COLORADO COLLEGE
BLOCK BREAKS AWAY
FOR ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS
Colorado College alumni learned early on that the world is a fascinating place filled with geological, natural, cultural, historical, and architectural wonder. With nearly 80 percent of our student body experiencing some sort of study abroad, desire to see the world sets in early, and it doesn’t merely end. By traveling with Colorado College, alumni get to explore sought-after bucket-list places, enhanced by our treasured CC professors. One can’t keep a teacher from teaching, and long after your graduation, these professors relish the opportunity to create unforgettable, enriching travel experiences for former students and CC parents, the kind you can’t get anywhere else.

For details on any of these travel programs, find the most up-to-date information at https://www.coloradocollege.edu/us/alumni/alumni-events/
ANTARCTICA
December 2014-January 2015 with Geology Professor Christine Siddoway.
At holiday time 2014, 30 alumni, parents, and students visited Antarctica with CC Geology Professor Christine Siddoway. While visiting, our group was fortunate to be just one of four tourist groups allowed annually to visit Palmer Station, the U.S. research facility on Anvers Island operated by the National Science Foundation. The voyage was conducted in partnership with Harvard University and benefited from lectures by both Professor Siddoway and Harvard’s researcher. In addition to knowledge shared by onboard naturalists, some participants came home with more than 4,000 photos of wildlife, glaciers, and newly acquired friends, some of whom were daring enough to participate in a polar plunge. Upon returning home, Bob Williams ‘64 reflected, “We are so glad we participated in this CC Antarctica adventure. Like my trip down the Grand Canyon, this trip was a wonderful experience.”

CUBA
March-April 2014 with Sociology Professor Eric Popkin.
On March 30, 2014, 32 alumni and friends accompanied Associate Professor of Sociology Eric Popkin on the sold-out trip to Cuba. Participants traveled for nine days, soaking in history, culture, and Cuban perspectives, and navigated historical context from a social and economic perspective with Popkin’s guidance. Interest in the program was so strong that the college is planning a return to Cuba, albeit with a revised itinerary, slated for early 2017.
TUSCAN WANDERLUST
May 2015 with History Professor Susan Ashley. In May, History Professor Susan Ashley led 15 alumni and friends on a special walking tour through the Tuscany region of Italy. As part of the tour, the group strolled through Etruscan, Medieval, and Renaissance villages, discovered UNESCO World Heritage Sites, enjoyed cooking demonstrations, and visited a CC family vineyard.

SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE
February 2015 with Biology Professor Emilie Gray. In February, 15 alumni headed to South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, and Zimbabwe, accompanied by CC Biology Professor Emilie Gray, who at one time lived in South Africa. The group followed the footsteps of Nelson Mandela, went on a Chobe River safari, and visited Victoria Falls, one of the world’s Seven Natural Wonders.

TRIPS TAKEN
THE BEST MATCH IN KOREA
June-July 2015.
To coincide with the special honor bestowed upon Colorado College women’s soccer to compete as Team USA at the World University Games in Gwangju, Korea, alumni cheered on the Tigers and watched the women compete in their first two games as part of their 12-day exploration of Korea.

GHOST RANCH, N.M.
August 2-7, 2015 with Physics Professor Shane Burns.
Ghost Ranch in New Mexico will be the site for a weeklong program that includes Southwest history, geology, nature hikes, water activities on Abiquiu Lake, field trips to painter Georgia O’Keeffe’s house and nearby ruins, and great discussion and camaraderie with other alumni. Known for its multidimensional beauty and spirituality, the 21,000-acre Ghost Ranch is an education and retreat center; its history includes Native Americans and Spanish, Mexican, French, and Anglo immigrations, and it has hosted visitors and residents such as photographer Ansel Adams, environmentalist Arthur Pack, O’Keeffe, and physicist Robert Oppenheimer.
FOOD AND WINE OF COLORADO

September 10-14, 2015.
The bucolic North Fork Valley, located between the West Elk Ranges of the Rocky Mountains and the Grand Mesa in Western Colorado, offers a unique and distinctive culinary experience as one of Colorado’s Certified Creative Districts and federally designated viticulture area called West Elk AVA. Some have even referred to the North Fork Valley as the farm-to-table capital of Colorado, where professional winemakers, ranchers, orchardists, and farmers have settled to produce their bounty. Join fellow alumni on an adventure celebrating food and wine in this agricultural gem called the North Fork Valley. The program is based in Paonia, Colorado, but our tours, orchard, ranch, and vineyard tours (and tastings!) will take us to all parts of the Valley during the height of the Colorado harvest season.

ARCHES AND CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARKS, UTAH

November 5-9, 2015.
From the countless spires to the deep canyons, our hiking journey through Utah’s Arches and Canyonlands National Parks reveals how nature’s forces have jointly sculpted and scoured this dramatic landscape. During daily hikes with natural history experts, who are CC alums, explore the spectacular arch and canyon formations and the geological record, which dates back more than 250 million years in this part of Utah. On these three days of exploring, via hikes and overlooks, we will also view ancient petroglyphs, investigate the role of catastrophic events such as meteorite impacts, observe the area’s uranium mining history, touch dinosaur trackways, and hike amongst the remnants of the first Rocky Mountains uplift at Fisher Towers.
March 15-27, 2016 with Biology Professor Jim Ebersole. This incredible journey introduces you to the remarkable Galápagos Islands, a nature-lover’s dream destination and UNESCO World Heritage site, with a five-night cruise aboard the first-class small ship SANTA CRUZ II equipped with a fleet of Zodiacs, a glass-bottom boat, certified onboard naturalists, and complimentary snorkeling gear. Visit six distinct islands to see the exotic birds, animals, and plants that inspired Charles Darwin, including species unknown elsewhere in the world. With few natural predators on the islands, the abundant wildlife innocently accepts up-close human company. You can almost touch spiny-backed iguanas. This trip also features Peru’s legendary “lost city” of Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, and historic Lima and Cuzco.
WINGS OVER TANZANIA

March 22–April 6, 2016 with Anthropology Professor Krista Fish. During this 12-day journey of a lifetime, observe one of Earth’s greatest natural spectacles—liftoff and set — the best way to experience it is to travel to Tanzania. Travel into the majestic grasslands of Africa’s premier safari destination during the annual Great Migration of vast herds of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, and Cape buffalo — and see wildlife including elephants, lions, cheetahs, and leopards. Visit four of Tanzania’s finest game parks — Lake Manyara, Tarangire and the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater — for spectacular game drives. Enjoy a unique perspective over Tanzania’s plains when you fly from Arusha to Tarangire National Park and from Serengeti National Park to Arusha aboard privately chartered aircraft. Stay in deluxe SERENI-SAFARI LODGES and the comfortable Tarangire Safari Lodge Tented Camp. An expert curator illuminates human prehistory at Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakey family famously discovered 1.8-million-year-old human fossils.

ICONIC VIETNAM

May 17–29, 2016 with Asian Studies Professor John Williams. Experience a country still unspoiled and quite unique in the world. Meet the cultured, attractive, and hospitable people of Vietnam in a variety of settings, from the entrepreneurial spirit of the markets of fast-moving Ho Chi Minh City, to the spirit of the past in the tranquil Temple of Literature in Hanoi. View the diverse architectural styles, a legacy of a long history of foreign invasions, in these two cities, as well as in Hue and the Ha. Travel through highland plateaus and narrow coastal plains with stunning limestone scenery, and marvel at the beauty of Halong Bay. Though often associated with hardship and war, today you will find Vietnam a serene and peaceful place to visit.
Summer 2016 TBD: The Colorado College Baca campus in Crestone, Colorado, has been host for several CC courses for students and alumni alike. The Fifty Year Club (those who have already celebrated a 50th Reunion) has participated in special programs in 2013 and 2014. Its 2016 Baca will be home for an all-alumni quarter-block program featuring CC faculty in topics to be determined. Let us know if you are interested in participating.

SICILY
September 3-16, 2016 with Classics Professor Sanjaya Thakur. As a cultural crossroads of the ancient world, Sicily abounds with enchanting natural beauty, impressive man-made relics seemingly untouched by time, fascinating culture, and a vast history. Spend four nights each in Palermo and Taormina and explore this melting pot of Mediterranean civilizations. In Palermo, visit the cathedral and the city’s market. See Il Duomo and medieval castles in Erice before meeting a local family that runs an olive farm, where you’ll enjoy a tour and tasting. Continue to scenic Segesta to witness its unfinished temple and the renowned amphitheatre at Mount Barbaro. Visit a 12th century cathedral in Cefalù before moving to Taormina, celebrated for its stunning views and ancient Greek Theater. Journey to the Valley of the Temples, one of Western Europe’s most impressive classical sites. Marvel at the ancient ruins in Syracuse.
WILD INDIA: MOWGLI’S PLAYGROUND...TIGERS, LANGURS, & BARKING DEER

November 1-16, 2016 with Religion Professor Tracy Coleman.

The pages of Rudyard Kipling’s “The Jungle Book” come alive as you travel through India’s ancient civilizations, architectural wonders, and lush nature reserves. Feel your heart pound while watching a magnificent wild tiger stroll through its native habitat; explore bamboo thickets and sal forests; be enthralled at the amazing temples of Khajuraho; and stand in reverence at the holy city of Varanasi. An exotic landscape of rich colors, textures, and unique wildlife brimming with cultural wonders — you’ll be inspired to pen your own Jungle Book.

RETURN TO CUBA

February 4-14, 2017 with Political Science Professor Juan Lindau.

Enjoy a 10-night journey combining the deluxe, small sailing vessel, Le Ponant, with an in-depth land visit of bustling Havana. For seven nights call upon the various small ports on the southern shore of Cuba as you cruise from Montego Bay to Cienfuegos. Then, travel overland via Trinidad to Havana to enjoy three nights in the heart of this exciting Caribbean capital.
SOLAR ECLIPSE, JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING
August 19-22, 2017 with Physics Professor Shane Burns.
Limited to 20 participants

OTHER INTERNATIONALLY PROPOSED TRAVEL:

- Turkey
- Iceland
- Panama
- Amazon
- Walking trip through Scotland
- Argentina
- Baja Family Adventure
- Thailand
- Costa Rica
- Switzerland
- France

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