SOUTHEAST ASIA ON THE EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS

Bangkok to Bali

February 2 to 14, 2016

a program of the stanford alumni association
Like many of you, I’ve always had a fascination with trains and the romantic age of rail travel when one could pack a trunk and traverse foreign landscapes in exquisite surroundings. Southeast Asia has long been a favorite destination of Stanford travelers, and Travel/Study has organized dozens of programs to this fascinating—and beautiful—part of the world over the years. And what better way to traverse the Thai-Malay peninsula than aboard the luxurious Eastern & Oriental Express?

Add to this unique experience the chance to explore the rich cultural treasures of Bangkok, Singapore and Bali while staying in some of the most sumptuous hotels in all three locations and you might just have the perfect classic journey. I hope you can join us!

— Brett Thompson

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

Highlights

**REVEL** in the golden age of travel aboard the exquisitely appointed Eastern & Oriental Express on a 1,255-mile-long train journey down the Thai-Malay peninsula.

**DISCOVER** the tranquil temples and royal palaces of Siamese kings in Bangkok and Thailand’s former capital of Ayuthaya.

**ADMIRE** the glittering metropolis of Singapore and discover the serene interior of the city’s oldest Fukien temple in the heart of its Chinatown.

**SAVOR** the sights and sounds of Ubud’s exotic market and learn about life and ritual in a Balinese village.

COVER AND BELOW: RICE TERRACES, BALI
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Reservation Form

I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them.
Signature _________________________________________________________

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:
 [ ] I wish to have single accommodations.
 OR [ ] I plan to share accommodations with __________________________
 OR [ ] I’d like to know about possible roommates.

Bed Preference: [ ] Twin Beds [ ] Queen Bed

Category Preference: 1st choice: _____________________________________
2nd choice: ________

Please note that cabins onboard the Eastern & Oriental Express have only twin beds.

Here is my deposit of $________ ($1,000 per person) for ______ space(s).

[ ] Enclosed is my check (make payable to Stanford Alumni Association) OR
[ ] Charge my deposit to my: [ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard [ ] American Express

CARD # ________ EXP ________

AUTHORIZED CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE ________ DATE ________

Mail completed form to address on mail panel or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?bali2016. Please submit your reservation only once to avoid multiple charges to your account.

Faculty Leader

THOMAS FINGAR, MA ’69, PHD ’77, is the Oksenberg-Rohlen Distinguished Fellow and Senior Scholar at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. Between 1975 and 1986 he held a number of positions at Stanford before moving to the State Department as chief of the China Division. He began to study Southeast Asia at Cornell in the mid-1960s and focused on it more intensively as director of the State Department’s Office of Analysis for East Asia and the Pacific from 1989 to 1994. He returned to Stanford in 2009 after a 23-year career in Washington that included service as Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research and chairman of the National Intelligence Council.

— Payne Distinguished Lecturer, Stanford University, 2009
— Served as the first deputy director of National Intelligence for Analysis and, concurrently, as chairman of the National Intelligence Council, 2005–2008
— BA, government and history, Cornell University
— MA and PhD, political science, Stanford University
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 & 3
DEPART U.S. / BANGKOK, THAILAND
Fly independently to Bangkok, crossing the international date line en route.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4
BANGKOK
Arrive in Thailand’s bustling capital city and transfer to our landmark hotel, located on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. This evening gather for a welcome reception and dinner at our hotel. PENINSULA HOTEL (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5
BANGKOK
Explore this dynamic city, beginning with a local boat cruise on the Chao Phraya River, where daily life can be observed up close. Visit the Grand Palace, former residence of Siamese kings and a stunning example of their ancient architecture and art forms. Explore the Palace’s numerous areas, including the Throne Hall, Royal Guest House and Wat Phra Keo, which houses the Emerald Buddha, Thailand’s most sacred religious image. Continue by tuk tuk (motorized rickshaw) to Wat Po, oldest and largest of Bangkok’s temples, featuring a colossal reclining Buddha. Enjoy a lunch of Thai specialties at the famed Blue Elephant restaurant, then spend the afternoon at leisure. This evening enjoy dinner and a performance of traditional Thai dance at a riverfront pavilion across from our hotel. PENINSULA HOTEL (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6
AYUTHAYA / BANGKOK
Board a local boat for a relaxing cruise to Ayuthaya, the country’s former capital, founded in 1350. Disembark and explore Bang Pa In, the former summer palace of King Rama V and a quaint mixture of European and Thai architecture. Continue to Ayuthaya’s ancient ruins, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Conclude our excursion with a visit to a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and humane treatment of Asian elephants. Come face to face with these gentle creatures and learn about efforts to increase their numbers in the wild. PENINSULA HOTEL (B,L)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7
BANGKOK / EMBARK EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS
After a morning at leisure, visit the Jim Thompson House and Museum, a complex of traditional teak buildings built to house the artifacts and collections of James Thompson, the flamboyant American expatriate who revived the Thai silk industry. Then transfer to the Bangkok railway station and embark the Eastern & Oriental Express, our home for the next three nights. Enjoy an elegant dinner served in the dining car as our train leaves the city and travels into the Thai countryside. EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

MONDAY & TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 & 9
THAI-MALAY PENINSULA
Enjoy two full days in the countryside as our train makes its way south through Thailand and Malaysia, past scenes of peaceful villages and water buffalo grazing in rice fields. Visit the original “bridge on the River Kwai” by boarding a local raft and cruising amid the lush greenery of the Kwai Yai River. Learn about the history of the Thailand-Burma Railway and explore a local museum and cemetery. In Malaysia, stop at the colonial town of George Town, capital of Penang, where we explore pre-World War II-era mosques and temples and browse through colorful shops in the bustling bazaars. EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
SINGAPORE / DISEMBARK
After our last breakfast onboard, our train crosses the Straits of Johor and we disembark in Singapore. Enjoy a tour of this glittering metropolis, beginning at Merlion Park and Esplanade Bridge. Board a coach for a
driving tour through the Civic District and past the Cricket Club, Parliament House, Supreme Court and City Hall. Then visit Thian Hock Keng, the oldest and most important Fukien temple in Singapore, located in the city’s Chinatown. Check in to our deluxe hotel and enjoy the rest of the day and evening independently. MANDARIN ORIENTAL (B)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
BALI, INDONESIA / JIMBARAN
This morning, fly from Singapore to Bali—for many, the embodiment of paradise. A unique blend of Hindu ritual and reverence for nature underlies the rich traditions and peaceful way of life on this island gem. Upon arrival, transfer to our luxurious seaside resort in Jimbaran and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. JIMBARAN PURI BALI RESORT (B)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12
BALI
Experience the daily life of the Balinese as we are invited into a traditional village. Learn the process of planting rice, visit with a spiritual healer and engage in conversation with children at a local school. After a lunch of Indonesian specialties, visit an artisan’s village and learn about Bali’s rich arts-and-crafts traditions from local artists and woodcarvers. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. JIMBARAN PURI BALI RESORT (B,L)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
BALI
This morning, explore Tampak Siring, a holy spring and purification temple whose bathing pools have been used by the Balinese for over a thousand years to promote good health and prosperity. Continue to a small rain forest for encounters with monkeys and other wildlife. Conclude the day with a visit to the famed artisan market of Ubud, a colorful and exotic display of Bali’s rich arts and crafts, fruits, spices and more. After lunch at a local restaurant, return to our resort for an afternoon at leisure. This evening celebrate the end of our journey with a festive farewell reception and dinner at our hotel. JIMBARAN PURI BALI RESORT (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
BALI / U.S.
After breakfast at our resort, transfer to the airport and board international flights home. (B)
Eastern & Oriental Express

Revel in the golden age of travel aboard the *Eastern & Oriental Express*. This exquisite train features three different levels of sleeping compartments: Pullman Cabins, State Cabins and Presidential Suites (available on request and subject to availability). During the day, all cabins are configured as sitting lounges with banquette-style sofas that are converted by train staff to twin-sized beds at night. (Note that Pullman Cabin beds have an upper and lower berth.) Interior walls are elegantly crafted in cherry wood and elm burr paneling and adorned with decorative marquetry and intricate inlays. Every cabin is fully air-conditioned with private, en suite facilities (shower, wash basin and toilet). Large picture windows offer excellent views of the passing scenery from the comfort of one’s own private lounge. A breakfast of pastries, fruit, coffee and juice is delivered to every cabin each morning, while a tantalizing array of dishes made of fresh seasonal ingredients is served at gourmet lunches and dinners in the two restaurant cars, each lavishly decorated with rosewood and elm paneling. Retreat to the observation car at the rear of the train for cocktails and open-air views of the surrounding countryside.

### Program Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double or single occupancy as noted.

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*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

**Single accommodations may be limited to as few as two cabins.
DATES
February 2 to 14, 2016 (13 days)

SIZE
This program can accommodate 33 participants. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability. Please note that the Eastern & Oriental Express has a capacity for 138 passengers. Excursions before and after our rail trip, lectures and special programming will be exclusive to Stanford participants.

INCLUDED
7 nights of 5-star hotel accommodations in Bangkok, Singapore and Bali ■ 3-night journey aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express ■ 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 6 dinners ■ Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions ■ Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and train crew for all group activities ■ All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary ■ Flight from Singapore to Bali on 2/11 ■ 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, map 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 from San Francisco to Bangkok with return from Bali is approximately $1,800 as of April 2015 and is subject to change without notice.

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this program to be moderately strenuous. Excursions in the cities before and after our rail trip and on the island of Bali involve one to three miles of walking, sometimes over uneven and unpaved terrain. In most instances, such as in museums and temples and at ancient ruins, guided tours require climbing up and down several flights of stairs where steps may be steep, uneven and without handrails; elevators are generally not available except in our hotels. These busy days are contrasted with the relaxed pace aboard the train, where travelers will have ample opportunity to take in the beautiful scenery from the comfort of their cabins. Embarking and disembarking the train will require stepping up and down several steep steps, and participants should feel comfortable walking through and between rocking rail cars while the train is in motion. 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 space for this program. Complete and return the attached reservation form or sign up online. 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 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. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

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. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. Information offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you postmark your insurance payment within 14 days of the date listed on the welcome letter.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. Families and trip 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 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. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that 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 price is based on rates in effect in April 2015 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.

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The Eastern & Oriental Express was my favorite place and event. It was very elegant; service was special and personal. Seeing the towns and countryside from the comfort of the train was better than I imagined.

WRENNA SCOTTON, BANGKOK TO BALI, 2014