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USI trip features Chicago museum tours

University of Southern Indiana's Alumni Association and Office of Extended Services are planning a three-day art excursion to Chicago Friday through Sunday, December 7 through 9.

Participants will travel by bus, stay at the Palmer House in downtown Chicago, and visit the Field Museum of Natural History for the exhibit, "Cleopatra of Egypt: From History to Myth," and the Art Institute of Chicago for "Van Gogh & Gauguin: Studio of the South."

After opening in Rome and London, "Cleopatra of Egypt: From History to Myth" will be seen exclusively in the United States at Chicago's Field Museum. The exhibit features works from the world's great Egyptian and classical art collections.

Co-organized by The Art Institute of Chicago and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, "Van Gogh & Gauguin: The Studio of the South" examines the personal and professional history of the artists, their mutual admiration, rivalry, extended professional dialogue, and brief period of collaboration.

Connie Weinzapfel, director of Historic New Harmony, will serve as expert commentator. An art graduate of USI, she holds an M.F.A. from Southern Illinois University.

The itinerary also includes plenty of free time to dine, shop, and see plays.

The cost – ranging from \$385 for Alumni Association members (double occupancy) to \$570 non-members (single occupancy) – includes motorcoach transportation, two nights at the Palmer House, one lunch, tickets to both art exhibits, drinks and snacks on the bus, and a Chicago information packet.

A \$100 deposit is required by Wednesday, November 7. To register, call USI Extended Services at 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600. Additional information is available online at www.usi.edu/extserv/chicago2001/chicago2001.htm.