetrock, and Styrofoam) addresses paradoxes of perception both monumental and mundane. Much of his work explores the blurry boundary between the human-built environment and the natural world. Recent solo exhibits include “Other Positioning Systems” at the Rochester Art Center, “The Nirthfolde Visitors Bureau” at the Northfield (MN) Arts Guild, and gallery shows in New York and Chicago. His paintings of trompe l’oeil wall fixtures appeared in “Lifelike” at the Walker Art Center the spring of 2012. To see more of his work go to www.davidlefkowitz.net or www.secristgallery.com/exhibitions/2011-10-22_david-lefkowitz
What to Expect

Carleton travelers will want to be flexible. The itinerary is set well ahead of time and may need to be adapted on the fly for changes in weather, ease of access, transportation, or other factors. In August, we can expect temperatures in the high 40s and mid-50s F, a monthly rainfall average of about 3” in Reykjavík, and 14-16 hours of daylight (plus an hour or so of “dawn and dusk”). The old traveler’s adage “dress in layers and prepare for anything” is especially appropriate, as rain comes and goes and temperatures vary depending on our destination(s). The bus trips are broken up with short walking stops, and there will be daily walks (approx. 1-3 miles, or 1-2 hours, total per day), as much as 1 mile at a time. All walks can be done at an easy pace, and aside from walking up (and down) a few small cinder cones there is not much elevation gain/loss.

Tour Prices (Per Person)

| Double Occupancy (20 to 26 participants) | $6,345 |
| Double Occupancy (15 to 19 participants) | $6,645 |
| Single Supplement | $895 |

Rates Do Not Include: Airfare; passport and visa fees; inoculation fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; items of a personal nature, such as laundry; alcoholic beverages (except as noted above); taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour, airport transfers for those not traveling on the suggested flights.

Air Arrangements & Transfers: Round-trip airfare between home and Keflavík (KEF) is not included. Group transfers between the airport and hotel on arrival and departure are included based on the suggested flights to the right. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

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Prices, itinerary and leaders are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

For questions and to hold your space, please contact Carleton College Alumni Adventures at:

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