EAST INDIES EXPEDITION

A VOYAGE FROM AUSTRALIA TO INDONESIA

October 20 to November 6, 2016
Few places in the world are as geologically and culturally diverse as the remote islands of eastern Indonesia. With volcanic peaks, lush rain forests, rocky coastlines and traditional villages, plus a profusion of rare animals, marine life and incomparable coral reefs for underwater exploring, this little-traveled region offers experiences unequalled anywhere else. There’s no better way to explore these fascinating islands than by small expedition ship, and the Coral Discoverer is the perfect ship for this adventure. Join us as we ply the waters of the Indonesian archipelago and luxuriate in the sun, sea and sand, snorkeling and scuba diving, on Stanford’s first-ever cruise from Darwin to Bali.

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

Highlights

SNORKEL or dive among the colorful coral reefs of the Alor-Pantar Strait, sharing the sparkling waters with thousands of exotic tropical fish.

PEER from the rim of the Kelimutu volcano’s caldera into its three crater lakes with their vivid individual hues of blue, green and red.

OBSERVE up close the endangered orangutans of Borneo and learn about the concerted efforts to preserve their habitat.

ATTEND a ceremonial horseback battle between clans; historically, the spears fertilized the rice fields with the blood of the injured.
"As with all the many Stanford trips I’ve been on, the professors, staff and traveling companions have contributed to spectacular adventures."

MARTA PERY MACKENZIE, ’59, STANFORD TRAVELER

STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Stanford Faculty Leaders

BARTON “BUZZ” THOMPSON, BA ’72, MBA ’76, JD ’76, has worked throughout the world to conserve our natural heritage and promote sustainable development. He directs the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, which brings together over 150 faculty from throughout the university to solve global environmental challenges. He also has chaired multiple conservation organizations and foundations and is currently overseeing an interstate water dispute for the United States Supreme Court. An innovative teacher, Professor Thompson combines interdisciplinary perspectives, simulations and on-the-ground experience, including teaching a course on water policy while rafting the Colorado River. His research focuses on the effective management of fresh water, oceans and other natural resources, as well as on land conservation.

JOEL SIMON, AB ’74, BS ’75, MS ’77, has two passions: photography and marine biology. When he was 11, investigations into the content of Southern California tide pools motivated him to build his own scuba gear out of a liter soda bottle, surgical tubing and the gas valve off an old stove. Not long afterwards, he began taking his camera underwater. At Stanford he studied photography under Leo Holub and worked as a photography instructor, photodocumentarian and snorkeling instructor with Stanford Travel/Study for 12 years. A seasoned travel operator, marine biologist and freelance photographer/writer with 30+ years of experience in leading group tours, he has designed and directed educational travel programs on all seven continents, and is a veteran of journeys by land, sea and air in more than 100 countries. He is the president of Sea for Yourself, a tour operator specializing in educational snorkeling programs. Simon has been a popular instructor with Stanford Continuing Studies since 2010.

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KOMODO ISLAND
Itinerary

THURSDAY TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 TO 22
U.S. / DARWIN, AUSTRALIA
Depart the U.S. on Thursday and cross the international date line en route to Darwin, losing a day in transit. Upon arrival in Darwin on Saturday, transfer to our hotel and meet fellow travelers at a welcome reception and dinner. HILTON HOTEL DARWIN (10/22: D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
DARWIN / EMBARK
Depart this morning on a city tour, with visits to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Chinese Temple and botanical gardens. Continue to the East Point Military Precinct, Mooring Basin and the Stokes Hill Wharf to learn about the WWII bombing of Darwin. Then board our ship to begin our Indonesian adventure. CORAL DISCOVERER (B.L.D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
CROSSING THE TIMOR SEA
Cruise north toward the Indonesian archipelago and Pulau Leti while enjoying our ship’s onboard facilities. This afternoon, join our expedition leader and lecturers in the lounge for a presentation on Indonesia. CORAL DISCOVERER (B.L.D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
PULAU LETI, INDONESIA
This morning, go ashore at the island of Pulau Leti to be welcomed by the locals with traditional songs and dancing. Then visit a nearby island to learn about the region’s customs. CORAL DISCOVERER (B.L.D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26
DILI, EAST TIMOR
Today explore the small city of Dili, the capital of East Timor, one of the world’s youngest countries, which gained independence from Indonesia in May of 2002. The city is of Portuguese origin and even today many of its buildings have a distinctly European flavor. We take a tour of the waterfront area, view several Roman Catholic churches and admire the Cristo Rei of Dili, a statue of Jesus that overlooks the city. CORAL DISCOVERER (B.L.D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28
FLORES ISLAND
Drive through scenic countryside to reach the awe-inspiring Kelimutu Volcano, situated in the midst of forest-covered mountains. At the summit of the 5,550-foot volcano are three crater lakes in vivid shades of blue, green and red. Those who wish can hike to the top of the volcano’s caldera to take in the spectacular views. CORAL DISCOVERER (B.L.D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
SUMBA ISLAND
Wake up near the island of Sumba. Travel ashore to Kodi and visit a traditional village where locals still practice the ancient Marapu beliefs. Later, attend a demonstration of West Sumba Pasola horseback fighting. Historically, a battle to celebrate the rice planting season, Pasola involved hundreds of men on horseback from the island’s various clans battling with spears to fertilize the rice fields with the blood of their injured. CORAL DISCOVERER (B.L.D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30
KOMODO ISLAND
Today promises to be an unforgettable wildlife encounter in Komodo National Park, home to one of the world’s oldest creatures, the Komodo Dragon. Travel there aboard our ship’s excursion vessel, Xplorer. Observe several of the dragons up close and learn about their origins during a guided walk through the national park. As we lunch back onboard our ship, cruise to spectacular Pink Beach for an afternoon of marine activities. The pink sand beach is an ideal base for swimming, snorkeling, glass-bottom boat tours and kayaking. CORAL DISCOVERER (B.L.D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31
MOYO ISLAND
Explore rarely visited Moyo Island. The island is lightly inhabited with a population of only about 1,000 inhabitants who live in six small villages of fishermen and farmers. In 1986, Moyo Island became a...
national park in order to conserve and protect its extraordinary vegetation and many animal species. See the island's coral reefs via snorkeling, scuba diving, kayaking or glass-bottom boat tours. CORAL DISCOVERER (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 LOMBOK ISLAND
Our first stop on the idyllic island of Lombok is Matara's Nusa Tenggara Barat Museum, which houses many fine artifacts and displays of island life. Later we board buses for the scenic drive along the spectacular coast to the foot of the 12,000-foot volcano, Mount Rinjani. After a traditional lunch in a local restaurant, take a hike to the impressive Sindang Gila waterfall. On the way, watch for myriad birdlife and monkeys that inhabit the surrounding forest. The energetic may continue hiking to Tiu Kelep waterfall, which offers more breathtaking vistas. CORAL DISCOVERER (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 CROSSING THE JAVA SEA
We spend today at sea enjoying our ship's onboard facilities. Relax on the sun deck with a good book before joining our expedition team in the lounge for an informative presentation on the orangutans of Borneo. CORAL DISCOVERER (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK
This morning we travel ashore to Tanjung Puting National Park in Central Borneo. The park is home to several rare species, including proboscis monkeys, more than 230 species of birds, and its most famous residents, endangered orangutans. Visit the Camp Leakey Research Station, which was established in 1971 by primatologist Dr. Birute Galdikas, and learn of efforts to save the orangutans from extinction. CORAL DISCOVERER (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK
Traveling aboard Xplorer, cruise the rivers of Tanjung Puting National Park and view orangutans in their natural habitat. Silently glide through the forest to feeding stations where we observe these majestic creatures up close. During our exploration we may encounter numerous species of threatened wildlife, including seven species of primates, Malaysian sun bears, wild deer and many varieties of birdlife, including hornbills, deep-forest birds and many wetland species, some critically endangered. Return to our ship and enjoy the captain's farewell reception before dinner on this last night of our journey through the islands of Indonesia. CORAL DISCOVERER (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK / DISEMBARK / BALI
This morning transfer to the local airstrip for our chartered flight to Bali. Upon arrival at Denpasar airport, transfer to our hotel. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before our festive farewell reception and dinner. THE OBEROI BALI (B,D)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 BALI / U.S.
Transfer to the airport for flights home to the U.S., arriving back the same day. (B)

The itinerary is an indication of the destinations we visit and activities offered. While every effort will be made to follow the itinerary we do reserve the right to vary this itinerary to make allowances for seasonal variations, weather, tidal conditions and any other event that may affect the operation of our vessel. The itinerary includes the possibility of interaction with wild animals and this interaction is subject to the presence of wildlife on any given day.

Davidson's Pre-trip Extension
OCTOBER 17 TO 22
Davidson's is set amid a lush wilderness of idyllic billabongs, flood plains, paper bark swamps and the monsoonal rain forests of Australia’s Top End. Enjoy two full days experiencing a variety of activities, including a billabong cruise, wetlands exploration, viewing of rock art and galleries, fishing, four-wheel driving, bird watching or visiting the catacombs. The tours are organized into small groups with rotating activities to make the experiences more personal.

Bali Post-trip Extension
NOVEMBER 6 TO 10
Bid farewell to our fellow travelers and continue to Ubud, an artisan village of wood carvers, painters and silversmiths. Enjoy a private Barong dance, walk through rice fields and local villages, and learn about the Subak irrigation system and the Hindu culture. Visit a local family in Ubud for a peek into their daily life. Stop at Bali Beach, visit Uluwatu Hindu Temple set atop a cliff on the Southern Bali peninsula and explore the evening market at Rumah Bali.

More details will be sent to confirmed travelers.
Coral Discoverer

The recently built Coral Discoverer, formerly Oceanic Discoverer, consists of 36 spacious, modern staterooms that offer a choice of twin or junior king beds. All staterooms have an ocean view, en suite facilities, settee, large wardrobe, desk, luggage storage and individual air-conditioning control. Spacious and finely appointed public areas include a reference library, lecture lounge, purser’s desk, large sun deck, spa pool and two bars. The restaurant offers buffet-style breakfast and lunch service and a three-course table d’hôte dinner service. Menus are “modern Australian,” with the chefs seeking out the freshest of local ingredients to prepare truly memorable dining experiences; all guests are accommodated at a single seating.

The state-of-the-art Coral Discoverer is equipped with the latest technology, active stabilizers, Wi-Fi access and the Xplorer, the ship’s specially designed aluminum expedition vessel used for the majority of our shore excursions.

Program Cost*

Rates per person, based on double or single occupancy, as specified

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*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.
**Single accommodations may be limited to as few as 2 cabins.

Length: 207 feet
Beam: 43 feet
Draft: 10 feet
Speed: 14 knots
Registry: Australia
Date
October 20 to November 6, 2016 (18 days)
Size
Limited to 59 participants. Single accommodations are limited; please call for availability.

Included
2 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations ■ 13-night cruise aboard the Coral Discoverer ■ 15 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 15 dinners ■ Welcome and farewell receptions ■ Bottled or filtered water on excursions ■ Gratuities to guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities ■ All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary ■ Chartered flight from Tanjung Puting National Park to Bali on 11/5 ■ Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days ■ Port fees and embarkation taxes ■ 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 ■ Scuba diving ■ 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 Airlines from San Francisco to Darwin, Australia, and return from Denpasar, Bali, is approximately $1,310 as of July 2015 and is subject to change without notice.

Fuel Costs
In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

What to Expect
We consider this to be a mildly strenuous program. No prior snorkeling experience is needed; however all participants should be comfortable swimming unassisted in open water. No prior experience is needed for scuba diving, but medical clearance is required. There will be ample opportunities to dive, however, the numbers of opportunities may vary depending on one’s prior scuba diving experience. Boarding the ship’s excursion vessel, the Xplorer, is safe and easy; you simply step aboard the vessel from the ship’s Main Deck and Coral Discoverer’s unique hydraulic platform gently lowers the excursion vessel into the water, without your even getting your feet wet. Ashore, you must be able to walk moderate distances unaided, along beaches and sometimes over rough terrain, including steep and sandy trails. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

Deposit & Final Payment
A $2,000-per-person deposit is required to hold your space. A $200-per-person deposit is required to hold space for each of the optional pre- and post-trip extensions. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?eastsidestudies2016 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 are refundable, less a $1,000-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 $2,000-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. A brochure offering such insurance will be provided to U.S. residents with their welcome materials. The product offered in this brochure includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within a specified window: 14 to 21 days of your written confirmation of participation on the trip, depending on your destination and state of residence.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers 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 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 July 2015 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel costs.

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“The entire staff on the Coral Discoverer was absolutely top-notch. We were just plain spoiled by their attention.”

WILLIAM CARLSON, ‘74, SOUTH PACIFIC EXPEDITION, 2015