STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY
THE WONDERS OF THE MALAYSIAN PENINSULA REVEALED

SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA AND THAILAND

October 13 to 26, 2016

a program of the stanford alumni association
Traveling to exotic locations is always exciting. On this journey, we’ll hear the sounds of unfamiliar languages; taste the varied and flavorful local cuisines; and visit bustling cities, lush rain forests and serene beaches. We’ll marvel at the blending of diverse cultures—from Chinese and Malaysian to Indian and Arabic—that make this such an appealing destination for lovers of local arts, architecture, cuisine and photography. Our travels from Singapore to the less-traveled parts of the Malay Peninsula, capped with a visit to Thailand’s busy Bangkok, will nourish your spirit of adventure and discovery. We invite you to join faculty leader Ashok Khanna, MA ’75, MBA ’75, PhD ’82, on our new land journey through this fascinating part of Southeast Asia.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

SAMPLE Singapore’s centuries-old Nonya cuisine, a unique blend of Chinese and Malay cooking traditions.

OBSERVE the mix of cultures—Chinese, Malaysian, Indian and European—in Penang’s George-town, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

STROLL through Bangkok’s dazzling royal Grand Palace complex, famous for its iconic gilded spires and lavish temples.

COVER: GRAND PALACE, BANGKOK

MALACCA STRAITS MOSQUE
As a development economist, **ASHOK KHANNA, MA '75, MBA '75, PHD '82,** provided analysis and advice on industrial, trade, and finance policies that promote private sector development to countries that are clients of the World Bank. In his 25-plus years association with the organization, Dr. Khanna worked on several countries in Asia, including India and China. Southeast and East Asia have a special interest for him because of his research on an Indian Emperor who is thought to have spread Buddhism throughout Asia. From the 3rd century B.C.E. to modern times, several rulers of Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and China have been influenced by his style of governance, incorporating non-violence, tolerance of all religions and cultures, and concern for the welfare of citizens. Dr. Khanna plans to lecture on the political economy and development of Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand, and Penang’s colorful history and its potential.

— Staff member and outside consultant, World Bank, 1984–2010
— Assistant professor of international business, Stern Graduate School of Business, New York University, 1978–1984
— Chartered accountant, United Kingdom and U.S., 1963–1973
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"The educational component is what sets Stanford apart. It always adds tremendously to the trip."

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Itinerary

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 & 14
U.S. / SINGAPORE
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights, crossing the international date line en route to Singapore. Upon arrival on Friday, transfer to our hotel, centrally located in the Marina district and near the famed colonial-era Raffles Hotel.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
SINGAPORE
Spend today enjoying the sights, cultures and flavors of the “Lion City.” In the morning we explore the city’s Chinatown, Little India and Arab Street enclaves, as well as the historic Singapore River district. After lunch, tour the Asian Civilisations Museum and the design-winning Gardens by the Bay complex. This evening, after our kick-off cocktail reception, try the traditional Chinese-Malaysian Nonya cuisine at our welcome dinner.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
SINGAPORE / MALACCA, MALAYSIA
Spend a leisurely morning exploring Singapore independently. For today’s lunch, we regroup to sample the specialties of a “hawker center” (open-air local street food). This afternoon cross the narrow Strait of Johor and head north to the port city of Malacca, a city and state of southern Malaysia and a strategic stop for ships passing through the Strait of Malacca. HOTEL MAJESTIC (B,L,D)

MONDAY OCTOBER 17
MALACCA / KUALA LUMPUR
Begin the day exploring the compact downtown area of Malacca with visits to the Peranakan Museum, located in a Peranakan heritage town house; the Cheng Hoon Teng Temple, the oldest Chinese temple in Malaysia; the 18th-century Portuguese Christ Church; Dutch Square; and the Sultanate Palace and Cultural Museum. Our lunch today features a local specialty, Hainan chicken and rice. This afternoon drive north through lush tropical countryside to the bustling Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur. The city is the financial and commercial center of Malaysia and boasts two of the tallest buildings in the world, the twin Petronas Towers.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
KUALA LUMPUR
This morning visit the Merdeka Square and Central Market, noting the interesting architectural styles that combine Malay, Islamic and Chinese traditions. After a lunch of Malay dishes, pay an in-depth visit to the marvelous Islamic Arts Museum. The evening is free to explore the city and try more of the delicious local cuisine independently. HYATT HOTEL (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19
KUALA LUMPUR / LANGKAWI ISLAND
A short flight this morning takes us north to the remote tropical island of Langkawi. Upon arrival, settle into our luxurious beach resort situated on a pristine private beach at the edge of an ancient tropical rain forest that overlooks the Andaman Sea.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
LANGKAWI ISLAND
Explore our remote and idyllic island today, ascending by cable car to the newly reworked “sky bridge” that offers panoramic views across the sea to as far as Thailand. Spend the rest of the day indulging in the

HYATT HOTEL (B,L,D)
resort’s aquatic activities such as snorkeling, sea kayaking or sailing, or go on a nature walk, golf, and perhaps book a relaxing spa treatment. Lunch and dinner are on our own today.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21
LANGKAWI ISLAND / PENANG
Take a 30-minute flight this morning to the tropical island of Penang, the colonial-era capital of the Straits Settlement during the time of the British Raj. Colonial Penang derived much of its wealth in the pepper and spice trades and as a shipping port. Chinese settlers arriving at that time intermixed with the indigenous Malays to create a unique hybrid culture that was intertwined with the British colonlial lifestyle. In the city of Georgetown, a UNESCO World Heritage site, see well-preserved examples of this “peranakan” culture in the island’s historic architecture, cuisine, dress and handicrafts.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
PENANG
From our seaside colonial hotel, take a walking tour of the city of Penang during which we visit the Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion, the Peranakan Museum, the Khoo Kongsi clan temple, Armenian Street and Beach Road. Dinner this evening is on our own, with a wide variety of Asian cuisine from which to choose, including a wealth of fresh local seafood.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
PENANG / BANGKOK, THAILAND
This morning we take another short flight, this time to Thailand’s capital city of Bangkok, formerly the capital of the Kingdom of Siam. Enjoy a delicious lunch of spicy Thai specialties, then explore the stunning Grand Palace and Temple of the Emerald Buddha complex that combine Thai, Burmese and Khmer architectural styles. We also visit the newly renovated National Museum. This evening, enjoy dinner and a Thai dance performance.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
BANGKOK
Today we make a full-day excursion some 60 miles outside of Bangkok to visit the impressive ruins of Ayutthaya, capital of an earlier Thai kingdom that dominated this region from 1351 to 1767. Here stone towers, crumbled palaces and elaborate temple complexes reveal the importance of what was one of the greatest cities of the 17th century.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
BANGKOK
Today is totally free to explore and enjoy Bangkok on our own. Opt to experience a Thai-style massage, take a cooking class or visit the local galleries for a look at the contemporary art scene before our farewell cocktail reception and dinner this evening.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26
BANGKOK / U.S.
After breakfast transfer to Bangkok’s Suvarnabhumi Airport for our homeward flights. Arrive in the U.S. on the same day, crossing the international date line to regain the day we lost traveling westward at the start of the program.
Trip Information

DATES:
October 13 to 26, 2016 (14 days)

SIZE
36 participants (single accommodations limited—please call for availability)

COST*
$7,995 per person, double occupancy
$9,745 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $300 per person

INCLUDED
12 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations  ■ 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 7 dinners  ■ Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions  ■ Gratuities to guides, drivers and porters for all group activities  ■ Internal flights on 10/19, 10/21 and 10/23  ■ All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary  ■ Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days  ■ Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance  ■ Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book and travel information  ■ Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED
International and U.S. domestic airfare  ■ Passport and visa fees  ■ Immunization costs  ■ Meals and beverages other than those specified as included  ■ 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 services

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on Singapore Airways from San Francisco to Singapore and return from Bangkok, Thailand, is approximately $872 as of January 2016 and is subject to change without notice.

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program. Daily programs involve one to three miles of walking, often on uneven terrain, and standing for long periods at times. In some instances, such as ruins, steps are a necessary part of the tour and may not have handrails. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. Average temperatures in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand range from the high 70s (°F) to the low 90s, and humidity can be more than 70%. Although all of the hotels and motorcoaches included in this program are air-conditioned, other traditional means of conveyance and most of the museums, temples, pagodas and ruins we visit are not. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.
Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold your space. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip/singapore2016 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments for the main program 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.

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 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.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a paid guest of a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. To purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
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"We have been taking organized tours/trips for the last 10-plus years and Stanford really stands out!"

BAILEY MEYER, MA '63, STANFORD TRAVELER