The buzz about Stanford Family Adventures

“There was something for everyone—history, art, architecture, culture and recreation.”
Barbara Hart ’59,
Tuscany Family Adventure, 2014

“The trip was very well-organized. The pace and activities were perfect for adults and children. The Young Explorer Leaders were wonderful. A great educational and fun trip!”
Kent McCarthy, MBA ’84
Washington, D.C.,
Family Adventure, 2013

“Single lasting impression? I got a memory with my Grandma that will last a lifetime.”
Tessa Jackson, age 12
Mediterranean Family Adventure, 2014

“Nature at its best, humans of all ages, creature comforts at their most comfortable and intellectual stimulation worthy of Stanford—who could ask for more?”
Ann Hamilton,
Galápagos Family Adventure, 2013
Ready to **laugh, learn 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 2016 includes destinations as diverse as the Galápagos Islands, the Mediterranean, Tuscany, Washington, D.C., and—new this year—Ireland and South Africa.

What sets Stanford Family Adventures apart? Our nimble and nutty Young Explorer Leaders (YELs) 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 2016 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 2016 Adventure, check out our Private Editions programs on page 20, which allow you to travel together as a family 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! You'll be grouped with travelers your own 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 understanding and adapting to the personalities and interests of each Young Explorer, which means everyone has a great time.

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

This is why kids love Stanford Family Adventures.

“The Young Explorer leaders were all amazing! The Young Explorers program was my favorite part of the trip...it made learning fun in a way that was truly memorable. Best trip ever.”

Kathryn Hetzendorfer, age 12, 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

“A wonderful group of smart, engaged, interesting people in a gorgeous place with delicious food. My teenagers were in heaven.”

Wendy Buffett, Mediterranean Family Adventure, 2011

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 also face off against other clans in the Stanford Family Olympics. Make sure to bring those togas and get some hippopotamus impressions ready—you’ll have ample opportunity to put them to use!
Learn from the experts! In addition to guided tours and site visits in the company of our expert local guides, enjoy the opportunity to interact with and hear lectures by Stanford faculty and scholars who are absolute masters at bringing our destinations to life.

“My interest in biology was piqued on a trip to the Galápagos as an undergrad. That trip was what inspired me to pursue biology as a career.”

“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.”

“James Campbell / Washington, D.C.
Professor James Campbell holds the Edgar E. Robinson Chair in United States History. He certainly knows Stanford well, having earned his PhD in history at the university in 1989. James teaches a wide variety of courses on everything from African American history to explorations of American history and film. He has been a Lincoln buff since his childhood in Illinois. A father of three, James looks forward to sharing the Washington, D.C., “historical theme park” experience with other Stanford families.”

“Erin Mordecai / Galápagos
Erin Mordecai joined the biology department at Stanford as an assistant professor in January of 2015 and studies the ecology and evolution of infectious diseases in human and wild systems. Her research interests include the maintenance of parasite and pathogen diversity and the consequences of climate change for host-pathogen dynamics. The recipient of numerous undergraduate and postgraduate fellowships and grants, Professor Mordecai has been a frequent invited participant at numerous seminars on global change throughout the U.S. since receiving her doctorate in 2012.”

“I love to visit DC—to see the monuments and ponder what they are telling us about our history and our identity as Americans.”

“Scott Pearson / Tuscany
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 alleviating poverty in emerging economies by researching, teaching and advising about agricultural development. Since retiring as a Stanford professor 12 years ago, Scott has revived his childhood dream by teaching history to world travelers. Of the more than 40 trips he’s led with Stanford over the years, he ranks his Family Adventures at the top.”
Denise Gigante / Ireland
Professor Denise Gigante teaches 18th- and 19th-century British literature, with a focus on Romanticism. Her fascination with Ireland began nineteen years ago when she visited Sligo, childhood home of famed Irish poet W.B. Yeats. In both literature and philosophy, children are seen as “the safeguard of innocence and source of eternal truth.” Denise is looking forward to experiencing themes of Irish history, poetry and folklore through the eyes of a child as well as sharing this journey with her teenage son and goddaughter.

Marsh McCall / Mediterranean
When he was in third grade, classics professor Marsh McCall decided he would become a teacher—and he certainly met that goal! For three decades, Marsh has introduced legions of Stanford students to the study of classics. Marsh has enchanted thousands of participants on over 35 Travel/Study programs with his lectures and on-site readings of classical authors. He has seven grandchildren and is looking forward to leading his first family program.

Joel Samoff / South Africa
Professor Joel Samoff studies and teaches development, education and politics, with a primary focus on Africa. He began studying South Africa as a high school student and his exploration of the country continues to this day. Joel’s favorite children’s book is about an airplane that chases the setting sun. The passengers restart each day in a new country after following the sun as it sets every evening. The moral of this story is one that Joel infuses into his teaching: the world looks different depending on where you are standing.
MONDAY, 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. HILTON COLON HOTEL

TUESDAY, JUNE 21
Quito
Walk the streets of colonial Quito, stopping at Independence Plaza, the Presidential Palace and the Monastery of San Francisco, one of the most impressive religious buildings in the New World. After a lunch of local Ecuadorian cuisine, tour the modern side of Quito, including a visit to the Chapel of Man. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner at our hotel. HILTON COLON HOTEL (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
Quito / Baltra Island / Embark / North Seymour Island
Transfer to the airport to board our flight to Baltra Island in the Galápagos. Upon embarking our ship, stop at North Seymour Island, a wonderful introduction to the islands and their wildlife and full of bird colonies (including blue-footed boobies, two species of frigate birds and swallow-tailed gulls), as well as sea lions and marine iguanas. SANTA CRUZ II (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 23
Isabela Island / Fernandina Island
As we explore the coastline of Isabela Island by panga, our naturalist guide explains its dramatic geology. Rich in marine life this area is seasonally visited by green sea turtles and oceanic sunfish (mola mola). Weather permitting, snorkel in the sea alongside the cliffs. This afternoon explore the youngest island of the archipelago, Fernandina, which has no introduced mammals and thus boasts a very high density of marine iguanas who share their space with sea lions, Sally light-foot crabs, hawks, penguins and flightless cormorants. SANTA CRUZ II (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 24
Isabela Island
This morning land at Tagus Cove on the northwest side of Isabela Island—a cove that has provided a favorite anchorage for pirates and whalers over the centuries. Hike uphill to the rim of Darwin Crater, which is filled with salt water and offers dramatic views. After our walk, take a panga ride to spot local wildlife and perhaps find time to swim or snorkel. This afternoon disembark at Urbina Bay and snorkel just off the beach to admire corals, shells and many other calcareous organisms that lie exposed above water. SANTA CRUZ II (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
Santa Cruz Island
Disembark on Santa Cruz Island to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and its giant tortoise pens, located in an impressive giant prickly-pear cactus forest that’s home to many land birds. The research station is the headquarters of scientific investigation.
conservation and the National Park administration in the Galápagos.
From here board buses for lunch in the cooler highlands, a completely
different ecosystem of the island.
This afternoon opt to hike, bike, kayak or explore an organic coffee
plantation. SANTA CRUZ II (B.L.D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 26
Floreana Island
Near Post Office Bay, explore the
north shore of Floreana Island
and its narrow channels teeming
with life. Following lunch and a
siesta, travel by panga and glass-
bottom boat to volcanic Champion
Islet, regarded as one of the best
snorkeling spots in the archipelago.
Continue to Cormorant Point,
making a wet landing on the
olivine-crystal beach for an easy
walk to a brackish water lagoon
where bird species such as greater
flamingos, herons, sandpipers and
others gather. SANTA CRUZ II (B.L.D)

MONDAY & TUESDAY,
JUNE 27 & 28
Baltra Island / Disembark / Quito / U.S.
After breakfast, disembark our
ship and transfer to the airport for
our flight back to Quito, where we
connect with overnight flights to the
U.S., arriving home on Tuesday. (B)

What’s Included
5-night cruise aboard the Santa Cruz II, 2 nights of hotel
accommodations; 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners;
and all the Stanford extras (see page 22)

Group Size/Age
84 participants / Minimum age: 6

Program Cost*  ADULT**  CHILD**

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* Association nonmembers add $300 per person.
** Adult rates are based on double or triple occupancy. Limited single and triple occupancy cabins are available. Connecting cabins are also available. Contact our office for more information.

Learn more and sign up: alumni.stanford.edu/trip?galapagosfam2016

The Ship!
Our ship, the newly refurbished,
235-foot-long Santa Cruz II, chartered
exclusively for Stanford, offers accom-
modations in 50 outside cabins, each
appointed with windows and ranging
in size from 163 to 325 square feet. The
ship features air conditioning throughout,
an elegant dining room, sun deck with
bar, Jacuzzi, library and observation
deck. Go to our website for additional
ship information and cabin descriptions.

“Amazing, once-in-a-lifetime
adventure we will never forget!
The Stanford staff, leaders and crew
became like family that we were
sad to have to say goodbye to.”
Lisa Pope,
Galápagos Family Adventure, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- Watch in delight as marine
  iguanas spray salt from their
  nostrils
- Sit face to face with a giant
tortoise in the Santa Cruz
  Highlands
- Learn the dances of the
  blue-footed boobies and
  waved albatrosses
Washington, D.C.
Behind the Scenes in Our Nation’s Capital
JUNE 24 TO 30, 2016

Our D.C. family program engages Stanford’s connections to give families access to the memorable sights and experiences of our nation’s capital—all in an important Presidential election year. Introduce your family to the founding principles of our democracy, the essentials of our national history and the ever-changing drama of current events.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24
Home / Washington, D.C.
Travel to our nation’s capital. Upon arrival, transfer to our hotel and check in. Enjoy dinner on our own at any of the wonderful restaurants near our hotel, located right in the heart of downtown.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
Washington, D.C.
This morning enjoy a welcome breakfast before making our way 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. Then visit the brand-new Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, which opens in May 2016. Gather this evening for our welcome dinner, followed by a night tour of the major monuments with stops at some of the most beautiful evening sights in Washington.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26
Washington, D.C.
Visit Ford’s Theater, where, in 1865, President Lincoln was shot by actor John Wilkes Booth; and the Petersen House, where Lincoln was cared for until his death hours later. This afternoon enjoy an exclusive visit to Lincoln’s Cottage, where the President drafted the Emancipation Proclamation.

MONDAY, JUNE 27
Washington, D.C.
Government is front and center on the agenda this morning! Visit the Senate Gallery and meet a member of the House or Senate, then tour the Capitol. This afternoon, learn why the media plays such an important role in Washington, D.C., during a visit to the cutting-edge Newseum, where we experience the feeling of being in the “hot seat” in the NBC interactive news studio. This evening, visit the National Archives—home to original copies of the Declaration of Independence as well as the Constitution and the Bill of Rights—for an after-hours tour and behind-the-scenes scavenger hunt.

JW MARRIOTT (B)
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“A wonderful three-generation travel experience!”
Kim Michaud, ’89
Washington, D.C.,
Family Adventure, 2013

What’s Included
6 nights of hotel accommodations; 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 22)

Group Size/Age
50 participants / Minimum age: 6

Program Cost*
$4,995 per adult, double occupancy
$4,495 per child, double occupancy
$5,995 per person, single occupancy

*T Association nonmembers add $300 per person.
** Triple accommodations are available. See website for complete pricing or contact our office for details.

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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28
Washington, D.C. / Mount Vernon, Virginia
Pay a visit to the Supreme Court building this morning and learn about the judicial branch of our government. Then travel to Mount Vernon, the picturesque plantation home of George Washington, for lunch and a VIP tour of this American landmark. Return to Washington via a classic riverboat cruise along the Potomac. This evening, picnic on the lawn at the Iwo Jima Memorial before witnessing the unforgettable Marine Corps Evening Parade, a weekly tribute to the Marines who have died in service to their country. JW MARriott (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29
Washington, D.C.
Every president except George Washington has lived in the White House, and we plan to tour the Executive Mansion this morning. Then go “undercover” at the International Spy Museum to learn about the fascinating covert world of espionage from ancient times through the present day. Take in icons of aviation and aerospace, such as the Wright Brother’s Flyer and the Apollo 11 lunar test vehicle, at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. Also explore our planet through landmark discoveries in the natural sciences at the National Museum of Natural History. This evening celebrate our adventure during a farewell dinner at a top local restaurant. JW MARriott (B,D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 30
Washington, D.C. / Home
Say goodbye to our nation’s capital and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Learn more and sign up: alumni.stanford.edu/trip?washdc2016
SUNDAY & MONDAY, JUNE 26 & 27
U.S. / Florence, Italy / Castello di Gargonza
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Florence. Upon arrival, transfer to Gargonza for a festive welcome reception and dinner at a medieval castle. CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (6/27: D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 28
Castello di Gargonza
This morning, adults attend a lecture by Professor Pearson and kids meet new friends in their Young Explorer groups. Then join the locals for a lesson in bocce ball and learn to make homemade pasta and pizza from the chef. Later, take a dip in the pool, nestled in an olive grove with a glorious view, or opt to sit back and soak up the Italian countryside. CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29
Castello di Gargonza / Siena
On a walking tour through Siena’s narrow medieval streets, visit the cathedral and the Piazza del Campo, and soak up the exciting atmosphere as the city prepares for the Palio, an 800-year-old tradition that celebrates the medieval heyday of Siena. Find out which horse will be running in the upcoming race for each competing contrada (or district). Enjoy lunch today at one of Siena’s excellent trattorias. CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 30
Castello di Gargonza / Arezzo
Visit Arezzo, a beautiful Renaissance city rich in art treasures, antique shops and outdoor cafes. Meet with a kids’ soccer team for a scrimmage, followed by dinner with the locals. CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JULY 1
Castello di Gargonza / Pienza / Montepulciano
Visit Pienza, a picturesque hill town with stunning Renaissance architecture. Drive through some of Tuscany’s most scenic countryside to the town of Montepulciano, where adults taste the famous Vino Nobile while the kids explore the city streets during a scavenger hunt. CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 2
Castello di Gargonza / The Palio, Siena
Return to Siena to witness one of the world’s most impressive medieval pageants—the Palio. From VIP seats high above the 50,000-spectator crowd, join in the festivities during the historical parade and choose a contrada to cheer on during the wild, bareback horse race around the Piazza del Campo! CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 3
Castello di Gargonza
After yesterday’s late night in Siena, take today to enjoy Gargonza and the Tuscan countryside. Kids learn to make frescoes with a local artist and...
“A fabulous setting, well-prepared tour leaders and engaging activities for the children.”

Lauren Caldwell
Tuscany Family Adventure, 2014

What’s Included
10 nights of accommodations; 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 9 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 22)

Group Size/Age
45 participants / Minimum age: 6

Program Cost*
$7,495 per adult, double or triple occupancy
$7,195 per child, double or triple occupancy
$8,495 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

About the Palio
The Palio, Siena’s legendary 800-year-old medieval pageant, features an historic parade that culminates in a wild bareback horse race around the famous Piazza del Campo. Watch this ancient contest unfold from our VIP seats. Before the race, the excitement that grips Siena is indescribable as drummers and alfieri (flag throwers) lead parade contingents through the city. The experience is unforgettable and sure to be the highlight of our journey.

CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,L,D)
MONDAY, JULY 4
San Gimignano / Florence
Drive to San Gimignano for a chance to explore and enjoy lunch independently. Continue to Florence, where our afternoon walking tour of the historic center focuses on Renaissance masterpieces. This evening, adults enjoy an elegant dinner out, while the kids join the Young Explorer Leaders for pizza and ice cream at a neighborhood pizzeria.

GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI (B,D)
TUESDAY, JULY 5
Florence / Lucca
Discover the lovely walled city of Lucca and set out on a walking tour highlighting its Romanesque churches. Ride a bike atop the city walls and later explore the town after lunching independently. Arrive in Florence in time for a late-afternoon visit to the Accademia to see Michelangelo’s peerless David. Enjoy an evening at leisure.

GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI (B,D)
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6
Florence / U.S.
Say arrivederci and transfer to the Florence airport for return flights home. (B)

THURSDAY, JULY 7
Florence / U.S.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend a week in a medieval hamlet atop a hill in Tuscany
- Make authentic pasta and pizza with the experts: the chefs at Castello di Gargonza
- Play soccer with the local ragazzi and try your hand at Italy’s favorite pastime, bocce
Ireland
An Active Adventure on the Emerald Isle
JULY 7 TO 17, 2016

Join us as we explore the jewel of Ireland's coastline by foot, bicycle and sea kayak. Here we immerse ourselves in the landscape, culture, marine life, language, and music of Cork and Kerry. Explore together the hidden Ireland of castles and villages, sheltered inlets and stone circles as we hike atop majestic cliffs and along sandy shores.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JULY 7 & 8
U.S. / Cork, Ireland
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Cork. Upon arrival, head to our hotel to check in. Gather with fellow travelers this evening for a welcome reception and dinner. CLARION HOTEL (7/8: D)

SATURDAY, JULY 9
Cork
This morning, adults attend a lecture by Professor Gigante and kids meet new friends in their Young Explorer groups. Then hit the water in kayaks for an easy paddle down the River Lee as we learn some of the history of the city. We return to our hotel with time to rest and freshen up before dinner. CLARION HOTEL (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 10
Cork / Baltimore
Depart Cork for Cobh, formerly Queenstown, the last stop the Titanic made on her maiden—and only—voyage. Here we visit the Titanic Experience and get a glimpse of what life was like on the ill-fated ship before she sank in the north Atlantic in 1912. Next visit Skibbereen Heritage Centre, home to The Great Famine Commemoration Exhibition, located in the beautifully restored, award-winning Old Gasworks Building. Continue on to our hotel in Baltimore near the southern-most tip of Ireland, and tonight, enjoy a special experience on the water as we go for a guided night kayak. CASEY’S HOTEL (B,D)

MONDAY, JULY 11
Baltimore
Start the day with a quick bike ride to Dún na Séad Castle, where we learn about this recently restored historic 13th-century treasure. Continue by bike to the fishing village of Union Hall, located in a sheltered corner of Glandore Harbour. Here we take in the spectacular scenery and have the chance to kayak as well as fish and forage for seaweed for our supper this evening! Dive into local culture with a cooking lesson at a village café. CASEY’S HOTEL (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JULY 12
Baltimore / Inchydoney
Heading out on our bikes, pedal to the ancient Drombeg Stone Circle, one of Ireland’s most famous megalithic sites. Next up is the village of Russcarbery, where we may visit the ancient Irish ruins of Castlefreke and Rathbarry (time permitting). INCHYDONEY ISLAND SPA HOTEL (B,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13
Inchydoney
Our day starts with activities on the beach in front of our hotel that includes a Gaelic language lesson with local Irish kids. After lunch, we bike into the nearby colorful town of Clonakilty, famous for its award-winning food producers and restaurants, as well as home to an internationally renowned music scene known as Clon. Here we visit the Michael Collins Museum and learn about this icon of Irish independence. INCHYDONEY ISLAND SPA HOTEL (B,L)
“An extraordinary combination of intellectual nourishment, excellent staff and arrangements, and good company.”

Sid Tyler
Irish Sea Walk, 2013

Let’s Move!
Our exploration of Ireland offers plenty of opportunities for active families to get out and get moving! Whether biking through small towns and villages, hiking the intertidal zones on rocky beaches or paddling a kayak along the coastline, you are sure to come home with a unique perspective on this special corner of the Emerald Isle.

THURSDAY, JULY 14
Inchydoney / Killarney
Depart this morning by coach for County Kerry. Go for a hike later this morning in beautiful Gougane Barra and enjoy lunch at a local hotel that has been in operation since the 1930s. Continue on to Killarney, soaking up the spectacular scenery along the way. THE LAKE HOTEL (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JULY 15
Killarney
Hitch a ride on a local “jaunting cart” (horse-drawn carriage) up to the Gap of Dunloe, where there’s ample opportunity to experience the wild nature and rich history of the region before making the dramatic downhill hike through the Gap of Dunloe itself. Next we board small boats to cross the three Lakes of Killarney, returning to our hotel later this afternoon. Explore Killarney’s restaurant scene independently this evening or venture into town to experience one of Killarney’s many lively pubs. THE LAKE HOTEL (B,L)

SATURDAY, JULY 16
Killarney
This morning visit a traditional farm located on the grounds of Muckross House and learn what life was like in rural Ireland in the 1930s and ’40s. Then we hop on our bikes and depart for a bike ride around beautiful Lake Killarney. This afternoon enjoy some free time for independent exploration before gathering together this evening for our farewell feast! THE LAKE HOTEL (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 17
Cork / U.S.
Transfer to the Cork airport for return flights to the U.S. (B)

What’s Included
9 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations;
9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 22)

Group Size/Age
36 participants / Minimum age: 8

Program Cost*
$6,995 per adult, double occupancy
$6,495 per child, double occupancy
$7,895 per person, single occupancy

* Association nonmembers add $300 per person.
** Triple accommodations are available. See website for complete pricing or contact our office for details.

Learn more and sign up: alumni.stanford.edu/trip?ireland2016
Explore the fabled shores of Italy and Greece—past and present—on our memorable voyage. Spend three nights in Rome, seeing ancient monuments and visiting the Sistine Chapel. Then sail from Rome to Athens aboard the luxurious Sea Dream I, stopping at Pompeii, Sorrento, Sicily, Olympia and Epidaurus before concluding in Athens.

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 & 27**

**U.S. / Rome, Italy**
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Rome. Upon arrival on Wednesday, head to our hotel and gather with fellow family adventurers for a welcome reception.

**GRAND HOTEL DE LA MINERVE**

**THURSDAY, JULY 28**

**Rome**
Adults attend a lecture while kids meet in their Young Explorer groups, then everyone gathers for a walking tour of Rome’s historic center, including the Piazza Navona, the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain. Enjoy a welcome dinner before taking in Michelangelo’s masterpiece during a special, after-hours tour of the Vatican’s Sistine Chapel (pending confirmation). **GRAND HOTEL DE LA MINERVE (B,D)**

**FRIDAY, JULY 29**

**Rome**
Delve into the world of ancient Rome this morning on a walking tour that includes the Forum and Colosseum. After lunch, explore independently, or join us for a visit to Gladiator School, where kids get hands-on experience with the secrets of Imperial Rome’s gladiatorial games. **GRAND HOTEL DE LA MINERVE (B)**

**SATURDAY, JULY 30**

**Rome / Civitavecchia / Embark**
Take the morning for independent exploration of this fascinating city. Later this afternoon, board Sea Dream I to begin our cruise. **SEA DREAM I (B,D)**

**SUNDAY, JULY 31**

**Pompeii / Mt. Vesuvius**
Today head inland on an excursion to Pompeii, the famous Roman city that was both destroyed and preserved by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 C.E. Few other places so vividly illustrate what life was like for 1st-century Romans. Highlights include Pompeii’s Forum, the temples of Apollo and Jupiter, and the Stabian Baths, the best-preserved and most complete on the entire site. After lunch, take an excursion to Mount Vesuvius for an up-close encounter with the volcano that buried Pompeii and to this day threatens the modern city of Naples. **SEA DREAM I (B,L,D)**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1**

**Amalfi Coast**
Enjoy a morning sail along the Amalfi coast, a landscape of towering cliffs, terraced hillside villages and expansive vistas overlooking the stunning Mediterranean. Visit Amalfi, with its typical Mediterranean architecture, and stop at the Cloister of Paradise, which was built in the 13th century and is home to mosaics and paintings and some 120 columns built in the Arabic style. **SEA DREAM I (B,L,D)**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2**

**Taormina, Sicily, Italy**
Disembark in Taormina, a small town on Sicily’s east coast that offers stunning views of the cone...
of Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Taormina is home to great restaurants, shops, a nearby beach and an impressive Greek theater offering dramatic views of the Sicilian coastline.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3
Olympia, Greece**
Explore Olympia, an ancient sanctuary dedicated to Zeus and home of the original Olympic games. Families have the opportunity to tour the sacred area, including the temples of Hera and Zeus, the Council House, the Treasuries and the stadium where Young Explorers get to run a footrace around the track before returning to our ship. *SEA DREAM I (B, L, D)*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4
Nafplion / Epidaurus**
Discover the seaside town of Nafplion, with its charming neoclassical streets. Continue to Epidaurus to view the ancient shrine of Asclepius, son of Apollo and god of medicine, and to explore the beautifully preserved 4th-century theater. The vast site, with its temples and hospital buildings devoted to the healing gods, provides valuable insight into the healing cults that existed in ancient Greek and Roman times. *SEA DREAM I (B, L, D)*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5
Athens**
Upon arrival in the port of Piraeus, travel to Athens to explore a vast array of ancient and modern sites, including the Acropolis and the Acropolis museum. Return to the *Sea Dream I* for our farewell dinner. *SEA DREAM I (B, L)*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
Athens / Disembark / U.S.**
Disembark and transfer to the Athens airport for return flights to the U.S. (*B*)
South Africa
Where the Wild Things Are
DECEMBER 19 TO 30, 2016

Journey to the edge of the earth to discover the wonderful world of ubuntu—a native word that roughly translates to “human kindness.” From Cape Town to the Kruger National Park, travel with your family across the country and experience the vibrancy and diversity of Southern Africa’s cultures, creatures and best-kept secrets.

MONDAY & TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 19 & 20
U.S. / Cape Town,
South Africa
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Cape Town. Upon arrival, head to our hotel and gather with fellow family adventurers for a welcome reception and dinner.
THE TABLE BAY HOTEL (12/20: D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
Cape Town
Journey skywards aboard the cable car to enjoy the cityscapes from the viewpoint of Table Mountain—one of the “New7Wonders of Nature,” followed by a tour of District Six. After lunch at the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, board a ferry and sail toward Robben Island.
THE TABLE BAY HOTEL (B,L)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
Cape Town Winelands / Grootbos / Hermanus
At the Cape Point Ostrich Farm, enjoy an educational tour where we learn about the ostrich life cycle. Then board the Flying Dutchman Funicular to view the old lighthouse and epic panoramic views. Travel along the False Bay coastline to visit the colony of African Penguins at Boulder’s Beach, followed by a scenic drive through the historical naval base village of Simon’s Town.
THE TABLE BAY HOTEL (B,L)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
Cape Town Winelands / Grootbos / Hermanus
Enjoy a morning tour of the Cape Winelands, stopping first at the Cheetah Outreach in Somerset West. Gain a deeper insight into the cheetah conservation project, and meet the resident cheetahs and other predatory cats. After lunch and wine tasting for adults of award-winning wines at a local winery, depart for Hermanus. After arriving at our lodge, enjoy a guided beach and cave excursion, walking along the untouched coastline and exploring the fascinating history of the Klipgat Cave.
GROOTBOS NATURE RESERVE (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
Grootbos
This morning at Grootbos begins with an early-morning boat trip. Sail the seas of the Gaansbaai area to view a collection of marine wildlife and aquatic birds. Later, children break away in their Young Explorers groups for a fun afternoon of horseback rides and a treasure hunt. Learn about the conservation and social development projects of the non-profit Grootbos Foundation on a guided social responsibility tour.
GROOTBOS NATURE RESERVE (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
Grootbos
Discover South Africa’s indigenous plant group, called fynbos, as well as a myriad of bird, mammal, reptile and insect species, on a guided drive and hike. Make a contribution toward urban greening and the efforts of the Grootbos Foundation by planting a selection of indigenous trees through the Future Trees
What’s Included
3 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations; 6 nights of deluxe lodge accommodations; 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 22)

Group Size/Age
45 participants / Minimum age: 8

Program Cost*
$9,595 per adult, double occupancy
$8,595 per child, double occupancy
$12,595 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

“Best trip ever! Experiencing the wonders of Africa with our children and grandchildren with exceptionally knowledgeable and personable guides and a talented staff cannot be surpassed.”
Sandra Berriis, MA ’67
and Brian Berriis,
Tanzania Family Adventure, 2013

Project, after which participants will receive the GPS location of their tree to view later through Google Maps. Wrap up the day with a dinner and wine pairing (for adults).

GROOTBOS NATURE RESERVE (B,L,D)
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
Grootbos / Sabi Sabi
Fly to Skukuza Airport and transfer to the luxurious Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge. This wildlife oasis, situated on 160,600 acres at the southwest corner of Kruger National Park, is home to a spectacular array of wildlife, including approximately 200 indigenous animal species and some 300 species of birds. We begin our exploration of this diverse habitat with a late-afternoon game drive. SABI SABI BUSH LODGE (B,L,D)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 & 28
Sabi Sabi
With great diversity of habitat and no barriers existing between the Sabi Sabi Reserve and Kruger National Park, big game at the reserve is plentiful. Enjoy two full days of lodge life and wildlife viewing in this spectacular location.

Explore this unspoiled corner of Africa perhaps with a late-morning bushwalk, watching for wildlife from the lodge’s huge viewing decks, or simply relax at the spa. Experience a spectacular African sunset, then observe the nocturnal inhabitants of the bush on an unforgettable night safari. Conditions permitting, enjoy some impressive stargazing on our night drive. During the day gain a deeper insight into the cultures and customs of a traditional Shangaan village on Sabi Sabi’s Community Tour. SABI SABI BUSH LODGE (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
Sabi Sabi / Johannesburg / Depart
Transfer to Skukuza Airport for our connecting flight to O. R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. From here we connect to flights departing for the U.S.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
Arrive U.S.
Arrive back in the U.S. and connect to flights home.

GROOTBOS PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE

HIGHLIGHTS
- Keep your eyes peeled for the “big five”: lion, elephant, rhinoceros, buffalo and leopard
- Discover the local legend of the Flying Dutchman ghost ship
- Make your mark in urban greening with the Future Trees Project

Learn more and sign up: alumni.stanford.edu/trip?safrica2016
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Custom Journeys from Stanford Travel/Study

Trip planning checklist:

- Call cheerful staff at Stanford Travel/Study. It’s really happening!
- Vote on destination with friends and family. Rig the results—what they don’t know won’t hurt them.
- Select trip dates that coincide with granddaughter’s boyfriend’s silent yoga retreat. It’s a shame he won’t be able to join us.
- Pick a luxury hotel. It’s important to pamper the daughter-in-law.
- Select “outdoorsy” day for super-active kids. Bonjour, quiet time.
- Pepper Stanford faculty advisor with questions. I’m a student again!
- Rest easy, from takeoff to touchdown. Travel/Study has covered all of the details so I get to enjoy my family and our vacation.

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“Out-of-this-world trip! Can’t thank everyone enough. The trip was fully appreciated by all of the family, aged 10 to 80.”

Ed Truitt, ’56, MBA ’61, and Sally Truitt, ’56, MA ’57
Private Editions: Galápagos, 2015
So, 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 to the special events, is selected to enhance the overall experience for your entire family. Young Explorers 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 Young Explorer Leaders while grownups enjoy adults-only activities such as wine-tasting excursions, 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, 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 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 good 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 and/or exercise equipment. Visit our website for specific information about what to expect on each of our 2016 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 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 what to pack and arrival information. 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 and your family are free to kick back and enjoy yourselves and each other.

Got some lingering questions? On the fence?
Call us! 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 check out detailed itineraries and find additional trip information on our website at: alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures.

Sign up online: alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures
Or by phone: (650) 725-1093

We’ve Got You Covered!

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, wait staff, 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 on the trip arrival and departure dates (except Washington, D.C.)
- Port fees and embarkation taxes on our cruises
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational programs for adults; lecture series 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
Terms and Conditions

Deposits, Payments and Cancellations

A $1,000 per-person deposit is required to hold space for our Galápagos, Washington, D.C., Tuscany, Ireland and South Africa family adventures. A $2,500 per-person deposit is required to hold space for our Mediterranean family adventure. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. 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 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.

Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for non-members is $300 more than the members’ price. Families and travel companions 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 August 2015 and are subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

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. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.
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