



**HARVARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
2017 WORLDWIDE TRAVEL PROGRAM



*Donald Judd's Freestanding Works in Concrete (Punk Toad)*

# TRAVELS

2017

## Treasures of the Desert: Minimalist Art in MARFA

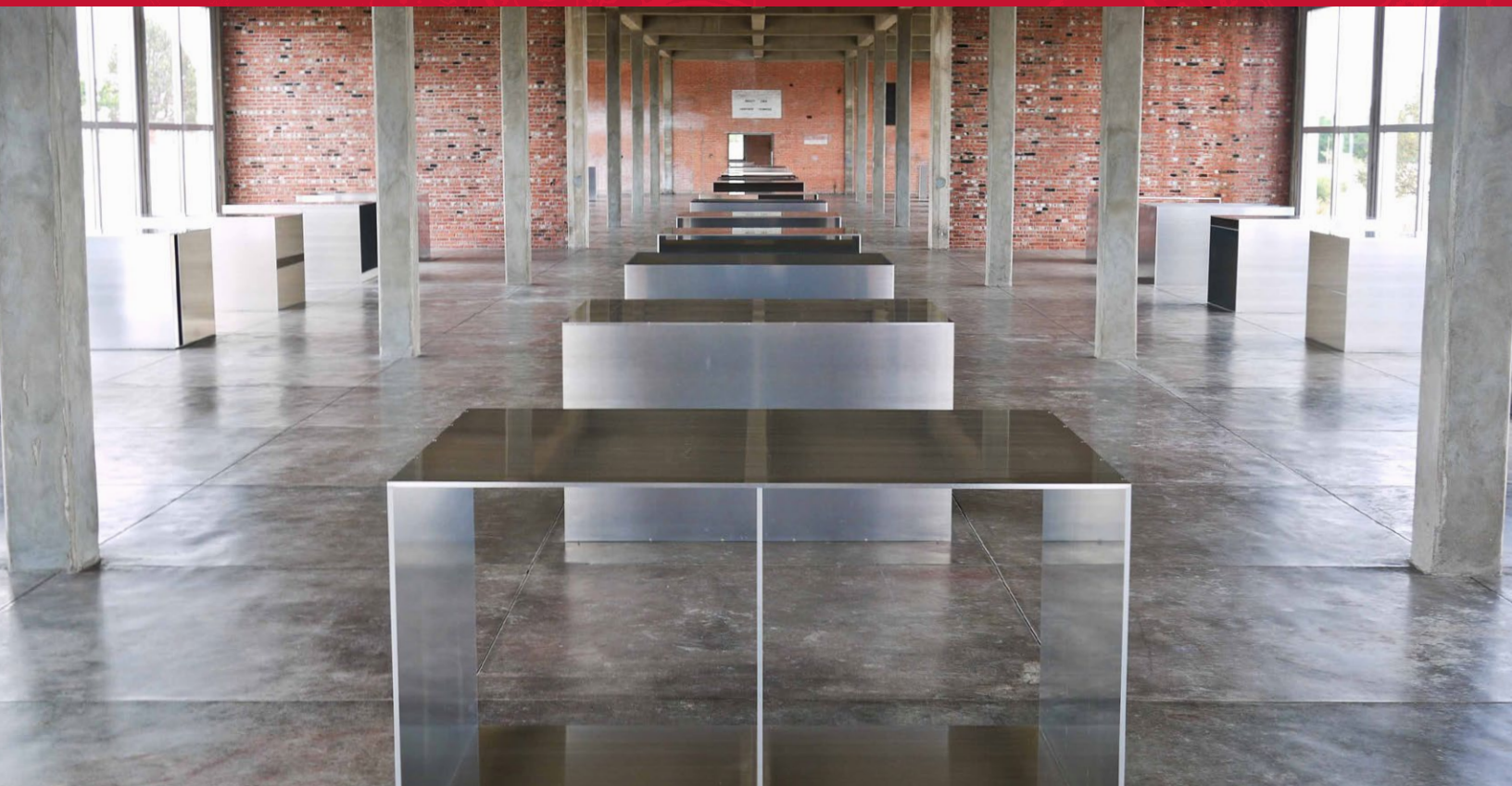
November 8–12, 2017  
with Alice DeLana



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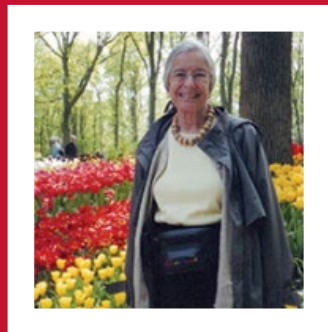
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TRIP OVERVIEW



(above) Donald Judd's Aluminum Works (Paul Joseph)

**Discover the secret vibrancy of Marfa, Texas**—the artistic community built by Donald Judd and his minimalist contemporaries that has attracted the greatest installation artists in the world. Tucked away in West Texas, Marfa's desert landscape has inspired hundreds of brilliant sculptures and installations, creating a true renaissance for minimalist art. Contextualize the work of Donald Judd by visiting both his private home and the foundations that he presented. Observe how Marfa's current artists are carrying on Judd's legacy and laying the groundwork for a new generation of creative exploration.



## HARVARD STUDY LEADER

**ALICE DELANA**, docent emerita at Harvard's Fogg Art Museum, is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Northeastern University's Master of Arts in Writing Program. During her long and distinguished career at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, CT, where she held the Margaret Howe Wallace Class of '27 Teaching Chair in the Arts, Alice inspired generations of students in her art history and English classes. An experienced and enthusiastic lecturer, she has spoken on an impressive variety of topics both here and abroad, and she has lectured on previous Harvard alumni trips to rave reviews.



Wednesday, November 8

## Arrivals

Fly to Midland airport for a private group transfer to Marfa. After checking into your hotel, join the group for an enchanting welcome dinner.

*Hotel St. George (D)*

Thursday, November 9

## Marfa's Foundations

Begin the day at the Judd Foundation, which houses the incredible collection of Donald Judd. Visit The Block, a complex of buildings that showcases both Judd's installations and the two-story house he renovated into his private home. Break for lunch before exploring the Inde Jacobs Gallery, which focuses on the minimalist and reductive art of Judd and Dan Flavin. This afternoon we are the special guests of Ballroom Marfa, a nonprofit contemporary arts space that hosts visual art, film, music, and performance. Return to the hotel for an evening and dinner at leisure.

*Hotel St. George (B, L)*

Friday, November 10

## Modern Marfa

Wake up early to catch the sunrise over Prada Marfa, the infamous sculpture by Elmgreen & Dragset. Return to the hotel for breakfast and a bit of rest before heading out to Fort Davis, site of the stunning Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center and Botanical Gardens, for a step back into the Old West. Break for lunch before visiting the Chinati Foundation, founded by Donald Judd to preserve and present permanent large-scale installations. The Foundation encompasses 340 acres of land filled with more than 150 different installation pieces including works by Carl Andre, Ingólfur Arnarsson, Dan Flavin, Ilya Kabakov, and Claes Oldenburg. Enjoy a relaxed dinner with the group this evening.

*Hotel St. George (B, L, D)*



Saturday, November 11

## Inside the Artists' Studios

Explore the Arber Studio, a print shop that embodies the spirit of West Texan art, from woodcuts to lithographs to half-built motorcycles. Stop by local artisan studios and an exquisite private collection in a local home before breaking for lunch. Take the afternoon to shop, relax, and explore Marfa's downtown before rejoining the group for a farewell dinner at sunset.

*Hotel St. George (B, L, D)*

Sunday, November 12

## Departures

Take a group transfer back to the Midland airport for independent flights home.

*Hotel St. George (B)*



*Photos: (from top to bottom) Donald Judd concrete art (photo by Nan Palmero), former artillery sheds housing Donald Judd's aluminum works (photo by Paul Joseph), and Marfa landscape with wagon*



## TERMS & CONDITIONS

(above) Prada Marfa permanent, site-specific installation by Elmgreen & Dragset, outside Marfa, Texas

**PRICING:** \$3,495 per person double occupancy  
\$595 single supplement

*Tour price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 15 paying participants. Land prices are calculated as of autumn 2016 and are subject to change.*

Final balance must be paid by check to ISDI. Final payment will be invoiced and is due on Monday, July 31, 2017. Registrants will be accepted beyond this date on a space-available basis.

**PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS:** Four (4) nights in deluxe accommodations at the Hotel St. George, Marfa; breakfast daily, three (3) lunches, three (3) dinners, two (2) glasses of wine or beer with welcome and farewell dinners; one group airport transfer on arrival and departure as outlined; land transportation by private motorcoach as outlined; entrance fees to sites per itinerary; services of an ISDI Tour Manager; gratuities to local guides and drivers; bottled water daily; taxes, services, and portage fees; and \$200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance.

**PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS:** Airfare, airline taxes, and fuel surcharges; airport portage; excursions, activities, or meals during traveler's free time; personal items; personal services; travel extensions; personal insurance for health, baggage, and tour cancellation; passport fees; visa fees; and gratuities for hotel housekeeping.

**TOUR OPERATOR:** International Seminar Design, Inc. (ISDI) CST 2072963-40 / WST 603578109 / © 2017

**AIRFARE:** Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements between their home city and the tour starting and ending point at Midland airport. Please note that neither the Harvard Alumni Association nor ISDI accepts the liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket. The air ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned.

**WHAT TO EXPECT / PHYSICAL HEALTH:** HAA trips are designed for Harvard alumni and friends who are interested in learning while they travel. Trips are moderately active, although most activities can be catered to multiple ability levels. Some walks or site visits are potentially long on uneven surfaces and paths. In order to enjoy the trips, an open mind, flexibility, and the ability to enjoy the company of fellow travelers are essential. It is also important to judge your ability to participate with a group and your ability to keep up with scheduled activities. Participation on a HAA program requires that passengers be in generally good health. It is essential that persons with any

medical issues and/or dietary restrictions make them known to us well before departure. Any impairments regarding mobility must be disclosed to HAA prior to booking. We can counsel participants on whether a trip is appropriate for them.

**RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENT:** To reserve a space on this program, a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit is required per person. Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Final payment will be invoiced and is due on Monday, July 31, 2017, and must be made by check.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:** Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by HAA from the participant. At the time written notification of cancellation is received, the following penalties will apply: Written cancellation received by July 31, 2017: full refund minus \$500 per person administrative fee. Written cancellation received by between August 1, 2017 and September 22, 2017: full refund of any recoverable land costs, less \$2,000 per person cancellation charge (includes administrative fee). Written cancellation received after September 23, 2017: no refund. After the tour has commenced, it is not possible to issue any refunds. No refunds for any unused portion of the tour including, but not limited to, occasional missed meals or any missed sightseeing tours. Costs for promotion, staff, and other group expenses are not refundable.

**TRIP INSURANCE:** We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. An application for trip cancellation insurance will be provided by the HAA upon confirmation. The pre-existing medical conditions exclusion is waived if the insurance is purchased within 21 days of initial deposit. Neither the Harvard Alumni Association nor our tour operators, including their representatives, employees and agents, will take responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guests' dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Nor do they 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.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL & EVACUATION INSURANCE:** As a service to travelers, the HAA automatically provides emergency medical evacuation insurance. At the time of publication, this policy has the following schedule of benefits: \$5,000 Accident/Sickness Medical Expense; \$200,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation & Return of Remains; \$3,000 Emergency Reunion; \$5,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment; Included Emergency Medical Assistance Service; Included Bedside Visitation. This insurance covers travelers for the HAA-sponsored program dates, but not for any extensions or independent travel plans. You will receive detailed information on this coverage approximately 30 days prior to your departure. Should you also purchase the Travel Insurance Select offered to you at confirmation, it will provide you with benefits, which are additional to those stated above. This insurance is secondary to any insurance the traveler may already have.

**CHANGES IN ITINERARY:** The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Harvard Alumni Association and the tour operator. We reserve the right to change a program's dates, staff (including study leader\*), itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual. \*In the event of a cancellation by the Harvard study leader, we will attempt to notify all travelers as soon as possible. We will make every reasonable effort to find a replacement study leader, but our ability to do so will depend on the availability of appropriate lecturers and proximity to the departure date. If we are not able to provide an appropriate substitute, we will make every reasonable effort to provide other educational opportunities or program enhancements to ensure a viable travel study experience. Please note that all participants are bound to the cancellation fee schedule and other terms and conditions of the program regardless of whether or not a replacement study leader is found.

**QUESTIONS:** Please call the Travel Program at the Harvard Alumni Association at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806, or email us at [haatravels@harvard.edu](mailto:haatravels@harvard.edu).

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Certain other provisions apply regarding limitations of liability and rights of the HAA and the tour operator. The statement of responsibility is available at [alumni.harvard.edu/travel/trips/marfa-2017](http://alumni.harvard.edu/travel/trips/marfa-2017).

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