Dear Carleton Alumni:

You are invited to join Helena Kaufman, Director of Off-Campus Studies, and Éva Pósfay, Associate Dean of the College and Professor of French and Francophone Studies, who have who have designed a tour to Central Europe that examines the different political and cultural stories of Budapest, Prague, and Krakow. As we observe the evocative spires, ancient bridges, and beautiful architecture of these three cities, we will be asked to look beyond their storybook beauty. We will consider their common history through the periods of Habsburg rule, and the Nazi and Soviet occupations. We will discuss how these cities should be placed in the context of contemporary European reality, reflect on their peoples’ past and present, and seek to define their cultural identity today.

Begin in elegant Budapest and discover this beautiful city of domes, bridges, and spires, gathered along the mighty Danube River. Budapest boasts a fascinating medieval heritage, yet reflects its turn-of-the-century revival through the stately cityscape, bustling markets, and characteristic coffeehouses. Today, Budapest continues its cultural renaissance, emerging from behind the Iron Curtain poised between East and West, both geographically and culturally.

Continue to Prague, which Goethe described as “the most beautiful jewel in the stone crown of the globe.” The magic of medieval spires, Art Nouveau palaces, the incomparable Charles Bridge, and the commanding Castle Hill create an unforgettable cityscape. Prague also boasts Europe’s most precious historic Jewish quarter, several outstanding art museums, and one of the world’s richest musical patrimonies.

In Krakow learn about Polish past and present during visits to its historic Jewish quarter, stately Wawel Castle, busy and playful Central Square, and the Nowa Huta district, a symbol of postwar industrial architecture. The city escaped serious damage during World War II, and its historic center has been beautifully preserved.

Throughout your stay, enjoy accommodations in charming four-star hotels in wonderful, central locations: the historic Hotel Astoria, Budapest; the elegant Hotel Bellagio, Prague; and the chic Hotel Andels, Krakow.

Discover places that are home to some of Europe’s most intriguing, best-preserved and yet still relatively unacknowledged contributions to art, music, and architecture. Learn about the political, cultural, and linguistic makeup of this multi-ethnic region through reflective touring of the historical and cultural monuments at all three cities. Register soon to be part of this not-to-be-missed Carleton adventure!

Sincerely,

The Carleton Alumni Adventures Committee

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A professor of French language and literature at Carleton since 1991, Éva Pósfay has recently been appointed associate dean of the college. With family ties and a longstanding academic interest in Central Europe, she is fluent in Hungarian and has traveled extensively in the region. She has led Carleton Off-Campus Studies programs in France and directed the Hungarian portion of the Carleton European Studies Faculty Trip in 2004.

Helena Kaufman, Director of Off-Campus studies at Carleton, has designed numerous off-campus programs for students. She is a native of Poland and has traveled extensively throughout the region. Fluent in Polish and with a basic understanding of Czech, she is interested in issues of national and cultural identity.
Carleton Alumni Adventures

Culture and Identity in

Central Europe

Budapest * Prague * Krakow

June 24 – July 4, 2008

Optional Tour Extension in Poland, July 4-7, 2008
Depart the United States on independent flights to Budapest.

Budapest

Wednesday June 25 ★ Arrive in Budapest and check-in to the four-star Hotel Astoria. Gather in the afternoon for an orientation tour of Budapest, viewing the graceful bridges that span the Danube River, linking Buda, known for its Medieval, cobblestone streets, gothic arches, watchtowers, and wine cellars, with the newer, livelier Pest, home of smart shops, restaurants and cafes. View the Independence Monument, Gellért Monument, Gül Baba’s tomb, the Parliament, the Art-Nouveau Hungarian Bank, the Opera House, and the Rudas Baths. This evening, celebrate your arrival at a festive welcome dinner.  
Hotel Astoria (D)

Budapest

Thursday, June 26 ★ Following a guest lecture on cultural identity in Hungary, embark on a walking tour of Buda’s district, where the Mátyás Church towers gracefully hover over the old town, and admire exterior views of the medieval Jewish Prayer House and Mary Magdalene Tower ruins. From Fishermen’s Bastion at the edge of Castle Hill, enjoy a spectacular view of Pest and the neo-Gothic Parliament building. Following lunch at a classic Budapest eatery, explore Pest and visit the Dohány Street Synagogue. Then stop at Vörösmarty Square, St Stephen’s Basilica, Vigadó Square, and Váci utca. This evening, enjoy live gypsy music and Hungarian folk dance and dinner with Carleton alums. Hotel Astoria (B, L, D)

Danube Bend / Budapest

Friday, June 27 ★ En route to Esztergom, enjoy a lecture given by faculty. Visit Esztergom, seat of the first Hungarian kings and the Archbishop of Hungary, admire its massive neoclassical cathedral, and view Slovakia on the other side of the Danube. Continue to Visegrad, meeting place for kings, rulers, and diplomats since 1335, and visit its imposing citadel. Following lunch, continue to Szentendre, a romantic village with a flourishing artists’ colony. A profusion of enchanting churches, colorful Baroque houses, and winding narrow cobblestone streets make Szentendre a picturesque destination. Visit the Margit Kovács Museum and the Serbian Orthodox Blagovestenska Church. Return to Budapest and enjoy an evening at leisure. Hotel Astoria (B, L)

Budapest / Prague

Saturday, June 28 ★ This morning, fly to Prague, and check-in to the four-star Hotel Bellagio, excellently located in the Old Town. Following lunch and a Prague itinerary overview, walk across the renowned Charles Bridge for a guided tour of the Mala Strana district. Walk through the enchanting Old Town Square, ringed by historic buildings, Tyn Church, and its renowned 16th-century astronomical clock. This evening, attend a musical performance at one of Prague’s best theaters. Hotel Bellagio (B, L)

Prague

Sunday, June 29 ★ Enjoy breakfast at the hotel with guest speaker. Next, set out on a walk that focuses on Prague’s Jewish heritage, including the Old Jewish Cemetery and various historical synagogues. Enjoy a traditional lunch in
a kavarna near the Jewish Quarter. The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore on your own. **Hotel Bellagio (B, L)**

**Prague**

**Monday, June 30**  Enjoy an in-depth guided tour of the countless courtyards, gardens, convents, and churches of Hradcany Castle, founded in the 9th century and, since 1918, the seat of the Czech Republic. Return to the hotel and enjoy free time. This evening, bid farewell to Prague during dinner in one of the city’s most celebrated gourmet restaurants. **Hotel Bellagio (B, D)**

**Prague, Krakow**

**Tuesday, July 1**  Take a short flight to Krakow, and check-in at the Hotel Andels. At lunch, enjoy a conversation with locals. This afternoon, take a guided walking tour along Stare Miasto, stopping at St. Mary’s Church and Krakow’s picturesque Main Square, with free time to enjoy the square’s lively atmosphere and to peruse the shops at the Old Cloth Hall’s market. **Hotel Andels (B, L)**

**Krakow**

**Wednesday, July 2**  Spend the morning at Wawel Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This lavish Renaissance palace was rebuilt by the finest craftsmen after a fire destroyed the Romanesque structure. Following free time for lunch, enjoy a guided walking tour of the Kazimierz Jewish Quarter, stopping at the Galicia Jewish Museum and Schindler’s factory. This evening, enjoy live klezmer music during dinner. **Hotel Andels (B, D)**

**Krakow/USA**

**Friday, July 4**  This morning, depart from Krakow on independent flights to the United States. (B)

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**Tour Extension in Poland**

**July 4 – 7, 2008**

**Featuring One Night in Zakopane, Two Nights in Krakow**

Drive along Poland’s only alpine mountain range to Zakopane, one of the most charming Polish towns. Enjoy a cable-car ride into the Tatra Mountains for spectacular scenery. Have a guided tour of the town, and meet many of Zakopane’s most important artists and artisans. Return to Krakow for a free afternoon. Have a guided tour of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and museum. Bid farewell to Poland during a festive dinner in one of Krakow’s finest restaurants.
Included in the Tour Cost

- Nine nights accommodations, as per itinerary
- Breakfast daily, five lunches, and five dinners
- Series of lectures throughout the tour
- Economy-class flights between Budapest / Prague and Prague / Krakow on Czech Airlines
- Entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
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- I/we plan want to take the extension to Poland.

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