Stanford Family Adventures 2013
The BUZZ about Stanford Family Adventures

“This was our fourth trip with Stanford Family Adventures and we have loved them all! The quality of these trips is unsurpassable.”

Jacoby Family
Alaska Family Adventure
2010

“We saw and did so much with NO stress. My 12-year-old NEVER complained.”

Julie McMullin
Tuscany Family Adventure
2010

“A wonderful group of smart, engaged, interesting people. My teenagers were in heaven!”

Wendy Buffett
Mediterranean Family Adventure
2011

“It was a joy to see two and three generations having so much fun together.”

Anne Facto, ’55
Galápagos Family Adventure
2012

“The Young Explorer Leaders were all amazing! This was my favorite part of the trip—it made learning fun and in a way that it was truly memorable.”

Kathryn Hetzendorfer, Young Explorer
China Family Adventure
2012
Ready to laugh, learn and simply love life with your entire family?

Grab the kids (or the grandkids) and head out on an incredible adventure with Stanford! Our exciting lineup for 2013 includes destinations as diverse as Alaska, Cuba, the Galápagos Islands, Tanzania and Washington, D.C.

What sets Stanford Family Adventures apart? Our nimble and nutty Young Explorer leaders and witty and wise faculty leaders are fresh from the Farm—offering a uniquely “Stanford” experience for travelers from age 6 to 96. Read on and then take your pick of our 2013 Family Adventures.

You can also find more details about our Family Adventures online at alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures. Or better yet, call us at (650) 725-1093—we’d be happy to talk with you about our programs.

Or if you can’t join us on a 2013 Adventure, check out our new Private Editions on page 18, which allow you to travel in groups of 10 or more anywhere, anytime.

Best wishes for a year filled with adventure,

Brett S. Thompson, ’83
Director, Stanford Travel/Study
Kids give our Family Adventures an enthusiastic thumbs-up because each trip features our outrageously cool Young Explorer program—no grownups allowed! You’ll be grouped with travelers your age for awesome activities that are both educational and fun.

You’ll get to channel some of your boundless energy playing games and doing craft activities in your Young Explorer group. You’ll also challenge your mind during thought-provoking discussions and mind-bending games that promise to fuel your creativity and spark your inner genius. And you can look forward to incredible kids-only adventures, tours and meals. By trip’s end, you’re sure to have several new FFLs (friends for life)!

Our Young Explorer leaders are pros at adapting to the personalities and interests of each Young Explorer, which means that everyone has a great time.

Plus our faculty leaders and local guides love kids! There are plenty of opportunities for you to test the know-how of our expert guides during tours. You can also look forward to hanging with our faculty leaders during a special lecture prepared just for you.

This is why kids love Stanford Family Adventures.

“My lasting impression of the trip is how I would love to go back and do it all over again. Amazing!”

Bridget Hildebrandt, Young Explorer
China Family Adventure
2012
Young Explorer Leader

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- A recent Stanford grad and Stanford Sierra Camp counselor
- A razor-sharp, slightly silly, enthusiastic person who digs hanging out with families
- A kid aficionado—one who effortlessly creates an atmosphere of friendship and fun during hands-on educational activities and games (and for teens, plenty of hang-out time)
- A know-it-all for creative, age-appropriate, laughter-guaranteed programs

Fun for the whole family!

After swapping stories of the day’s tours, families are invited to get their “Bingo!” on during game night and face off against other clans in the Stanford Family Olympics.

Make sure to bring your Abraham Lincoln beards and get your humpback whale impressions ready—you’ll have ample opportunity to put them to use!

“How many kids to a leader?”

“The Stanford staff made it a trip of a lifetime.”

Carol Sprague Hamilton, ’85, MBA ’95
Galápagos Family Adventure 2012
Learn from the Experts

In addition to guided tours and site visits in the company of our expert local guides, you'll have the opportunity to interact with and hear lectures by Stanford faculty and scholars who are absolute masters at bringing our destinations to life.

“Galápagos is the perfect place for families, a paradise where animals are unafraid and the deep history of the earth and its life is on display. It’s just enormous fun to be there!”

Minx Fuller and Matthew Scott

With 22 years at Stanford under their belts and research in the areas of developmental biology, genetics, cell biology, cancer biology and evolution under their hats, Minx Fuller and Matthew Scott make quite the dynamic faculty leader duo in the Galápagos. Minx is a professor of developmental biology and of genetics, and the Reed-Hodgkins Professor of Human Biology. Matthew is a professor of developmental biology, genetics, bio-engineering, and, by courtesy, biology, as well as co-chair of the Stanford Center for Children’s Brain Tumors. Both Minx and Matt visited the Galápagos in 2004 with their children and in 2007 with a Stanford group—they look forward to returning in 2013 with you.

“I love East Africa and I can’t wait to share this love with young people. Kids are born scientists and I can think of no better way to whet the appetite of curiosity and adventure than a safari in Tanzania. Safari njema!”

Jamie Jones

Jamie Jones has anthropology and natural history in his blood. Growing up in the curator’s quarters of a museum, he spent his childhood immersed in the woods, fields and ponds of New England. At Stanford since 2003, he is an associate professor of anthropology and a senior fellow at the Woods Institute for the Environment. Though trained as a primatologist, he now works mostly in fields of human ecology, infectious disease epidemiology and population biology, focusing on the interaction of epidemics with demographic and social processes. Jamie loves East Africa—the depth of human history, the haunting landscapes, the incredible cultures and spectacular wildlife—and he can’t wait to share this love with Stanford families.
David Dinter, ’82, MS ’82, associate professor of geology and geophysics at the University of Utah, has worked for 20 years investigating the plate tectonic assembly of Alaska, its earthquake hazards, and the actions of glaciers and sea ice to shape its coastline and continental shelves. He has mapped on foot and from helicopters in the Brooks and Alaska Ranges and collected seismic data and bottom samples from icebreakers beneath the Arctic ice pack in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas. David eagerly anticipates this opportunity to explore and discuss with Stanford family travelers a region he enthusiastically calls one of the most beautiful, dramatic and geologically active areas of Alaska: the Inside Passage, bounded by two major earthquake faults, gouged by glaciers and shadowed by extinct volcanoes.

Scott Pearson, One of our most popular faculty leaders, Scott Pearson grew up in a small town in Wisconsin where he dreamed of becoming a history professor. After a life-changing stint teaching with the Peace Corps in Nigeria, he dedicated his career to serving global communities in need by researching and teaching about agricultural development. Since retiring as a Stanford professor 10 years ago, Scott has continued to live his childhood dream of teaching history to world travelers. Of the more than 35 trips he’s led with Stanford over the years, he considers Family Adventures tops. In Cuba, Scott will trace island history—Amerindian settlement, Spanish colonization, Caribbean piracy, slave-based sugar production, Cuban independence, American imperialism and Communist revolution.

“Science is exploration. I love unearthing parcels of new understanding and adding them to our bank of comprehension. Geologists are doubly fortunate in that their data collection often involves expeditions to the wilderness.”

“While lecturing on family trips, I have discovered that I often learn more from exchanges with the kids than I do from those with adults…. Kids continually ask, ‘Why?’.”

Local Guest Speakers
And now for something a little different. On the Washington, D.C., Family Adventure we’ll be taking advantage of Stanford’s many contacts in our nation’s capital to line up a series of guest speakers who will enlighten us about current events, politics, history and economic issues during the program. Further details about our guest speakers will be sent to confirmed participants.
Galápagos
Take a Walk on the Wild Side
JUNE 20 TO 30, 2013

Experience the ultimate outdoor classroom as we journey through the enchanted islands of the Galápagos aboard La Pinta. Visit nine of the volcanic islands in the Galápagos archipelago, snorkel with sea lions, spot pods of dolphins and mingle among some of the most unusual creatures in the world as they amble about their native habitat.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20
U.S. / QUITO, ECUADOR
Depart from home on flights bound for Ecuador. Upon our late-evening arrival in Quito, transfer to our hotel. HOTEL HILTON COLON QUITO

FRIDAY, JUNE 21
QUITO / BALTRA ISLAND / EMBARK / NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND
Transfer to the airport to board our flight to Baltra Island in the Galápagos. Enjoy lunch aboard our ship, followed by an afternoon excursion to North Seymour Island. Walk along the coast and through the interior of the island, observing colonies of blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, swallow-tailed gulls, sea lions and marine iguanas. LA PINTA (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 22
ISABELA ISLAND / FERNANDINA ISLAND
Enjoy a coastal exploration of Isabela Island by Zodiac while learning about the dramatic geology of the area, including its remains of lava flows and tuff stone layers. Venture to the island of Fernandina, home to the world’s highest density of marine iguanas—watch how they desalinate water through their nostrils! LA PINTA (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
ISABELA ISLAND
Grab some hot chocolate and come out on deck! Early risers will enjoy cruising in front of the famous Ecuador Volcano, with one-half of the volcano completely collapsed and resting underwater. Visit secluded Tagus Cove, which was used in past centuries as a favorite anchor for pirates and whalers. LA PINTA (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JUNE 24
RABIDA ISLAND / SANTA CRUZ ISLAND
Hike along the beach of the small island of Rabida and observe a large colony of sea lions, marine iguanas, mockingbirds, yellow warblers and several species of Darwin’s finches—notice the difference in their beaks? The north shore of Santa Cruz is the locale of Cerro Dragón (Dragon Hill). Enjoy a walk here and look for lagoon birds, including stilts, pintail ducks, sandpipers and sanderlings. LA PINTA (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 25
SANTA CRUZ ISLAND
Visit the giant tortoises that live in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, stop in a scalesia (giant daisy) forest and marvel at the twin pit craters, Los Gemelos. Enjoy a barbeque lunch at the Finch Bay Eco Hotel. Then visit the Charles Darwin Research...
Station and hear a special presentation by the facility’s director. LA PINTA (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
FLOREANA ISLAND
Disembark at Point Cormorant for a walk to see the flamingos that inhabit a brackish water lagoon. After lunch, snorkel around Champion Islet or take a ride in our ship’s glass-bottom boat. Be sure to bring postcards to mail when we visit Post Office Bay and learn about the human side of the islands, their early inhabitants and the adventures of pirates and whalers. LA PINTA (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
SANTA FE ISLAND / SOUTH PLAZA ISLAND
Snorkel amid sea lions off a sandy white beach on Santa Fe Island. Later, disembark on Zodiacs in the channel between North and South Plaza Islands to visit the southernmost island, which has the largest population of land iguanas in the Galápagos. LA PINTA (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
SAN CRISTÓBAL ISLAND / QUITO
Disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for the flight back to Quito. This charming city awaits at the doorstep of our hotel, and the rest of the day is at leisure to explore it. CASA GANGOTENA (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 29
SAN CRISTÓBAL ISLAND / QUITO
Walk the streets of colonial Quito and learn about the history of the conquistadores. Tour Independence Plaza, the Presidential Palace and the Monastery of San Francisco, one of the most impressive religious buildings in the New World. Attend a festive farewell cocktail reception and dinner this evening. CASA GANGOTENA (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 30
QUITO / U.S.
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for return flights home. (B)

WHAT’S INCLUDED
7-night cruise aboard La Pinta, 3 nights of hotel accommodations; 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 21)

GROUP SIZE/AGE
43 participants
Minimum age: 6

PROGRAM COST*
$7,995 per adult, double or triple occupancy
$7,595 per child, double occupancy
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* Association nonmembers add $200 per person.

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Washington, D.C.

Behind the Scenes in Our Nation’s Capital

JULY 6 TO 12, 2013

This all-new family program engages Stanford’s connections to give families the ultimate introduction to our nation’s capital. Visit the Capitol building and the Supreme Court, and view the vast collections of the Smithsonian Museums. Visit Ford’s Theater and take a trip to Mount Vernon, returning by boat along the Potomac.

SATURDAY, JULY 6
Home / Washington, D.C.
Arrive in Washington, D.C., and transfer to our hotel to drop off luggage and freshen up before heading to a welcome reception. Then enjoy dinner on our own at any of the wonderful restaurants near our hotel in the vibrant Woodley Park neighborhood.

SUNDAY, JULY 7
Washington, D.C.
This morning enjoy a welcome breakfast before taking the Metro to the National Mall. Tour the Smithsonian Museum of American History, which is home to such national treasures as the flag that inspired our national anthem, Abraham Lincoln’s top hat and Dorothy’s ruby slippers from The Wizard of Oz. There is free time to explore some of the many other museums on the Mall or to check out the annual Folklife Festival. Dinner tonight is a private affair at the National Museum of the American Indian, followed by a night tour of the monuments with stops at some of the most beautiful evening sights in Washington.

MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK (B,L)

MONDAY, JULY 8
Washington, D.C.
Government is front and center on the agenda today! Tour the Capitol building and visit with lawmakers and staff, followed by lunch with a member of Congress. This afternoon, tour the Supreme Court, including a visit with a Supreme Court Justice (pending availability). The day concludes with a tour of the National Archives, home to original copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and where a Stanford alum will give us a behind-the-scenes tour. MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK (B,L)

TUESDAY, JULY 9
Washington, D.C.
Learn why the media plays such an important role in Washington, D.C., during a visit to the educational and interactive Newseum. During our behind-the-scenes tour, experience the feeling of being in the “hot seat” in the NBC interactive news studio, view Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs, and visit exhibits of the Berlin Wall and the special 9/11 Gallery. Continue to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to learn how money is printed and sometimes counterfeited. Late this afternoon, we head for Embassy Row for a briefing and reception at a foreign embassy.

MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK (B)
Our Special Guests!

There is no better way to show your kids how the government really works than by giving them an opportunity to meet with people who work in government. On this program kids—and adults—have an opportunity to meet with special Stanford contacts currently working in Washington, D.C. And our special Stanford connections open doors to places not ordinarily open to the public.

Wednesday, July 10
Washington, D.C./Mount Vernon, VA
Visit the International Spy Museum, which covers the history of espionage from the ancient Greeks through the present day; while here, go “undercover” to learn about this fascinating covert world. Next pay a visit to Ford’s Theater, where President Lincoln was assassinated by the actor John Wilkes Booth in 1865. Continue on to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, for lunch and a private tour before returning by boat along the Potomac. MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK (B.L)

Thursday, July 11
Washington, D.C.
Every president except George Washington has lived in the White House, and we’ll get to tour the Executive Mansion this morning. After the tour, take time on our own to have lunch and explore the area around the White House, including Lafayette Park and St. John’s Church. In the afternoon, enjoy a VIP tour of the Smithsonian Museum of Air and Space before returning to our hotel to relax. This evening, set out for a farewell dinner at the historic Old Ebbitt Grill, followed by the unforgettable experience of watching the Marine Corps Evening Parade and enjoying a personal visit with members of the Marine Corps. MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK (B.D)

Friday, July 12
Washington, D.C. / Home
Say goodbye to our nation’s capital and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY,
JULY 10 & 11
U.S. / ARUSHA,
TANZANIA
Depart the U.S. for Tanzania on
overnight flights. Upon arrival in
Arusha on Thursday, transfer
to our
lodge,
located
on a lush
coffee
farm with
natural
streams
flowing
through the
property.
On a clear
day, the lodge affords magnifi-
cent views of snow-capped Mt.
Kilimanjaro and nearby Mt. Meru. NGURUFTOTO MOUNTAIN LODGE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
JULY 12 & 13
TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK
After a breakfast safari briefing
on Friday, head to Tarangire
National Park, Tanzania’s fourth-
largest. Here we find a geologic
landscape as diverse as the wild-
life, with nine distinct vegetation
zones ranging from grassland to
woodland and from deep gully
vegetation to scattered rocky hill-
tops. The Tarangire River attracts
an abundance of wildlife, from
elephant, lion, cheetah and buff-
falo to a variety of colorful birds.
On Saturday, enjoy a full day
of wildlife viewing in Tarangire
National Park as we continue our
search for elephants, lions and
cheetahs, among other animals.
TARANGIRE MERU MOBILE CAMP
(B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)
SUNDAY, JULY 14
NGORONGORO HIGHLANDS
Before departing, enjoy another
morning of wildlife viewing in
Tarangire National Park. In the
early afternoon, we arrive at
our lodge, located in the lush
NGORONGORO FARM
HOUSE (B,L,D)
MONDAY, JULY 15
NGORONGORO CRATER
Later this morning, visit a Maasai
boma, a village of cow dung
huts. See the Maasai adorned in
their distinctive deep red cloths,
herding their prized cattle. After
lunch, stop for our first look
at the Ngorongoro Crater and
then begin our descent into
this magnificent wildlife haven.
Here, a nearly perfect balance of
predator and prey exists within
the 102 square miles of the crater
floor. Experience an unforget-
table spectacle of African wildlife:
a teeming world of elephant,
rhinoceros, lion, hyena, zebra
and wildebeest, to name a few,
living in harmony in this self-
contained environment. Enjoy
a picnic lunch followed by an
afternoon of wildlife viewing.
At the end of the day we as-
cend the crater wall to our lodge
perched on the rim of the crater.
NGORONGORO SOPA LODGE (B,L,D)
Our Pen Pal Program!

What is the best way to show your kids what it’s like to live in Tanzania? By putting them in touch with the experts, of course. There is no better way to teach kids about the world than to provide them the opportunity to see it through another’s eyes. On this program kids exchange letters with a Tanzanian pen pal in the months before the trip and then meet their new friend when the group visits a local school.

TUESDAY, JULY 16
NGORONGORO CRATER
Spend an entire glorious day on the Ngorongoro Crater floor viewing wildlife. NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK
On our way to the Serengeti, stop at Olduvai Gorge, where major paleontological discoveries have helped to answer important questions about human evolution. Visit the Gorge Museum before continuing on to the great Serengeti, where we see herds of animals swiftly running across vast open spaces and predators hunting prey. The multitude and diversity of species here is unrivaled. SERENGETI LODGE (B,L,D)

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JULY 18 & 19
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK
Enjoy two full days of wildlife viewing in Serengeti National Park. On the seemingly endless plains of the Serengeti are thousands of hoofed animals. They are constantly on the move in search of pasture and watched and pursued by the predators that feed on them. At the end of each day enjoy the spectacular colors of an equatorial African sunset. On Friday evening, enjoy our last night in the Serengeti relaxing at the lodge and gazing up at the millions of stars overhead. SERENGETI LODGE (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

SATURDAY, JULY 20
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK / ARUSHA / DEPART FOR U.S.
After a final morning of wildlife viewing in the Serengeti, fly back to Arusha for a festive farewell lunch. This afternoon there’s time to shop or take a swim, with day rooms available for showering or resting before we transfer to the airport for flights home. NGURUDOTO MOUNTAIN LODGE—DAY ROOM (B)

SUNDAY, JULY 21
ARRIVE U.S.
Connect to flights to the U.S.
Alaska

Glaciers, Whales and Bears, Oh My!

AUGUST 2 TO 10, 2013

Board our expedition ship and experience the remarkable landscapes and wildlife of one of the last great wildernesses. Enjoy opportunities to hike, kayak and explore, and along the way watch for brown and black bears, bald eagles, orcas, sea lions and more.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2
HOME / JUNEAU, ALASKA

Upon arrival in Juneau, transfer to our hotel in town to rest and relax after our day of travel.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3
JUNEAU / INSIDE PASSAGE

After our welcome orientation, take time to explore charming Juneau independently. Meet back at the hotel late this afternoon for transfer to our ship. Enjoy a delicious welcome dinner as we set sail for the Tracy Arm Wilderness.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
TRACY ARM / FREDERICK SOUND

Tracy Arm is a winding fjord with sheer granite walls, hundreds of cascading waterfalls and some of the largest icebergs in all of Alaska, and at the end of it sit the twin Sawyer Glaciers—Sawyer and South Sawyer. The fjord is home to brown and black bears, deer, wolves, harbor seals, birds such as guillemots and arctic terns, and mountain goats, usually spotted high on the cliffs. Later today, cruise into Frederick Sound—the summer feeding grounds for the northern hemisphere’s largest concentration of humpback whales. Watch for humpbacks, orcas and Steller sea lions.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5
THOMAS BAY

Choose kayaking and a lush forest trek on a scenic trail, or go on a hike to the glacially fed Patterson Lake for spectacular kayaking.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
GLACIAL LANDSCAPES / WRANGELL NARROWS

Discover the origin of the “Devil’s Country” nickname during a reading from The Strangest Story Ever Told, a book about the area’s mythical, shape-shifting creatures called Kushtaka.

DISCOVER ALASKA
our hike include kayaking, paddle boarding, skiff riding or trekking. An abundance of bright red and green navigation lights guide us along “Christmas Tree Lane” as we cruise the winding Wrangell Narrows this evening. WILDERNESS ADVENTURER (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
WRANGELL
Full of native culture, wildlife and wonder, Wrangell is one of the oldest towns in Alaska and the only one ever governed by four nations. Learn about Tlingit culture at a tribal house where we enjoy some native storytelling, and view recently carved totem poles at Kiksetti Totem Park. This afternoon is free to explore the town. WILDERNESS ADVENTURER (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
BEHM CANAL
Wildlife abounds in Yes Bay and the surrounding Tongass National Forest; humpback whales, orcas, porpoises, seals, sea lions, brown and black bears, minks, martens, eagles and otters all call this area home. Choose to explore it by foot or by kayak, or hang out aboard ship and watch from the deck for marine mammals. WILDERNESS ADVENTURER (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT
Affectionately called “The Yosemite of the North,” Misty Fjords National Monument represents nearly every ecosystem found in Southeast Alaska. Glacial valleys filled with sea water and sheer walls are a haven for ducks, brown and black bears, mountain goats, Sitka deer, minks, moose, river otters and other wildlife. Glide through Walker Cove by kayak or explore by skiff, soaking in the splendor of this pristine corner of the world. This evening join our captain in a farewell toast and reminisce about our Alaskan journey over a sumptuous dinner. WILDERNESS ADVENTURER (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA / HOME
Transfer to the airport and connect to flights home. (B)
Cuba
New Year’s Eve in Havana
DECEMBER 27, 2013, TO JANUARY 3, 2014

Cuba is a vibrant island shaped by a revolution that took place over 50 years ago. On our program you’ll have the chance to talk with Cubans from many walks of life and to explore the country’s historical and cultural sites.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27
HOME / MIAMI, FLORIDA
Fly to Miami today and transfer independently to our hotel for a welcome dinner and orientation. MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HOTEL (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28
MIAMI / HAVANA, CUBA
Check in for an early morning charter flight to Havana. Upon arrival, have lunch with a local family at their farm. Then continue to Havana for a welcome orientation before checking in to our hotel. PARQUE CENTRAL HOTEL (L,D)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
HAVANA
Explore the narrow streets of Old Havana, founded in 1519 and now, along with its fortifications, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Discuss with local residents their experiences with the revitalization of the city center and the process of their homes being restored. After lunch, Young Explorers go on a treasure hunt with local Cuban children.

See a performance by the only Cuban children’s theater company, La Colmenita (“The Small Beehive”) and afterwards participate in a discussion with the actors and director. PARQUE CENTRAL HOTEL (B,L,D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30
HAVANA
Take part in a round-table discussion about the changing forces of Cuba’s economic structure with a macro-economist and University of Havana professor. Then visit the Presidential Palace to learn about the history of Cuban political development; the Granma Memorial, which preserves the vessel that brought Fidel Castro, Che Guevara and other revolutionaries from Mexico to Cuba in 1956; and the Callejon de Hamel, site of the huge multidimensional Afro-Cuban mural. Later, attend a performance of Cuban music by classical guitarist Luis Manuel Molina at the Ceramics Museum, and meet with several local musicians for a discussion following Molina’s performance. PARQUE CENTRAL HOTEL (B,L,D)
About travel to Cuba

This program is subject to the renewal of Stanford Travel/Study’s license and approval for travel from the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Please note that the itinerary below includes only an outline of our planned program; guest speakers and special events are also being planned but can’t be confirmed until shortly before our departure. Our intent with this program is to give families a well-rounded introduction to the country, as well as interactions with local families. The following itinerary is subject to change without notice. We will do our best to adhere to the program, but bear in mind that changes may occur.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
HAVANA
Today learn about the effects of the Special Period and consequent food shortages on the city of Havana, resulting in urban agriculture that has taken on many forms, from private gardens (huertos privados) to state-owned research gardens (organicponicos). Visit the garden at Vivero Alamar, where we meet with local gardeners and garden manager Miguel Salcines. This afternoon visit the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes and view the Cuban Collection in the company of art curator Lucila Fernandez.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
HAVANA
Take a local ferry across Havana’s harbor to visit Regla, a suburb of Havana and the area’s center of the Santeria religion. Enjoy lunch at the studio of local artist José Fuster, who has turned his neighborhood into one enormous piece of mosaic art. Young Explorers take an art lesson with Mr. Fuster and learn how he approaches art.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2
HAVANA / MATANZAS
Drive to Matanzas, known in the 19th century as the “Athens of Cuba” due to the profusion of artists, writers, musicians and intellectuals who lived here at the time. Explore the Plaza de la Vigía and meet with the nearby Matanzas fire brigade to learn about the firefighters’ lives and work today. Also visit the publishing house, Ediciones Vigía, and learn from the book makers about the handmade first edition books they produce here. Also view the Teatro Sauto, one of the finest neoclassical buildings in Cuba, and tour the Pharmacy Museum.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3
HAVANA / MIAMI, FLORIDA / HOME
Transfer back to the airport to return to Miami via a regularly scheduled charter flight. Upon arrival, connect to flights home.

WHAT’S INCLUDED
7 nights of hotel accommodations; 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 21)

GROUP SIZE/AGE
60 participants
Minimum age: 6

PROGRAM COST*
$5,995 per adult, double or triple occupancy
$5,595 per child, double or triple occupancy
$6,895 per person, single occupancy

* Association nonmembers add $200 per person.

"It was a broadening experience for our kids who had never been overseas and a fabulous vehicle for getting our extended family together in an intellectual and cultural context.”

Bill Dwight,
Tuscany Family Adventure 2008
Private Editions

The world. Your way.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Not able to join us for one of our 2013 Stanford Family Adventures? Want to travel with your family at a different time or to a different place? Travel with us on a program that is unlike any other—your own Private Edition.

Private Editions are tailor-made, educational adventures for groups of 10 or more. Combine the things you love about Stanford with everyone you love—anywhere in the world and at your own pace. Celebrate with your family or get everyone together for a reunion. The choices are yours, the possibilities limitless.

Whatever you’d like to do, now you can do it all with a custom journey from Stanford Travel/Study. Join us on a exclusive, one-of-a-kind adventure that lets you experience the world your way. To learn more or start planning your Private Edition, call Elizabeth Player Jones at (650) 736-0461.
“It was a perfect trip. Stanford’s planning was meticulous and imaginative, all the tour leaders were outstanding, and everyone from 8 to 80 had a great time! Many thanks for making this so worthwhile for all of us.”

Bruce Atwater, MBA ’54, Private Edition: Egypt 2010

**FAQs**

**IS THERE A GROUP SIZE REQUIREMENT?**
Yes, the minimum size for a custom Private Edition is 10 people.

**ARE THERE AGE LIMITS?**
Not at all! Bring whomever you’d like. We’ll help find appropriate accommodations and activities for your group.

**SHOULD WE KNOW WHAT WE WANT TO SEE AND DO TO START THE PLANNING PROCESS?**
If you know exactly what you want, we’ll do all the legwork to turn your vision into a reality. If you don’t, your travel architect will work with you to explore options and plan your ideal trip.

**HOW MUCH PLANNING DO I HAVE TO DO?**
Once you settle on your itinerary, we will do the rest.

**CAN YOU WORK WITHIN ANY BUDGET?**
Certainly. We will build your itinerary and select accommodations to fit your budget.

**WHAT DOES THE TRIP COST INCLUDE?**
Generally, we like to operate on a fully inclusive basis: accommodations, meals, tours, transfers, gratuities, educational program, etc. However, your trip’s “standard inclusions” can be tailored to fit your needs and budget.

**WILL A STANFORD PROFESSOR OR YOUNG EXPLORER LEADER ACCOMPANY US ON OUR TRIP?**
Faculty-provided educational support is included with each trip prior to departure. If you would like a faculty leader or Young Explorer leader to travel with you, we can include this in your trip cost.

**WILL A TOUR MANAGER COME ALONG TO MANAGE LOGISTICS?**
While we recommend including one of our experienced Stanford tour managers on your trip, it’s up to you.

**DO YOU BOOK AIRFARE?**
We are not licensed to book flights for you, but we can connect you with an agent who is.
Any Questions?

WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE KIDS?
Our Family Adventures are built from the ground up, keeping families traveling with children in mind. That means that everything from the timing to the activities and the special events are selected to enhance the overall experience for your entire family. Young Explorer leaders—one for every 10 kids—are available throughout each trip, prepared with games, activities and lots of energy to keep kids engaged and entertained.

DO ADULTS HAVE JUST AS MUCH FUN AS THE KIDS?
Yes! There’s something for everyone. You will spend most of your time on tours together as a family. On occasion the kids will go off adventuring with their counselors while grownups enjoy adults-only activities such as extended museum tours and elegant dinners. Plus, parents and grandparents can feed their brains as much (or as little) as they desire during lectures led by renowned Stanford faculty and scholars while kids meet in their Young Explorer groups.

WHAT ARE THE ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?
We strive to find the perfect balance between deluxe accommodations that cater to the needs of families and great locations that cater to the thrill of discovery. We select hotels, lodges, ships and camps that reflect the local flavor but still maintain a high level of comfort. We often find that a great location can create a more memorable experience than a luxury suite and that a local restaurant can provide a cultural perspective that a hotel buffet cannot. Whether it’s a safari lodge or an intimate cruise ship, our accommodations are ideal jumping-off points for exploring the world with your family.

HOW ACTIVE ARE THESE TRIPS?
Get ready for fast-paced Family Adventures! Travelers should be in good health and physical condition. Schedules sometimes include long days with early wake-up calls and activities scheduled throughout the day (and sometimes into the evenings). Walking tours and hikes range from one to four miles, sometimes on uneven terrain. If this doesn’t sound like enough activity for you, rest assured that most of our hotels and ships have fitness centers or exercise equipment. Visit our website for specific information about what to expect on each of our 2013 programs.

WHAT IF WE’VE NEVER TRAVELED WITH A GROUP BEFORE?
You don’t need to be a lover of group travel to enjoy traveling with Stanford. On our trips you are sure to forge
WHAT’S INCLUDED IN EVERY STANFORD FAMILY ADVENTURE:

- Accommodations and meals as specified in each trip itinerary
- Bottled or potable water on excursions
- Gratuities to porters, waiters, guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- All tours, internal flights and shore excursions as described in each trip itinerary
- Group airport transfers
- Port fees and embarkation taxes on our cruises
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series for adults and Young Explorer program for kids
- Pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, selected books, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour managers to assist you throughout the trip

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED:

- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included in each trip itinerary
- Independent and private transfers
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup activities

CONTACT US:
To reserve space or for more information:
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FAX: (650) 725-8675
EMAIL: family-adventures@stanfordalumni.org
WEB: alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures

friendships with a diverse group of families who are as intellectually curious as you are. You’ll also be able to gain special access to the best guides and behind-the-scenes experiences that regular tourists never get to enjoy. Perhaps most importantly, our group sizes mean more friends for your kids. And that means more fun for everyone!

WHAT MAKES A FAMILY ADVENTURE SO STRESS-FREE AND CAREFREE?
From the moment you sign up until your return flight home, we take care of everything. We send you pre-departure information, including everything you need to know, from visa and immunization requirements to arrival information and what to pack. We even send you reading lists and books for you and the kids. Once the trip begins, our professional Stanford tour managers and savvy local guides are on hand 24/7 to handle all the details. You get to say goodbye to dealing with the many snafus that inevitably arise when you travel on your own. And what could be more hassle-free than having someone else take care of gratuities and entrance fees? With all of the “extras” covered, you’re free to kick back and enjoy yourself and your family.

Got some lingering questions? On the fence? Call us at (650) 725-1093! If you need more information, we’re happy to answer your questions or put you in touch with a family that’s traveled with us before. You can also find additional trip information on our website at: alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures.
DEPOSITS, PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space for each Family Adventure. Send your check or charge instructions with your completed reservation form to the address on the mailing panel or place your deposit online. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Child rates apply to children ages 18 and younger on the date the Adventure begins. Deposits and any payments are fully refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

INSURANCE
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The product offered in this brochure includes special benefits if you postmark your insurance payment within a specified window: 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter for the Waiver of Pre-existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency; 21 days for the Cancel for Any Reason benefit.

ELIGIBILITY
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Families may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

RESPONSIBILITY
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. It is understood that the ship’s ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program prices are based on rates in effect in September 2012 and are subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
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### RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT

Please reserve our places on the following 2013 Family Adventure(s):

- ☐ Galápagos  JUNE 20 TO 30, 2013  (10197)
- ☐ Washington, D.C.  JULY 6 TO 12, 2013  (8768)
- ☐ Tanzania  JULY 10 TO 21, 2013  (8789)
- ☐ Alaska  AUGUST 2 TO 10, 2013  (8771)
- ☐ Cuba  DECEMBER 27, 2013, TO JANUARY 3, 2014  (8768)

Here is our deposit of $_____________ ($1,000 per person).
☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to “Stanford Alumni Association”) or
☐ Charge my deposit to my:  ☐ VISA  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ American Express

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### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We have read the Terms and Conditions for the Family Adventures and agree to them.

Signature: _____________________________

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