Dear Carleton alumni, parents and friends:

We are pleased to invite you to our exclusively designed program to Guatemala: A Meeting of Three Worlds with Beverly Nagel ’75, Carleton’s Associate Dean and Ada M. Harrison’s Distinguished Teaching Professor of the Social Sciences.

In the company of Beverly, we’ll discover Guatemala’s unspoiled landscapes dotted with volcanoes—plus impressive complexes of Mayan ruins, Spanish colonial art and architecture, and a vibrant indigenous culture. Here the modern Maya still wear colorful hand-woven dresses to open-air markets. Nowhere on earth is the legacy of the ancient Maya textile art more alive than here. The participation of our faculty will assist us to obtain genuine cultural interactions.

Our journey starts in the graceful and romantic colonial town of La Antigua Guatemala, guarded by sentinel-like majestic volcanoes. With its delightful climate and cobbled streets, Antigua, a UNESCO heritage site, is considered one of the loveliest colonial towns in Latin America, preserved as a Spanish capital of the 16th century.

We’ll visit the native market of Chichicastenango, and other authentic and colorful Indian communities around beautiful Lake Atitlán which is surrounded by three perfect conical volcanoes. We continue to Quetzaltenango, ringed by mountains, the capital of the highlands, the base for Carleton’s winter ’06 student seminar, and our base for exploring this colorful region.

For a breathtaking vision of the Maya universe we’ll explore the spectacular ruins of Tikal, which combines two of Guatemala’s attractions: superb Maya ruins and lush rain forests. Once the prime city of the Maya people populating the Yucatán peninsula, Tikal is today a maze of temples and pyramids, emerging dramatically from the surrounding lowland jungle. This lush rainforest is also home to monkeys and an abundance of birds.

Guatemala is a charming potpourri of three worlds: the Maya civilization, the Spanish colonial heritage and our contemporary world. The country’s modern capital Guatemala City still reveres its Spanish architectural heritage. In addition, there is an explosion of color in the rich and varied Guatemalan crafts! Markets brimming with colorful designs and patterns passed on from generation to generation, wood, jade, textiles, clay and metals molded by the hands of today’s Mayans.

Join Carleton Alumni June 20–30, 2006 on a colorful journey that spans the centuries! Guatemala will both repay and inspire your interest.

Best regards,

Joanne Mechling
Joanne Mechling, ’87 Chair for The Alumni Adventures Committee
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GUATEMALA: A Meeting of Three Worlds
June 20–30, 2006

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Guatemala

A MEETING OF THREE WORLDS

Tuesday, June 20
Arrival in Guatemala.

Depart from Miami to Guatemala City. We arrive in Guatemala City and immediately transfer to our hotel in the town of Antigua, Guatemala. Hotel Santo Domingo (Meals aloft)*

Wednesday, June 21
Antigua.

At 5,000 feet in a valley surrounded by 14,000-foot volcanoes, Antigua has been declared by the UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Our morning tour of the charming colonial town commences at the Central Park that includes a visit to the Ayuntamiento (Administrative building), Cathedral, University, Convent of Capuchinas, and Merced Church, among other sites. We’ll gather for a welcome lunch and be hosted to coffee at a private coffee farm, visit its museum and learn about the processing of coffee. We’ll continue to Casa K’Ojom, a center for the preservation of Maya music and instruments. We will also see a collection of typical dresses of the region at the Centro Cultural La Azotea. Hotel Santo Domingo B,L.

Thursday, June 22
Antigua / Chichicastenango / Quetzaltenango.

We depart for Chichicastenango, a Maya village nestled in the highlands at 7,000 feet, to spend our morning at its colorful native market, the largest in Central America. We’ll observe the indigenous women wearing superb native dress of heavily embroidered huipiles. At the Church of Santo Tomás Catholicism and traditional beliefs co-exist. We’ll explore some of the cofradías, religious organizations, where ceremonial costumes are made so important in the life of the Maya. In the afternoon, we’ll journey on to Quetzaltenango, the second largest city in Guatemala. Hotel Bonifaz B,L,D

Friday, June 23
Quetzaltenango.

At 7,690 feet, surrounded by mountains and volcanoes, Quetzaltenango is a place with a charm and personality all its own within a very dramatic setting. We begin our day with a visit to the market of domesticated animals of San Francisco el Alto, on the largest in the highlands. We’ll continue to the village of San Andrés Xecul, encircled by hills, and see its folkloric wedding cake church. San Andrés Xecul is also noted for its school for brujos (wizards) referred to as the “University.” Carleton students lived and studied in San Andrés Xecul as part of the winter term off-campus study program in 2005–2006, and we’ll have the opportunity to visit places they worked here, as well as in Zunil. Then, we’ll tour the picturesque Indian villages of the surrounding valley. In the afternoon, at an Indian home, we’ll observe the art of tie-dying. At Totonicapán we’ll see the artisans and have lunch accom-
panned by marimba music.  
Hotel Bonifaz B,L,D

Saturday, June 24  
Quetzaltenango.

We begin our day with a visit to the vegetable market of Almolonga. Later, we'll take a breathing drive down the hill to Zunil, where Indians dress in bright and beautiful purple dress. We'll visit a cooperative to experience how the Indians weave. In the village of Salcajá, we'll see the first church built in Guatemala during the colonial times, and tour a blown glass factory. We'll return to Quetzaltenango to visit the Central Park, the Cathedral and an orphanage.  
Hotel Bonifaz B,L,D

Sunday, June 25  
Quetzaltenango / Lake Atitlán.

We'll depart this morning for Lake Atitlán via los Tarrales nature reserve and coffee plantation, situated on the south slope of Atitlán volcano, southern Guatemala, covering pristine forest from the upper slope of the volcano, 9,800 ft down to 2,300 ft. The reserve is part of two biomes, subtropical humid forest and mountain forest and is home to the endemic and endangered Horned Guan and the Azure-rumped Tanager. We'll visit the coffee plantation and coffee mill, which is located on the reserve and learn about the production and processing of this major crop. Lunch is at this historical farm at the owner's home which dates back to the 1800's. We'll conclude the day at our hotel overlooking the lake.  
Hotel Atitlán B,L,D

Monday, June 26  
Atitlán.

A breathtaking lake with volcanic panoramas, Atitlán is considered one of the most beautiful volcanic lakes in the world. We'll take a pleasant boat ride to Santiago Atitlán, one of the 12 Indian villages located around the lake, all with striking, distinctive dress and traditions. We'll walk through the town, see the foot-loom art inside native homes, and visit with a Maya family. We continue to San Antonio and Santa Catarina Palapó, Indian villages around the lake. In the afternoon, we'll return to Panajachel. The remainder of the day is unscheduled to explore the beautiful vistas of Lake Atitlán, the lovely gardens of your hotel or to explore Panajachel. The village of Panajachel, near the hotel, is great for walking and seeing the local textiles and handicrafts.  
Hotel Atitlán B,L,D

Tuesday, June 27  
Atitlán / Guatemala City / Flores.

Today we'll transfer back to Guatemala City via the Indigenous community of San Juan Comalapa. Upon arrival in Guatemala City, we'll take a short sightseeing tour before a typical barbecue lunch near the colorful artisan market. Thereafter, we'll fly to Flores, located in the Petén jungle and immediately transfer to our hotel overlooking the Petenche Lagoon.  
Hotel Villa Maya B,L,D
Wednesday, June 28
Tikal.

This morning we visit the ancient metropolis of Tikal, one of the oldest and grandest of Maya cities, and perhaps the finest gift to us from the Maya heritage. Tikal flourished during the Classic Period from A.D. 250–900, then suddenly collapsed around A.D. 900 when its population vanished. To this day no one knows exactly why. We’ll explore the small Tikal museum, which houses a collection of artifacts excavated at the site, and the Lithic and Stelae museums, which preserve many of Tikal’s stone carvings. Discover, take photos, and relax from a unique vantage point on top of a pyramid. There is an optional excursion to the archaeological site of Ceibal navigating on La Pasión River through tropical forests.

Hotel Villa Maya B,L,D

Thursday, June 29
Tikal/Guatemala City.

Today we will have the option to return individually to the archeological park for an optional visit to discover it on our own. Those who do not wish to return, can relax at the hotel. The Hotel Villa Maya situated beside a private wildlife refuge, has lovely grounds, paths, and a swimming pool. Opportunities abound for wildlife observation...look for monkeys, toucans, and macaws that inhabit the surrounding forests. In the late afternoon we’ll transfer to the airport for our flight back to Guatemala City. Later that evening we’ll gather for a farewell dinner.

Hotel Clarion Suites B,D

Friday, June 30
Guatemala / U.S.A.

Morning transfer to the international airport for our return flight to Miami and home. B

*Meals Included: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

Pre-Trip Extension to Guatemala City
June 19–20, 2006

Arrive Guatemala a day in advance and transfer to your hotel. The next day, depart on a city tour including visits to the Ixchel Museum of Mayan textiles, weavings and indigenous Mayan clothing, and the excellent Popol Vuh Museum of archaeology. In the afternoon, after your visit to Guatemala City, transfer to the colonial town of La Antigua Guatemala. Pre-trip extension includes transfer from the international airport to your hotel in Guatemala City, one night at the Hotel Clarion Suites, full breakfast, all touring, entrance fees, taxes, leadership, and transfer to La Antigua Guatemala.

Post-Trip Extension to Copán
June 30–July 2

Visit the classical Maya city of Copán. Extension includes two nights’ hotel accommodations, leadership, breakfasts and transportation. Complete information and costs will be available upon registration on the trip.
LAND PROGRAM COST ................................................. $3,350

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT .................................................. $450*

*(Subject to availability, on a first-come, first-served basis).

*Should you request to share a twin room, we will attempt to find a roommate for you. However, if at the time of final payment no roommate is available, a single supplement fee will be charged.

GUATEMALA CITY OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION .................... $185

*(Per person, double occupancy). Single supplement for the extension is $50. The price quoted is based on a minimum of 6 passengers participating on the extension.

COPÁN POST-TRIP EXTENSION

Details and Price to be announced.

SAMPLE AIRFARE FROM JFK OR MIAMI ........................................ $580*

*(As of December 2005 and is subject to change)

PROGRAM COST INCLUDES:
All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary; all land and water transportation; airport transfers; flights within Guatemala to and from Tikal; airport transfers; domestic airport departure taxes; entrance fees; baggage handling; basic gratuities; leadership; coordination; and administration.

PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:
International and U.S. domestic airfare (quoted separately); meals not specified in the itinerary; personal items such as laundry, fax or telephone calls, bottled water, liquor, dishes and beverages not part of included meals, room service, passport fees, excess baggage charges, individual transfers, foreign airport departure tax, optional tip to tour director, medical expenses, travel insurance, or deviations from the scheduled tour.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $500 per person payable to “Carleton College”, along with the completed reservation form to: Alumni Adventures Program, Carleton College Alumni Affairs Office, One North College Street, Northfield, MN 55057. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Final payment is due April 1, 2006 and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures handles all bookings, ticketing, and invoicing. CST #2009579-40.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:
Refunds less a cancellation fee of $300 per person, are made if we are notified in writing on or before April 1, 2006. No refunds are made after that date. All cancellations must be made in writing. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features.

INSURANCE: We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for trip cancellation insurance will be sent to you upon confirmation. Neither Carleton College nor Royal Adventures accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.


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WHAT TO EXPECT

This expedition has been exclusively designed for the alumni and friends of Carleton College who are interested in history, archaeology, anthropology, natural history, the ancient cultural traditions of the living Maya and modern Guatemala. There is daily walking over uneven terrain at a leisurely pace and some stair climbing. Typically the weather is spring–like in Guatemala City and in the highlands; in the Petén area where Tikal is located the temperatures are in the 80’s. Nights and early mornings can be chilly in the area of Atitlán and Quetzaltenango, but as a general rule the weather is delightful. Travel is by motorcoach and boat. In order to enjoy this trip, a spirit of adventure, anticipation and the desire to experience first-hand another culture and explore natural and archaeological areas are musts. Flexibility is essential, since local conditions may require alterations in schedule.