Travel Planner

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Whom will you meet?

From the ice fjords of Greenland to the southern tip of Africa and from the Imperial cities of Japan to the shores of western Europe, Stanford Travel/Study brings you to the ends of the earth and introduces you to the people who live there.

Ready to embark on your journey? This year’s first issue of the Travel Planner brings you our offerings for the year ahead and a sneak peek at what’s to come in 2017.
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- Lectures by renowned Stanford faculty and scholars
- Luxury accommodations and travel
- Exclusive, insider access and after-hours tours
- Like-minded travelers and savvy local guides
- Attentive, experienced Stanford tour managers
- Airport transfers, gratuities and all the extras

You needn’t be a Stanford alum to travel with us—and we offer trips to suit any age. Costs listed are per person, based on double occupancy. For answers to frequently asked questions, visit: alumni.stanford.edu/goto/tsfaq
Roam the planet in your style...

**ACTIVE ADVENTURES**
For travelers who are looking to add an active twist to their next vacation, whether it’s heli-hiking, mountain trekking, snorkeling, kayaking, gorilla tracking or countryside walks, trips that offer a superb outdoor experience alongside the comfort and luxury that are our hallmarks.

**CLASSIC JOURNEYS**
For travelers who long to recapture the romantic, golden age of travel as they journey to exciting destinations in the lap of luxury aboard intimate cruise ships, vintage railcars, charming riverboats and private aircraft.

**EXPLORATIONS BY LAND**
For travelers who love to immerse themselves in the cultures, traditions, sights, sounds and flavors of both urban and rural landscapes as they explore one or more countries on their journey through colorful, storied and exotic lands.

**FAMILY ADVENTURES**
For families looking to experience new countries and cultures with their children or grandchildren who, as Young Explorers, have the added fun of educational projects and hands-on activities led by Stanford Sierra Camp-trained counselors.

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**Lands of the Maya: Mexico and Guatemala**
MARCH 12 TO 22, 2016 (11 DAYS)

- **Leading the way.** Discover the Maya, one of the most advanced ancient civilizations; they built remarkable transportation networks, soaring temples and immense palaces to rival anything the Romans constructed only a few centuries before. **Jungle boogie.** Explore archaeological sites and ruins buried deep in beautiful tropical jungles. Hike to remote locations where we will likely be the only visitors. **What does the Fox say?** Learn from faculty leader Jim Fox, a world-renowned expert on Mayan linguistics and hieroglyphs, about the ancient Maya and their descendants of today. **Alarm clock optional.** Awaken to an amazing symphony of rain forest sounds and view spectacular wildlife including tropical birds, monkeys and reptiles.

- **Cost:** $7,595

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**India and Bangladesh for Women**
MARCH 13 TO 24, 2016 (12 DAYS)

- **Against all odds.** Join history professor Margo Horn to engage with extraordinary women throughout Bangladesh and India who have become successful in a part of the world where women are still considered second-class citizens. **From the ground up.** Visit with leaders at Grameen Bank, whose founder won the Nobel Peace Prize for the successful application of micro-financing. **Singing a different tune.** Meet with an award-winning local pop star in Dhaka to discuss with her how she promotes liberal thinking in Bangladesh. **Both ends of the spectrum.** In Kolkata talk to women responsible for running charities and orphanages, and meet with a female member of the royal family of Burdwan in lower Bengal.

- **Cost:** $9,995
Budapest to Tehran by Train
MARCH 26 TO APRIL 13, 2016 (19 DAYS)

An epic journey. Explore 10 UNESCO World Heritage sites with faculty favorite Scott Pearson as we travel some 2,300 miles by private train through Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey and Iran. Harken to a bygone era. Journeying from the heart of Central Europe to the heart of Persia, savor the romance of classic rail travel aboard the luxurious Danube Express and Golden Eagle trains. Places of wonder. Visit numerous locales: Romania’s Sighisoara, fabled birthplace of Dracula; the underground cathedrals and cities of Turkey’s Cappadocia; and remnants of Darius I’s Achaemenid Empire at Iran’s legendary Persepolis. Spiritual sights. Explore major mosques, temples, churches and shrines that are testaments to the monotheistic faiths and observe the worship practices of its Jewish, Christian and Muslim citizens. Meeting of the minds. Meet with Palestinians and settlers, soldiers and journalists, the religiously devout and the devoutly secular to hear various opinions about the future of this land. Etched in stone. Visit unique Roman-era archaeological sites, including Masada, Beit She’an, Capernaum and Caesarea. Food for thought. While discussing the complex issues affecting Israel today, enjoy both the traditional and innovative cuisine for which the country is fast gaining fame—its freshness and sophistication are a delightful surprise!

COST: $25,495

Israel Past and Present
APRIL 1 TO 14, 2016 (14 DAYS)

Oh my God. With faculty leader Stephen D. Krasner explore the importance of Jerusalem to the three Abrahamic monotheistic faiths and observe the worship practices of its Jewish, Christian and Muslim citizens. Meeting of the minds. Meet with Palestinians and settlers, soldiers and journalists, the religiously devout and the devoutly secular to hear various opinions about the future of this land. Etched in stone. Visit unique Roman-era archaeological sites, including Masada, Beit She’an, Capernaum and Caesarea. Food for thought. While discussing the complex issues affecting Israel today, enjoy both the traditional and innovative cuisine for which the country is fast gaining fame—its freshness and sophistication are a delightful surprise!

COST: $9,885

Panama Canal: Rain Forests and Reefs
APRIL 12 TO 26, 2016 (15 DAYS)

Modern-world wonder. Transit the historic Panama Canal with professors Peter Vitousek and Pamela Matson, both experts in the field of environment and sustainability. Think Disneyland—with fish! Once a former penal colony, Panama’s Isla Colba is today one of the world’s largest marine reserves where snorkelers look for sea turtles, sharks, rays and hundreds of pelagic fish. Small island, enormous diversity. Isla de Providencia, Colombia, was colonized by the English, the Dutch and the Spanish and all are evident in the culture today. Sample local cuisine, visit colonial-style buildings, and enjoy traditional music and dance. Small-ship cruising. Enjoy an intimate atmosphere aboard the Sea Adventurer, the perfect springboard for our journey.

COST: from $11,980
Focus: Vienna
APRIL 16 TO 24, 2016 (9 DAYS)

Rock me, Amadeus. Walk with European history professor and former Vienna resident Bert Patenaude, MA ’79, PhD ’87, where Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert once walked, and meet with a current member of the Vienna Symphony Orchestra. Coffee klatch. Savor a slice of Sachertorte and a melange (the Viennese equivalent of a cappuccino) at one of Vienna’s famous kaffeehauses. Klimt encounter. Tour Jugendstil (Art Nouveau) Vienna, including a private viewing of Gustav Klimt’s Beethoven Frieze and special entrance to Steinhof Church. Blue Danube. Taste local wines in the Wachau Valley, visit Melk Abbey overlooking the Danube River, and gaze upon Dürnstein Castle, where Richard the Lionhearted was held captive in the 12th century.

Cost: $5,995

Dutch Waterways
APRIL 20 TO 30, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Tulip-mania. Explore the world’s largest flower auction in Aalsmeer and stroll through the Keukenhof’s 88 acres of magnificent flowers at the peak of the blooming season. The perfect size. We’ve chartered the recently renovated 30-passenger barge, MS Magnifique, for our exploration of the cities and countryside that inspired the Dutch masters. Tilting at windmills. Led by history professor Carolyn Lougee, delight in discovering historical treasures in Gouda, Delft and The Hague; bike through the lush countryside; and be awed by the iconic windmills of Kinderdijk. Remembering the past. Tour the annex where Anne Frank and her family hid during World War II, and visit the Noordermarkt, where protesters gathered in 1940 to oppose the deportation of Jews.

Cost: from $8,595

Australia’s Kimberley
APRIL 22 TO MAY 6, 2016 (15 DAYS)

Far out. Discover the Kimberley, universally acknowledged as one of the last remote regions on earth—a captivating land of towering cliffs and plunging waterfalls. Wild things. Along with faculty leader Hunter Fraser, seek out turtles, whales, dolphins, saltwater crocodiles and more than 100 species of bird. By air, land and sea. Explore these remote areas by helicopter, on foot and by Zodiac during our shore excursions. Our comfortable ship, the 65-passenger Oceanic Discoverer, allows us to access pristine areas that are inaccessible by road. Meet the locals. Step ashore on the Tiwi Islands for guided bushwalks that reveal the local cultural traditions, and view well-preserved aboriginal paintings. An interior option. Head to Arnhem Land, Kununurra and Bungle Bungle before the trip for an optional 10-day extension.

Cost: from $13,580
Islands of the Mediterranean
APRIL 26 TO MAY 5, 2016 (10 DAYS)

Treasure islands. With classicist Marsh McCall, ply the waters between the Corsican towns of Calvi and Bonifacio, the Sardinian hamlet of Arbatax, Sicily’s Trapani, historic Elba and the seldom-visited Pontine Archipelago aboard the sailing ship, Le Ponant. That’s amore. In Erice, visit the Venus Castle, built in the Norman era over a temple of Venus, where the Roman goddess of love was worshiped. Ponza scheme. Explore the lovely island of Ponza, thought to be the island of Aeaea in Homer’s Odyssey, where Circe the sorceress seduced Odysseus and turned his men into animals. Elba rooms. Call at Portoferraio, main harbor of the island of Elba, and visit the Villa del Mulini, where Napoleon Bonaparte lived during his exile.

COST: from $8,795

Australia by Private Air
APRIL 30 TO MAY 13, 2016 (14 DAYS)

Travel at its best. Enjoy seven charter flights between Sydney and Darwin aboard our private Fokker 50 with political science professor Simon Jackman. Island ark. At Kangaroo Island search for wallabies and watch for endemic species of kangaroos and koalas snoozing overhead. The end of a perfect day. At a BBQ at Uluru, raise a glass of sparkling wine to the setting sun over Ayers Rock, the world’s biggest monolith. Up to the top... Travel to Arnhem Land, a natural wealth of billabongs, wetlands, rain forest and ancient escarpments ...and under the ground. Visit Coober Pedy, known as “the opal capital of the world” and “the underground city” because of all the shops, churches and museums built beneath the ground to avoid daytime heat.

COST: $15,995

Italian Lakes Walk
MAY 4 TO 16, 2016 (13 DAYS)

North meets south. Join Stanford faculty leader Ed Steidle and historian Peter Watson on a springtime walk from the majestic Alpine peaks and luxuriant olive and citrus groves of Lake Garda in the east to the intimate charm of Lake Orta in the far west. Smooth sailing. Sail the iconic and stunning lakes followed by walks through serene pastures and glorious mountain scenery. Al dente. Dine at local trattorias by night and stop for picnic lunches by day, sampling the local olive oils, breads, cheeses and wine. Eclectic bunch. From the rainbow-colored villas in Bellagio to the Scaliger Castle in Sirmione and the Renaissance canvases of Lorenzo Lotto, discover why everyone from the ancient Romans to George Clooney has chosen to hang out in this most sublime Italian lake district.

COST: $9,695 ON WAIT-LIST STATUS
Venice and the Veneto by Barge
MAY 10 TO 21, 2016 (12 DAYS)

'O sole mio. Spend three full days in iconic Venice exploring its best-known squares and palaces, as well as its quiet neighborhoods, all within steps of our hotel, set on the Grand Canal. History's mysteries revealed. Learn from European history expert, Professor James Sheehan, ’58, in lectures and discussions. Travel in sleek European style. Enjoy a seven-night cruise from Venice to Chioggia aboard our exclusively chartered, Danish-designed barge. Savory delights from land and sea. Enjoy the rich culinary traditions of the Veneto, from its artisanal cheeses to the freshest seafood. Ageless art. View modern art in Venice at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection and marvel at the Veneto’s mosaics that span millennia. A slower pace. Cycle in the countryside on optional bike tours. Cost: from $8,995

Portugal and Galicia Food and Wine
MAY 11 TO 22, 2016 (12 DAYS)

On the brink of discovery. The foods and wines of Portugal have slowly begun to make their mark on the international culinary scene. We’ll get to sample and savor this exceptional and distinctive cuisine before the world rushes in. Beyond port wine. Explore the wines of the region on daily excursions to top wineries, tasting a wide range of reds, whites and rosés. A student of life. Enjoy lectures and discussions with Professor Scott Pearson, a Travel/Study favorite, and learn even more along the way from local experts. Pilgrimage of pilgrimages. Travel to Santiago de Compostela, terminus of one of the world’s top pilgrimage walks and the resting place of Saint James, to dine on tapas and explore the heart of the old town. Cost: $7,995

Spain and Portugal under Sail
MAY 17 TO 29, 2016 (13 DAYS)

On cloud nine. Sail from Malaga through the Strait of Gibraltar to Bilbao aboard the magnificent, three-masted Sea Cloud II with Islamic studies professor Shahzad Bashir. Flamenco and fado. Experience the drama of Spain’s famous dance and the pathos of Portugal’s plaintive song at private performances in Seville and Lisbon. From paella to port. Taste Andalusian tapas and sip Porto’s famous porto during gourmet meals ashore. Pilgrims’ progress. In Santiago de Compostela, terminus of Spain’s 1,000-year-old pilgrimage route, observe a specially arranged swinging of the botafumeiro, an enormous censer hung from the ceiling of the Cathedral of St. James. Basque in the glory. Marvel at the design of Frank Ghery’s iconic Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. Cost: from $7,990
Scotland Hike
MAY 29 TO JUNE 7, 2016 (10 DAYS)

The West Highland Way. The name, simple though it sounds, conjures up thoughts of wild Scottish Highland scenery where dramatic views follow each other in an infinite progression. Lochs, glens...and more! This hike does not disappoint! Follow paths that meander past deep silvery lochs and wend their way up fine mountain peaks linked together by glens—rounded verdant valleys of breathtaking beauty. Explore Rannoch Moor, one of the greatest wilderness areas of Europe. The devil's in the details. Climb up the Devil's Staircase, one of the climactic experiences of our trip, and be rewarded with a superb panoramic view of the whole Grampian range. A bonnie leader plus one. Veteran Travel/Study faculty leader Charlie Junkereman leads the way on this extraordinary trek, joined by local historian Peter Watson.

COST: $6,995

Turkey
JUNE 4 TO 22, 2016 (19 DAYS)

Gulet, say what? Enjoy the scenery and serenity on a five-day cruise along the coast aboard private sailboats, or gulets. Out of this world. Stay two nights in the Cappadocia region, known for its moon-like landscape, volcanic cones, twisted spires and rock-hewn churches. “Istanbul was Constantinople.” Stay five nights at Istanbul’s historic, centrally located Pera Palace Hotel. Explore such highlights of this East/West crossroads as the Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Spice Market and Hagia Sophia. An emphasis on Ephesus. Stanford professor Abbas Milani will enlighten us about current Middle East issues and the Kurds; we will also have at our disposal an expert local guide who will discuss the history of Turkey and elaborate on many of the sites we visit.

COST: $8,795

Adriatic Voyage
JUNE 10 TO 18, 2016 (9 DAYS)

A treasure trove of history. Traverse the Adriatic Sea aboard the Island Sky on a voyage through time, with visits to ancient archaeological sites, medieval towns and modern cities. Be enchanted. Discover the intense beauty and hypnotic aura of Venice that have been captivating the hearts of travelers for centuries. The Croatian Riviera. See firsthand why global powers have been clamoring for control over Dalmatia for thousands of years. Learn more about the geopolitics of the region from faculty leader, Gail Lapidus. Another city by the bay. Explore Kotor, the lovely town at the head of Montenegro’s mountain-rimmed Bay of Kotor. Expand the experience. Opt for a pre-tour extension in Venice or stay on for a post-tour extension in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

COST: from $5,995
The Balkans
JUNE 13 TO 27, 2016 (15 DAYS)

Greeks, Romans, Ottomans, Turks. Eastern European studies professor Norman Naimark enlightens us on our overland journey across the Balkan Peninsula—from the Dalmatian coast of Croatia to the Dinaric Alps and from low-lying Belgrade to mountainous Macedonia—as we explore Christian basilicas, Islamic mosques, and the ruins of Greek and Roman amphitheaters. Pearl of the Adriatic. Stroll along the top of the medieval wall that surrounds Dubrovnik for incomparable views of the deep blue Adriatic Sea. Albanian treasures. Learn of the colorful histories of Krujë's 15th-century castle and Tirana's 6th-century castle. Spanning the centuries. Stroll across Stari Most, or Old Bridge, in Mostar, lovingly restored after being destroyed in the wars of 1992–93.

Cost: $10,495

National Parks of the West
JUNE 15 TO 25, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Our own backyard. Some of the world's most scenic sights are right here in the American West! Discover the dramatic beauty of Badlands, Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. Oh, give me a home... Bison herds once roamed from Alaska to northern Mexico and from California to New York—one of the world’s largest ranges of land mammals. See vestiges of this great migration as we cross the northern plains. Environmental evidence. Alongside faculty leader, Tim Duane, '82, MS '83, PhD '89, examine the result of millions of years of geologic activity in the unique terrain of the Badlands, and witness some of the 10,000 geysers, hot springs, fumaroles and mud pots that are active inside Yellowstone, the world’s largest thermal area.

Cost: $6,495

Galápagos Family Adventure
JUNE 20 TO 28, 2016 (9 DAYS)

Take a walk on the wild side. Venture into the ultimate outdoor classroom on this journey through the “enchanted isles” aboard the Santa Cruz II, chartered exclusively for Stanford families and ideally suited for cruising the Galápagos. Up close and personal. Embrace the magnificent ecosystem of the Galápagos by sitting face to face with giant tortoises and marine iguanas, snorkeling with sea lions and spotting pods of spinner dolphins. A rocky history. Learn about the islands’ volcanic evolution and geology from expert naturalists on daily hikes across the lava-strewn landscape. Nature’s classroom. Adults hear lectures from our faculty leader, biology professor Erin Mordecai, and kids learn from and have fun hanging out with our zany Young Explorer Leaders. Cost: from $6,495 adults; $5,995 kids (ages 6–18)
Washington, D.C., Family Adventure  
JUNE 24 TO 30, 2016 (7 DAYS) 
Our nation’s capital. Take advantage of Stanford’s insider contacts for a close-up look at today’s politics on this popular introduction to our nation’s capital for families. Our Young Explorer Leaders and history professor James Campbell, MA ’83, PhD ’89, are on hand for private visits, first-person exchanges and special experiences not available on mainstream trips. 

A view from the top. Spend a day visiting the Capitol Building and the Supreme Court and touring the White House. We’re not in Kansas anymore! View Dorothy’s ruby slippers and more at the Smithsonian Museum of American History and enjoy a scavenger hunt in the National Archives. 

Days of Lincoln and Washington. Visit Ford’s Theatre and Mount Vernon, returning by boat along the Potomac. 

Cost: $4,995 adults; $4,495 kids (ages 6–18)

Kilimanjaro Trek  
JUNE 24 TO JULY 6, 2016 (13 DAYS) 
To the roof of Africa. Experience one of the world’s greatest adventures and one of the most satisfying accomplishments on this trek to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa’s highest peak and one of the world’s “Seven Summits.” Polepole. With the Swahili for “slowly, slowly” as our mantra and expert mountain guides by our side leading us on a nontechnical, nine-day route to the summit, we ascend through the five biomes of Kilimanjaro with their diverse arrays of flora and fauna. Learning as we go. Faculty leader Roz Naylor, PhD ’89, treks with us as we marvel at the lush forests and observe the massive mountain’s unique volcanic and glacial geology, reaching the 19,341-foot summit in daylight. Optional post-trip safari extension to Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park. 

Cost: $9,395

Tuscany Family Adventure  
JUNE 26 TO JULY 7, 2016 (12 DAYS) 
The best of the best. Soak up the Renaissance treasures of Florence and visit our favorite Tuscan hill towns with faculty leader Scott Pearson. 

Local flavor. Watch the kids’ excitement grow as they learn from the experts how to make frescoes, gelato and pasta. They’ll also team up with the neighborhood ragazzi for a soccer match and enjoy dining with local families. 

Our very own castle. Travel back to medieval times during our weeklong stay in the 13th-century walled village of Gargonza, complete with a swimming pool and a gourmet restaurant. 

And they’re off! Enjoy VIP seats at Siena’s Palio, the 800-year-old bareback horse race around the city’s piazza that combines medieval pageantry with the spirit of competition. 

Cost: $7,495 adults; $7,195 kids (ages 6–18)
Normandy and Brittany Walk
JUNE 27 TO JULY 9, 2016 (13 DAYS)

Walk of art. Join Professor Carolyn Lougee and historian Peter Watson on this walk that takes us from the rugged coastline of Brittany to historic Normandy, along spectacular cliffs and through the beautiful countryside that inspired so many of the great impressionist painters. Picnic time. Savor the culinary delights of daily picnic lunches prepared with the freshest local ingredients and accompanied by fine French wines. Time and tide... Visit the medieval Benedictine abbey of Mont Saint-Michel, spectacularly situated on a spit of land that juts into the sea and becomes an island at high tide. The longest day. Contemplate June 6, 1944, as we walk the Normandy beaches of D-Day with an expert military historian.

COST: $9,295

Scandinavia
JULY 2 TO 15, 2016 (14 DAYS)

Surf and turf. With faculty leader Ed Steidle explore Sweden, Denmark and Norway by ferry and rail—modes of transportation uniquely suited to Scandinavia’s mountains, fjords and coastlines. In the Vikings’ wake. Tour the Stockholm archipelago by boat, cruise Copenhagen’s canals, pay the waters of the Aurlandsfjord and the Sognefjord, and take a scenic ferry ride from Balestrand to Bergen. Smorgasbord of scenery. Ride the rails through Sweden’s forests, and again over the mountainous spine of Norway to Myrdal through countryside carpeted with flowers and past waterfalls and rivers along the spectacular Flåm route. Norwegian wood. Admire some of the world’s oldest-existing seafaring vessels at Oslo’s Viking Ship Museum, and visit the medieval Hopperstad Stave church in Vik.

COST: $9,995

Mongolia
JULY 3 TO 15, 2016 (13 DAYS)

From the Khans to communism. Start our magical Mongolian adventure in its capital, Ulaanbaatar, visiting the Great Khans Memorial celebrating the 800th anniversary of the Mongolian Empire and the U.S.S.R.’s memorial honoring its fallen WWII soldiers. Hoard of Mongol treasures. With faculty leader, Professor Liz Hadly, uncover the fascinating history of this enigmatic land at the museum in Karakorum, site of the Mongol Empire’s 13th-century capital. The ultimate Mongolian spectacle. Attend the colorful centuries-old Naadam Festival with its wrestling, horse racing and archery competitions. Nomad’s land. In the Gobi Desert, view at dusk the Flaming Cliffs, one of the world’s richest dinosaur fossil sites, and relax in the world-renowned Three Camel Lodge. Post-trip extension to Lake Baikal.

COST: $7,995
Ireland Family Adventure
JULY 7 TO 17, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Castles and countryside. Delve into the natural history and colorful tales of this storied land while staying in quintessential Irish towns and villages. Accompanied by faculty leader Denise Gigante, explore picturesque West Cork, with its winding lanes and lively pubs brimming with Celtic music. Let’s move! Opportunities abound for active families! Kayak scenic seashores; swim and snorkel along the coastline; take hikes to sheltered coves and hidden beaches; and bike through charming villages and past ancient ruins. An bhfuil Gaeilge agat? Get up close with Irish culture during a Gaelic lesson with local kids, and kick up those heels as we try our hand (uh, feet?) at Irish dancing. Learn how to make delicious Emerald Isle specialties, such as brown bread and scones, during a hands-on cooking lesson.

COST: $6,995 adults; $6,495 kids (ages 8–18)

Galápagos Expedition
JULY 13 TO 23, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Become a wildlife paparazzi. Explore one of the only places where humans can venture within a few feet of wild animals in their natural habitat. Evolution examined. Few places on earth are as illustrative of evolution and adaptation as the Galápagos Islands. Learn from faculty leader, Bill Durham, ’71, and see the evidence that solidified Darwin’s concepts, as present today as when he voyaged there more than 175 years ago. Waterworld. Every day, explore the Galápagos’ waters and snorkel amid marine iguanas, sea lions and sea turtles. Creature comforts. Kick back and enjoy the amenities of our well-appointed expedition ship, La Pinta, ideal for navigating among the islands. A confluence of cultures. Spend time on the Ecuadorian mainland exploring Quito, known for its wealth of cultural diversity.

COST: $9,595

Mediterranean Family Adventure
JULY 26 TO AUGUST 6, 2016 (12 DAYS)

Lands of gods and heroes. It’s one thing to read about the mythical gods of ancient Greece and Rome in school. It’s another to walk amid the temples dedicated to those very deities with faculty leader Marsh McCall during a cruise from Rome to Athens aboard the luxurious Sea Dream I. Standing the test of time. Learn about Rome’s ancient and medieval history, and enjoy a private after-hours tour of the Sistine Chapel. Also explore the exquisitely preserved Greek theater in Epidaurus and Athens’ Parthenon. Let the games begin. Cross the finish line during a footrace at the original Olympic stadium. Carpe diem. Walk the streets of Pompeii, buried in ash in 79 C.E., then explore the more lively Italian towns of Sorrento, Amalfi and Taormina.

COST: from $9,995 adults; $9,495 kids (ages 6-18)
Iceland to Greenland

JULY 27 TO AUGUST 11, 2016 (16 DAYS)

Explore the fabled Golden Circle. Tour Iceland’s capital city, Reykjavik, and visit Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall and the Geysir Center. Experiential learning from the best. Travel with researcher and explorer, Professor Rob Dunbar, who will share cutting-edge data on climate change, marine ecology and biogeochemistry. Flora—and plenty of fauna too! From our ship, the Sea Adventurer, view the tundra and icebergs near Scoresbysund, Greenland, that are home to magnificent arctic wildlife. Polar bears, puffins, eagles, humpback whales, musk oxen, walruses and reindeer are among the many species that roam the sea, air and land. Fara í viking! Reflect upon the Vikings’ pillaging days as we visit millennia-old Norse sites by Zodiac.

COST: from $11,980

Canadian Rockies

JULY 28 TO AUGUST 3, 2016 (7 DAYS)

Awe-inspiring. The glacier-sheared cliffs, snowy peaks, cascading waterfalls and sapphire lakes of the Canadian Rockies make every bend in the road utterly breathtaking. Keep the camera close as we travel along the Icefields Parkway between Jasper and Banff to capture some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. Ready to rock? Travel with geologist Scott Burns, ’69, MS ’70, and gain a new understanding and appreciation for this incredible mountain environment as well as for the plants and animals that call it home. Gain additional insight from expert naturalists along the way. Stampede City. Kick off the journey in the cowboy town of Calgary, nicknamed after its world-famous rodeo festival.

COST: approx. $6,995

Borneo

AUGUST 5 TO 16, 2016 (12 DAYS)

A classroom without walls. Borneo is home to some of the most vibrant ecosystems on the planet. Alongside faculty leader Robert Siegel, ’76, MA ’77, MD ’90, learn about the ecology of this spectacular area and the conservation efforts being made to protect it. Cloud nine. With tremendous biodiversity and unique endemic species, Borneo is a paradise for animal and plant lovers alike. Monkey see, monkey do. Some 13 species of primates are found in Borneo—one of only two special places in the world where orangutans can be seen in their natural environment. Toes in the sand. End our adventure on idyllic Lankayan Island, a nesting and foraging ground for several species of sea turtles. Relax on the beach or grab a snorkel and get a closer look at the abundant marine life.

COST: $8,795
Cape Town to Cairo
AUGUST 18 TO SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 (20 DAYS)
A journey of 4,500 miles. Join faculty leader Larry Diamond, ’73, MA ’78, PhD ’80, on a private air safari across the entire length of Africa, from the southernmost tip at Cape Town to the Egyptian capital of Cairo. People and places. Travel through remarkably diverse ecosystems in the Great Rift Valley and view wildlife in the Okavango Delta. Experience a wide variety of vibrant African cultures and people, and visit a traditional Masai village. A wealth of wonders. Marvel at thundering Victoria Falls in Zambia, descend to the floor of Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania and witness the spectacle of thousands of wildebeests gathering on the savannahs of the Masai Mara. Explore Addis Ababa and the remarkable rock-hewn churches of Lalibela. Conclude with viewing Egypt’s national treasures in Abu Simbel, Luxor and Cairo.
Cost: $39,885

Eastern England Walk
AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 (13 DAYS)
A brush with nature. Amble with faculty leader Charlie Junkerman and local hosts Peter Watson and Tony Morris through the lush landscapes of the east of England that inspired the masterpieces of English painters John Constable and J.M.W. Turner. Best of Britten. Walk from the coast at Aldeburgh, home of composer Benjamin Britten, to the musical mecca of Snape, a tiny Suffolk village bordered by a rich wetland habitat. From sea to see. Cross the Thames estuary where Queen Elizabeth I’s troops rallied to defeat the Spanish Armada; also visit Canterbury Cathedral, the site of Thomas Becket’s martyrdom in 1170. Cultural landscapes. Stroll through some of the most beautiful parts of England’s countryside along paths that are a rare display of the combined works of nature and man.
Cost: $9,795

Focus: Istanbul
AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 (9 DAYS)
Talk turkey. In the city he calls his “favorite in the world,” Islamic studies professor Shahzad Bashir explains to us Turkey’s evolving attitude toward religion and modernity. Footloose and fancy-free. Enjoy ample time to explore Istanbul independently, perhaps visiting lesser-known museums, sampling tasty street food or sleuthing out that elusive low-cost, high-quality, hand-woven carpet. From pashas to the present day. Visit the sumptuous abodes of Ottoman rulers, historic mosques and archaeological sites, and discover modern Istanbul on a stroll to the stunning Istanbul Modern art museum, housed in a former warehouse. Continental divide. Take a boat ride along the Bosphorus, which straddles Europe and Asia, admiring the skylines of minarets, palaces and skyscrapers.
Cost: $5,495
Yunnan and Tibet
SEPTEMBER 1 TO 20, 2016 (20 DAYS)

Tiger leaping gorgeous. Prepare to be stunned by the beauty of Yunnan province, with its dramatic mountains, deep green meadows, picture-perfect villages and the otherwise tame Jinsha River, which changes character as it explodes spectacularly through Tiger Leaping Gorge. Lost horizon. With faculty leader Debra Satz explore the real Shangri-La—the area of Zhongdian, where the Kan people, a Tibetan ethnic group, have thrived in relatively isolated splendor for centuries. Breathless. Potala Palace and the other magnificent monasteries and temples of Lhasa will take our breath away...as will the fact that the city is nearly 12,000 feet above sea level! Kung-fu fightin’. Observe monks of the yellow hat sect at the Sera monastery as they engage in passionate debates over Buddhist doctrine.

COST: $9,995

Oxford and the Cotswolds
SEPTEMBER 2 TO 13, 2016 (12 DAYS)

Flying solo. Designed with solo travelers and avid scholars in mind, this seminar allows participants to delve into the majesty of British history, culture and literature inside the classroom and out and to explore the storied town of Oxford as well as the idyllic Cotswold countryside. Pencils down. Revisit life as a student during our stay at Oxford’s Brasenose College. Attend daily lectures given by a stellar panel of professors and local lecturers. After an afternoon excursion, compare notes with fellow travelers at a nearby pub. Living literature. Faculty leader William M. Chace will share with us his passion for English literature and elicit intellectual discussions about the works of T.S. Eliot in the very place that inspired one of Eliot’s greatest poems, “Burnt Norton.”

COST: approx. $11,295 (single accommodations)

Patagonia Field Seminar
SEPTEMBER 9 TO 25, 2016 (17 DAYS)

Back to school. Spend three days on campus with Professor Bill Durham, ’71, before traveling to Buenos Aires where our Patagonia adventure begins. Socratic method. Unlike other Travel/Study trips, Field Seminars have Stanford sophomores traveling alongside our Travel/Study group. Learn from the students’ presentations and participate in lively intellectual exchanges during daily discussions. Creatures great and small. Visit Puerto Madryn at the height of whale watching season and watch hundreds of sea birds, penguins, seals and sea lions as well. The most beautiful place on earth. Spend two full days in Torres del Paine and marvel at its breathtaking views. In Darwin’s path. Sight spectacular wildlife as we cruise the Beagle Channel off the coast of Ushuaia.

COST: $9,395
Examining James Joyce and Literary Dublin
SEPTEMBER 13 TO 21, 2016 (9 DAYS)

A portrait of the artist… The second installment of our popular literary seminar series that began with T.S. Eliot in 2014 continues with this in-depth study of James Joyce, along with other literary titans from the Emerald Isle.

Ulysses explained… William M. Chace, who has been teaching English literature for more than four decades, will guide us through the complex works and the stories behind Joyce’s masterpieces—in the very settings that inspired them. …and Dubliners revisited. Following intensive classroom discussions, explore Ireland’s dynamic capital, including the Dublin Writers Museum, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the James Joyce Centre where our exclusive farewell dinner recreates the meal described in Joyce’s short story, “The Dead.”

COST: $7,195

Paris, London and Berlin
SEPTEMBER 18 TO 30, 2016 (13 DAYS)

A fresh perspective. Gain a deeper view of these three great capitals of Europe in this brilliant juxtaposition of their extraordinary cultural, historical, culinary and commercial riches. In good hands. Our faculty leader, historian Bob Hamrdla, ’59, MA ’64, who has guided Stanford alumni around Europe for more than 50 years, provides the enlightenment. A feast for the eyes and mind. Visit Paris’ reopened Picasso museum, the WWII spy center at Bletchley Park, and the reopened Imperial Museum in London, in addition to stunning palaces such as Cecilienhof in Potsdam. Road trip. Venture outside Paris on an optional pre-trip extension to see the opulent palace of Versailles and Monet’s iconic Giverny followed by a trip to Normandy for an in-depth exploration of WWII history.

COST: $10,995

Voyage on the Black Sea
SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 6, 2016 (12 DAYS)

Luxurious ship, exotic ports. Sail from Istanbul to colorful ports of call in Turkey, Georgia, Ukraine and Bulgaria while enjoying the numerous amenities of the state-of-the-art Island Sky, and delve into the history, art and current political climate of the region along the way. Peer through the centuries. View the fabulous cache of Thracian gold in Varna, Bulgaria, and the 15th-century frescoes of Trabzon’s cliff-hanging Sumela Monastery in Turkey. Trace the footsteps of Tsarist sailors on the Potemkin Steps in Odessa, Ukraine, and explore the captivating Georgian capital of Tbilisi. Black Sea nations explained. Professor James Sheehan, ’58, sheds some light on how these culturally varied countries whose shores line the Black Sea have coexisted for thousands of years.

COST: from $8,990
Marco Polo Expedition
OCTOBER 2 TO 23, 2016 (22 DAYS)

The 24-year journey. Venetian Marco Polo’s epic, decades-long trip to the Far East in the 13th century paved the way for trade and travel between the Orient and Europe. Retrace Polo’s steps to destinations just as exotic today as they were 750 years ago. Along the way faculty leader Scott Pearson will discuss both current and historic periods of Turkey, Iran and China.

A rich cornucopia of sounds, smells and spectacular sights. Ponder Polo’s disappointment in not seeing Noah’s Ark at Mt. Ararat in Turkey; explore the bustling city of Tabriz in Iran, capital of the Mongol Ilkhanate Empire in Polo’s time; and take in the famous Sunday market in the Silk Road city of Kashgar in China. Marco Polo was here. Wonder at the ancient Buddhist art in the nearly 500 Mogao Caves on the edge of China’s Taklamakan Desert.

COST: $15,995

Southern Italy and the Amalfi Coast
OCTOBER 4 TO 14, 2016 (11 DAYS)

A road less traveled. Experience an authentic way of life, away from the crowds, with visits to some lesser-known gems in southern Italy. Trulli spectacular! Be awed by Alberobello’s fascinating 1,500 trulli—fairy tale-like stone structures found only in this region. Be a cave dweller. Explore the amazing hill town of Matera, known for its churches and dwellings carved into the rock, and stay in a fabulous new kind of hotel housed in the grottoes. From ancient treasures... Observe the evocative ruins of Pompeii and Paestum. ...to current events. Discuss contemporary Italian and European politics with faculty leader, Roberto D’Alimonte. Cliffhanger ending. Marvel at the picturesque villages perched on the cliffs of the world-famous Amalfi Coast.

COST: approx. $7,995

Hudson River
OCTOBER 6 TO 15, 2016 (10 DAYS)

I’ll take Manhattan. Spend two nights in New York City, visiting some of its iconic places, such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the 21 Club, and attending a hot Broadway show. Pick a topic, any topic. Travel aboard the American Glory with two of Travel/Study’s most beguiling faculty leaders, Wanda and Joe Corn, who love to expound on American art, American history, technology and political science. Moguls’ mansions. Visit the estates of two families that have left an indelible mark on American history: the Rock efellers’ Kykuit Estate, home to four generations of their family, and Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt’s Georgian Federal Revival house at Hyde Park. Ten-hut! Visit West Point and learn about its history and its present-day role as the nation’s foremost military academy.

COST: from approx. $8,995
Opus Mediterraneo

OCTOBER 7 TO 17, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Rhapsody on the blue. Cruise from Nice east to several cities on the Italian coast and back while enjoying musical performances both ashore and aboard our luxury three-masted sailing vessel, Le Ponant. Past perfect. Joining us are Stanford history professor Aron Rodrigue who regales us about the history of the region and violinist Kai Kight, ’14, who delights us with innovative musical works aboard ship. In the abstract. At the Maeght Foundation in delightful St.-Paul-de-Vence, view its impressive early modern art collection that includes works by such cubists and fauvists as Braque, Chagall, Miró and Picasso. Old as dirt. Explore several major Etruscan and Roman archaeological sites, including Populonia, Sperlonga, Ostia Antica, Tarquinia and Pompeii.

Cost: from $9,695

Japan and China by Sea

OCTOBER 12 TO 26, 2016 (15 DAYS)

Howdy, neighbor! Experience the contrasts of these two fascinating countries on a voyage aboard the elegant L’Austral that highlights both sides of the East China Sea. A perfect pairing. Gain a deeper understanding of the history, traditions, culture and religions we encounter on our journey through discussions with Japanese history professor, Peter Duus. Gardens galore. Discover the important and inspiring role nature plays in both cultures and reflect on the different ways each country strives to integrate the natural world into daily life. Tea time. Drive through tea plantations, visit historic tea houses, participate in a traditional tea ceremony and contemplate it all over a pot of tea at the end of the day. Imperial capital. Explore Kyoto on an optional pre-tour extension.

Cost: from approx. $9,990

Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand

OCTOBER 13 TO 26, 2016 (14 DAYS)

Singapore bling. Learn from development economics expert Dr. Ashok Khanna, MA ’75, MBA ’75, PhD ’82, of how Singapore ended up with the world’s highest percentage of millionaires—and some of the world’s most avid shoppers! Strait and narrow. Visit one of the world’s most important shipping lanes—the Strait of Malacca, ruled over the centuries in turn by Malays, Chinese, Portuguese Dutch and the British. Malaysian mix. Relax at a beach resort on Langkawi Island, learn about local culture in historic Penang, and visit ultra-modern Kuala Lumpur and its tall twin Petronus Towers. It’s a Thai. When choosing between Bangkok’s temples and palaces and its lively food scene, there’s no contest. They’re all winners we’ll have a chance to sample!

Cost: approx. $7,595
East Indies Expedition
OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 6, 2016 (18 DAYS)
Treasure islands. Cruise aboard the Coral Discoverer with faculty leader Buzz Thompson, ’72, MBA ’76, JD ’76, and Joel Simon, ’74, BS ’74, MS ’77, to explore some of the 18,000+ islands that make up the Indonesian Archipelago. New kid on the block. Visit the first new sovereign state of the 21st century—Portuguese-speaking East Timor—one of only two predominantly Catholic nations in Asia. Discovery channel. Snorkel and kayak in the Alor-Pantar Strait, rated as one of the archipelago’s best locations for snorkeling. Here be dragons. Pay a visit to Komodo National Park, home to the komodo dragon that can grow up to 10 feet long. Monkey business. At the Camp Leakey Research Station, learn of the efforts to save Borneo’s orangutans and enjoy the rare opportunity to observe them in their natural habitat.
COST: from $14,495

Voyage to the Antarctic
OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 7, 2016 (19 DAYS)
It’s good to be king. View a sweeping landscape of some 150,000 pairs of king penguins roaming about with faculty leader Rob Dunbar. Georgia on my mind. View seals, penguins and albatrosses, and glaciers, fjords and other geological stunners on South Georgia Island, crown jewel of the Antarctic. Blithe spirit. Cruise the Scotia Sea from the Falkland Islands across the polar front aboard our all-suite, luxury expedition vessel, the Sea Spirit. Timing is everything. During a narrow early-summer window, make landings at albatross, penguin and elephant seal breeding sites that’ll be inaccessible later in the year. A whale of a time. Look for fin, minke and southern right whales, and visit the South Georgia Museum at Grytviken, a once-active whaling station.
COST: from $15,195

India: The Desert Kingdom of Rajasthan
OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 12, 2016 (16 DAYS)
A fair to remember. With faculty leader Linda Hess, visit the usually sleepy town of Pushkar that explodes with excitement and celebration during its annual five-day mela (fair) that draws camel traders, fortune tellers and Hindu pilgrims from across the subcontinent. Pichola perfect. Take a boat ride past stately Rajput-era palaces and ghats (steps) on Udaipur’s Lake Pichola, the one of five scenic lakes that gives the city its nickname, Venice of the East. Golden oldie. Explore medieval Jaisalmer, known as “the golden city” for the reflection of the desert sun on its yellow sandstone walls. Hold down the fort. Walk through Jaipur’s Amber Fort, a bastion of Rajput power with elaborate rooms and courtyards and perched on a high plateau.
COST: approx. $10,395
Unseen Japan

NOVEMBER 5 TO 18, 2016 (14 DAYS)

Hand-tailored. In the company of faculty leader Thomas Fingar, MA ’69, PhD ’77, see sites that many tourists bypass on a special itinerary created just for Travel/Study. National treasures. Begin our journey in Kyoto visiting several important temples, the Miho Museum designed by I.M. Pei and Nara, the capital of Japan from 710 to 784, An Island of Art. Stay on Naoshima Island to experience its modern art museums, architecture and sculptures. August 6, 1945. In Hiroshima, visit the moving memorials and reflect on the day the U.S. dropped the atomic bomb on the city. Slow down. In the hot springs resort town of Beppu, overnight at a traditional Japanese inn. Speed up. Experience one of the busiest cities in the world on an optional post-tour extension in Tokyo.

COST: in development

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The Persian Gulf

NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 9, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Anything you can Dubai can do better. Whether it’s the world’s tallest tower, the planet’s only indoor ski slope or a palm tree-shaped housing development in the middle of the sea, Dubai builds it bigger, better and flashier than everybody else. The shipping news. With faculty leader Abbas Milani, cruise aboard the Island Sky from the UAE to Qatar, Bahrain and Oman—four “Arabian” countries that are striking in their diversity. Behind the veil. Learn about Islam’s rich traditions at Doha’s I.M. Pei-designed Museum of Islamic Art, Abu Dhabi’s Sheikh Zayed Mosque (third-largest in the world), Bahrain’s Beit al-Qur’an Museum and Muscat’s Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. Black gold. Take an optional drive across the 16-mile-long King Fahd Causeway from Bahrain to Saudi Arabia’s Aramco oil compound.

COST: from approx. $8,995

South Africa Family Adventure

DECEMBER 19 TO 30, 2016 (12 DAYS)

Where the wild things are. Visit an ostrich farm and a cheetah center and explore some of South Africa’s finest wildlife preserves and parks. Travel to the Grootbos and Sabi Sabi private game reserves for some spectacular safari-going in these diverse wildlife habitats, keeping an eye out for the “Big Five”: elephant, rhinoceros, lion, leopard and buffalo. Cape Town’s ups and downs. Accompanied by faculty leader Joel Samoff, we visit iconic Table Mountain, the infamous District 6 and Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. Camaraderie and cabernet. Kids get to meet their peers at a local school and adults can sample local wines at a winery that has been producing wines since the late 17th century.

COST: $9,595 adults; $8,595 kids (ages 8–18)
2017 SNEAK PEEK

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Antarctica Expedition
JANUARY 5 TO 26, 2017 (22 DAYS)

Carpe diem. Cross the Great White Continent off that bucket list when embarking on our peerless expedition aboard the deluxe Ocean Diamond to the Antarctic Peninsula that includes the remote Falkland Islands and wild South Georgia, snow-topped peaks and a wonderland of glaciers. Tuxes and tails as far as the eye can see. Meander along beaches carpeted with hundreds of thousands of king, chinstrap and Gentoo penguins, whose undeveloped fear of human contact allows us to get up close and personal. A classroom on ice. Learn from a team of expert naturalists about the wildlife, geology and fragile climate of Antarctica. In Ernest Shackleton’s footsteps. Retrace the route of the one of the greatest polar explorations—and trials of human endurance—ever recorded.

COST: from $17,980

Vietnam by Sea
JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 15, 2017 (16 DAYS)

The journey of 1,000 miles begins with a single step. From elegant Hanoi, cruise southward on the 65-passenger Coral Discoverer along the 1,000-mile-long coast of Vietnam, stopping to discover the World Heritage sites of historic Hue, charming Hoi An and scenic Halong Bay. Good morning, Vietnam. Traveling by ship, we awaken each morning in a new locale. Enjoy a bicycle ride through emerald rice fields, buy silks in the centers where they are woven, photograph vibrant markets and take a cruise down the Perfume River. Living history. Explore more recent history on stops at the Hoa Lo Prison, the DMZ at the 17th parallel, the Viet Cong tunnels near Vinh Moc and the Presidential Palace in Ho Chi Minh City. Optional pre-trip extension to Cambodia’s Angkor Wat.

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The Nile
FEBRUARY 16 TO MARCH 2, 2017 (15 DAYS)
We’re #1! Be among the first American travelers to return to Egypt, once again stable and welcoming. Mummy’s boy. View treasures at the very tomb of King Tutankhamun and the rest of the extensive collection at Cairo’s Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Rollin’ on the river. On our seven-night Nile cruise aboard the intimate and luxurious 30-passenger Sun Boat III, explore Luxor, Aswan and the great temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo. In lone splendor. Much as the statues of Pharaoh Ramesses II and Queen Nefertari sit in peaceful repose at Abu Simbel, explore Egypt in relative quiet—before tourists return en masse. Walk like an Egyptian. Learn how ordinary Egyptians feel about the massive changes that have taken place in their country since the 2011 Revolution.

COST: in development

Cuba by Sea
FEBRUARY 22 TO MARCH 4, 2017 (11 DAYS)
Crucero Caribeño. Sail from Santiago de Cuba, birthplace of the Cuban Revolution, to the capital city of Havana aboard the luxury yacht, Le Ponant, stopping en route at the colonial towns of Cienfuegos and Trinidad. Hasta la victoria, siempre! With faculty leader Scott Pearson, visit the landing beach of the Bay of Pigs invasion and get the Cuban side of the story at the Playa Girón Museum. Calling Bogie & Bacall. On Cuba’s own Key Largo, a postcard-perfect white sand islet known as Cayo Largo del Sur, learn of conservation efforts at a sea turtle breeding center. The real Cuba libre. Explore archaeological sites at Guanahacabibes Peninsula Natural Park, last holdout of pre-Columbian Cuba’s indigenous people against the Spanish conquistadors.

COST: from approx. $11,995

India and Sri Lanka
MARCH 24 TO APRIL 7, 2017 (15 DAYS)
Bollywood dreams. Cruise aboard the Island Sky from Chennai to Mumbai, India’s commercial and entertainment capital—and its most glamorous city. Long in the tooth. Explore Sri Lanka, whose ancient history rivals the subcontinent’s yet is culturally and religiously unique. Visit the 12th-century walled city of Polonnaruwa, take an elephant safari and visit Kandy’s Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic that enshrines what is said to be a holy cuspid of Lord Buddha. Rhymes with Bangalore. Far from the IT-induced frenzy of a similar-sounding city, coastal Mangalore is home to the St. Lawrence Shrine, a place of worship open to all, irrespective of caste or creed. Portuguese charm. Sample the special flavors of Goa, with its Portuguese colonial buildings and “Catholic” cuisine.

COST: from approx. $11,995
Japan by Sea
APRIL 13 TO 26, 2017 (14 DAYS)

Permission to come aboard. The deluxe Caledonian Sky is the perfect base for our journey through this nation of many islands.

Memoirs of a geisha. Gain insight into a mysterious and little-understood world from a guest lecture by a former geisha and current proprietress of a geisha house, followed by a performance. Feel the rhythm. Give taiko drumming a try at a workshop with world-famous Kodo drummers in their studio on remote Sado Island and observe how traditional performing arts are being preserved and reinterpreted. Opt in! Enrich the trip with a menu of excursion options. Visit a peace memorial or an automobile factory, a giant Buddha or a tea plantation, a Zen rock garden or a hotel.

COST: from approx. $9,990

Opus Mediterraneo
MAY 7 TO 17, 2017 (11 DAYS)

Music to our ears! As we drop anchor at historic ports around the Tyrrhenian Sea from Agropoli south of Naples to Corsica and Genoa in the north, enjoy musical performances both aboard our sailing ship, Le Ponant, and at private venues on land. All things Puccini. From the port of Livorno, visit composer Giacomo Puccini’s birthplace in Lucca, then the villa where he lived in nearby Torre del Lago. Echoes of the ancients. Be awed by the well-preserved temples in Paestum; discover the palaces of seldom-visited Turin, home to the famous Holy Shroud; and stroll around Viterbo with its wealth of medieval buildings, churches and Renaissance art. A true “île de France”… that actually is an island, not an inland French region or a legendary ship. After docking in Porto Vecchio, spend a day exploring on Corsica.

COST: in development

Southern Africa aboard Rovos Rail
JULY 2017 (15 DAYS)

Colonial courtliness. Experience bygone eras with stays at Cape Town’s rose-hued Mount Nelson Hotel; aboard the Edwardian Rovos Rail luxury train; and at the stately Victoria Falls Hotel. Dem bones. Visit the Cradle of Humankind, a World Heritage site, to learn about Homo naledi, the most recent purported hominin discovery. Long walk to freedom. Visit Robben Island where Nelson Mandela spent most of his 27 years as a prisoner. Dr. Livingstone, I presume. Follow in the footsteps of the Scottish missionary/explorer, cruising up the Zambezi River to Victoria Falls. Wild things. Go on safari in South Africa’s Kruger National Park, Zimbabwe’s Hwange National Park and Botswana’s Chobe National Park, home to the largest concentration of game in all of Africa.

COST: in development
The Baltics under Sail
JULY 28 TO AUGUST 9, 2017 (13 DAYS)

Uploaded to the Cloud. Sail across the Baltic Sea from Denmark to Sweden with Herant Katchadourian aboard the Sea Cloud II, stopping in Latvia, Estonia, Russia and Finland along the way. There ain’t nothin’ like a Dane.
Visit Copenhagen’s National Museum of Denmark with its chronological exhibition that traces 340 years of Danish history.

Hot cat on a tin roof. At Riga’s Cat House, gaze at the rooftop sculptures of angry cats with their tails defiantly turned toward the Town Hall!
The sound of music. Attend a private choir concert in Tallinn, birthplace of the Singing Revolution during which Estonians sang their demand for freedom to the USSR.
More than meatballs. Savor a new sort of smorgasbord at a cooking demonstration of nouveau Scandinavian cuisine in Helsinki.

COST: from approx. $7,990

Alaska Family Adventure
JULY 29 TO AUGUST 5, 2017 (8 DAYS)

Glaciers, whales and bears, oh my! Explore Alaska’s Inside Passage amid some of the most spectacular scenery in North America with a staff of expert naturalists. In Juneau, our families board the nimble 62-passenger Sea Bird expedition ship that then wends its way through protected waters among tiny, spruce-carpeted islands and along the main coast. Meet the locals. Watch for brown and black bears, bald eagles, orcas, sea lions and more as we cruise the tranquil waters. Join fellow Stanford families on deck to watch humpback whales get their fill of krill in the waters of Frederick Sound, a prime feeding area.
Natural wonders. Spend an entire glorious day exploring the coves, fjords, tidewater glaciers and majestic mountains of Glacier Bay National Park.

COST: in development

The Amazon and Machu Picchu
SEPTEMBER 5 TO 17, 2017 (13 DAYS)

An archaeology superstar. Our faculty leader, Professor John Rick has been conducting research in Peru for decades. He will illuminate the history of some of Peru’s most enigmatic ruins. The numbers are impressive. Marvel at the Amazon River, second-largest river in the world and the largest in water volume, carrying one-fifth of the world’s fresh water to the oceans and providing a steady supply of nutrients to the most biodiverse rain forest on the planet.
High standards. Cruise aboard the custom-designed Aria Amazon that boasts five-star cabins and cuisine, and stay in top-rated hotels in Cuzco and near Machu Picchu.
Magical mystery tour. Enjoy an opportunity to experience the citadel of Machu Picchu, a mystical, awe-inspiring, hidden gem.

COST: in development
Papua New Guinea Expedition
OCTOBER 13 TO 27, 2017 (15 DAYS)

It’s good to be king. Cruise in luxury aboard the intimate Coral Discoverer that has its own fleet of excursion vehicles: a glass-bottom boat; Zodiacs; and the Xplorer for land excursions and snorkeling and diving adventures. Up close and personal. Snorkel or dive in the spectacular Kimbe Bay, one of the world’s most diverse and unspoiled coral reef systems, and explore Crown Island, a prime turtle nesting site. Bien there, done that. Travel from the mouth of the mighty Sepik River up to Bien, a small, colorful village populated by some of the greatest primitive artists in the world. Two terrific add-ons. Pre-trip, travel to the Daintree Rain Forest and the Great Barrier Reef, or post-trip, stay at the Ambua Lodge in PNG’s highlands.

COST: in development

Under Sail in the Western Mediterranean
OCTOBER 17 TO 26, 2017 (10 DAYS)

A sailing ship par excellence! Travelling with popular faculty leader Scott Pearson aboard the majestic, three-masted sailing yacht, Le Ponant, drop anchor at a dazzling array of island and mainland ports of the Western Mediterranean. A United Nations of islands. Discover the fascinating past and charming present of France’s Corsica, view remnants of many layers of history on Italy’s Sardinia, and stop at Menorca’s main town to see its unique mix of architectural styles and to experience firsthand why Spain’s Balearic Islands are so loved. Mainland masterpieces. Plying the coasts of Spain and France, visit ancient Roman ruins, art museums, a Catalan monastery, and a medieval old town—a cultural feast for the eyes and the mind!

COST: in development

Tahiti to Easter Island
NOVEMBER 3 TO 22, 2017 (20 DAYS)

A winter escape awaits. Sail amid a tropical paradise replete with ocean breezes fragrant with flowers, azure lagoons framed by palm-fanned beaches and warm smiles from island inhabitants. A crash course on island ecology? Don’t mind atoll! Learn from faculty leader Rob Dunbar and a team of expert naturalists as we explore islands, atolls and archipelagos—both on land and under the sea. Resort cruising at its best. Enjoy an unparalleled travel experience cruising and relaxing in style aboard the all-suite Caledonian Sky. Quench that thirst for adventure. Travel to remote places few visit: set foot on rugged Pitcairn Island, witness the amazing bird life of uninhabited Henderson and Ducie Islands, and drop anchor at enigmatic Easter Island to gape at the massive moai statues that famously dot its landscape.

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- Galápagos Expedition 7/13–7/23
- Mediterranean Family Adventure 7/26–8/6
- Iceland to Greenland 7/27–8/11
- Canadian Rockies 7/28–8/3

#### AUGUST 2016
- Borneo 8/5–8/16
- Cape Town to Cairo 8/18–9/6
- Eastern England Walk 8/28–9/9
- Focus: Istanbul 8/31–9/8

#### SEPTEMBER 2016
- Yunnan and Tibet 9/1–9/20
- Oxford and the Cotswolds 9/2–9/13
- Patagonia Field Seminar 9/9–9/25
- Examining James Joyce and Literary Dublin 9/13–9/21
- Paris, London and Berlin 9/18–9/30
- Voyage on the Black Sea 9/25–10/6

#### OCTOBER 2016
- Marco Polo Expedition 10/2–10/23
- Southern Italy and the Amalfi Coast 10/4–10/14
- Hudson River 10/6–10/15
- Opus Mediterraneo 10/7–10/17
- Japan and China by Sea 10/12–10/26
- Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand 10/13–10/28
- East Indies Expedition 10/20–11/6
- Voyage to the Antarctic 10/20–11/7
- India: The Desert Kingdom of Rajasthan 10/28–11/12

#### NOVEMBER 2016
- Unseen Japan 11/5–11/18
- The Persian Gulf 11/29–12/9

#### DECEMBER 2016
- South Africa Family Adventure 12/19–12/30

#### JANUARY 2017
- Antarctica Expedition 1/5–1/26
- Vietnam by Sea 1/31–2/15

#### FEBRUARY 2017
- The Nile 2/16–3/2
- Cuba by Sea 2/22–3/4

#### MARCH 2017
- India and Sri Lanka 3/24–4/7

#### APRIL 2017
- Japan by Sea 4/13–4/26

#### MAY 2017
- Opus Mediterraneo 5/7–5/17

#### JULY 2017
- Southern Africa aboard Rovos Rail TBD
- The Balticcs under Sail 7/28–8/9
- Alaska Family Adventure 7/29–8/5

#### SEPTEMBER 2017
- The Amazon and Machu Picchu 9/5–9/17

#### OCTOBER 2017
- Papua New Guinea Expedition 10/13–10/27
- Under Sail in the Western Mediterranean 10/17–10/26
- The World Less Known: Expedition by Private Jet 10/20–11/13

#### NOVEMBER 2017
- Tahiti to Easter Island 11/3–11/22

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### 2017 Travel Timeline

**WINTER 2015/SPRING 2016**
- Announce the trips.

**NINE MONTHS BEFORE**
- Finalize details, send brochures and provide travel info to all confirmed travelers.

**FOUR MONTHS BEFORE**
- Receive final payments and (very likely) a few cancellations—we’ll let you know!

**WE’LL DO THIS**
- Put down a deposit and secure a spot. Really! Do it. These trips fill up fast.

**SO YOU CAN DO THIS!**
- See? Flights are already getting booked. Sign up now! If the trip is sold out, get on the wait list.

**WINTER 2015/SPRING 2016**
- Get excited! If you’re still on the wait list, stay hopeful.

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