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Dear Carleton Alumni and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to be part of an exciting journey to Budapest, Prague, and Krakow, three magnificent Central European cities that have captured the imagination of countless travelers. The idea of such a trip came about one winter morning as we were sipping coffee on Division Street. Multiple conversations followed, and soon we thought it would be fun to share our deep interest in an area of the world that shaped so much of our own life stories.

As you well know, over the past ten years, Central Europe has gone through a profound social, economic, and cultural transformation. This process is far from complete, as the new participants in the European Union continue to search for and define a common identity. While we cannot claim to fully understand the significance nor the ramifications for the future, we look forward to sharing with you our experiences with the region’s people, history, art, and culture. We hope that our introduction to these three vibrant cities—all stunningly beautiful and yet often mystifying in their complexity—will lead to many fascinating and exhilarating discoveries about Central Europe.

Please consider joining us, and other Carleton alumni and friends on this extraordinary voyage to Central Europe.

Sincerely,

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