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USI's travel/study program plans weekend excursion

The University of Southern Indian's Extended Services travel/study program includes a "Splendors and Wonders" weekend visiting two outstanding exhibits leaving Evansville Friday, July 31, and returning Sunday, August 2: "The Splendors of Versailles" in Jackson, Mississippi, and "Ancestors of the Incas: The Lost Civilization of Peru" in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Versailles exhibit includes 130 objects from the National Museum of the Chateau of Versailles - sculpture, paintings, bronzes, clocks, tapestries, furniture, jewelry, and porcelain. The Inca exhibit has over 300 items spanning 3,000 years of Peruvian history and ranging from mummies to pottery to gold jewelry and ceremonial items.

Tour guide Jay Fredrich, professor of Engineering Technology at USI, lived in Peru during his service with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

A registration fee of \$380 includes motor coach transportation, double occupancy lodging (add \$150 for single accommodations) at the Jackson Hampton Inn and the Memphis Peabody Hotel, admission to both exhibits, dinner on Friday, continental breakfast on Saturday, and supper on Sunday.

The tentative itinerary:

Friday, July 31

8 a.m. Leave USI
6:30 p.m. Dinner at Crown Plaza, downtown Jackson, Mississippi
8:30 p.m. Continue to Hampton Inn for night

Saturday, August 1

9 a.m. "Splendors of Versailles"
11:30 a.m. Highland Village
1 p.m. Depart for Memphis
5 p.m. Arrive The Peabody Hotel, free evening

Sunday, August 2

9 a.m. "Ancestors of the Incas"
noon Depart Memphis
4 p.m. Supper in Kentucky Dam Village
7 p.m. Return to USI

Registration deadline is July 1. Call 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600 for more information or to register.