Alaska Expedition

Natural Wonders of the Inside Passage

June 8 to 16, 2017

a program of the stanford alumni association
A cruise to Alaska was my first trip with Stanford Travel/Study, and being on a small vessel made the trip truly awe-inspiring. I'm delighted, therefore, to invite you to join us on the 36-passenger Alaskan Dream, an exclusive Stanford charter that offers you the opportunity to experience the Inside Passage in the best possible way: exploring rarely visited sites by day and recapping our adventures aboard our ship in the evenings with our faculty leader, Margot Gerritsen, and savvy local naturalists. Ply the waters of Frederick Sound by kayak, and discover Glacier Bay National Park, home to sea lions, mountain goats, whales, bears, and more than 250 species of birds, keeping a close watch for humpback whales in the glacial waters. Learn about the rich cultural heritage of Alaska, as we visit with the local indigenous people, the Tlingit.

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

**Highlights**

- **RELAX** onboard as our ship’s captain changes course to make the most of wildlife sightings.
- **WATCH** massive icebergs calve into the crystal-blue waters of Tracy Arm Fjord and Glacier Bay.
- **GAIN** some perspective of Alaska’s heritage while visiting with a local Tlingit community.
- **KAYAK** the waters of Saginaw and Hobart bays, watching the forested shores for bears, wolves and bald eagles.
MARGOT GERRITSEN, PHD ’97, director of Stanford’s Institute for Computational and Mathematical Engineering and senior associate dean of the School of Earth, Energy & Environmental Sciences, teaches courses in both energy-related topics and advanced computational mathematics for engineers and scientists. Her research focuses on computer simulation and the mathematical analysis of engineering and natural processes, and she specializes in renewable and fossil energy production. Born and raised in the Netherlands, Professor Gerritsen is an avid traveler and active outdoor sportsperson who has recently started preparing for an ascent of Denali. She first became interested in Alaska when, as a wannabe ornithologist, she fell in love with the bald eagle and learned that its largest population was in Alaska. In conducting her work in energy resources, Professor Gerritsen has found Alaska factoring strongly in this area due to its oil, gas and geothermal resources. During her lectures, she will discuss the impacts of climate change on Alaska’s geology, human history, wildlife, energy and sustainability.

- Faculty, department of energy resources engineering, since 2001
- Stanford fellow, 2010–2012
- Oswald G. Villard University Fellow in Undergraduate Education, 2014–present
- Recipient of Richard W. Lyman Award, 2014
- Fellow, Leopold Leadership Program, 2009
- Faculty research fellow, Clayman Institute, 2008–present
- Frederick E. Terman Fellow, 2002–2004
- PhD, scientific computing and computational mathematics, 1997, Stanford University
Itinerary

THURSDAY, JUNE 8
HOME / SITKA, ALASKA
Arrive independently in Sitka, located on the west side of Baranof Island. Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at our hotel. WESTMARK SITKA HOTEL (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 9
SITKA
Discover Sitka’s rich history while visiting the Sheldon Jackson Museum, Russian Bishop’s House and St. Michael’s Cathedral. Stroll through the National Historic Park and Totem Park and learn about the cultural significance of totem poles throughout the state. Later today we board our ship and settle into our cabins. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 10
SAGINAW BAY / KAKE
This morning, after our first lecture, enjoy kayaking in Saginaw Bay, located at the north end of Kuiu Island. Surrounded by beautiful mountains, explore the Bay’s secluded coastline. Visit the village of Kake and learn of the intriguing culture of the Tlingit, meeting with tribal members to discuss ways of preserving and maintaining native traditions and subsistence lifestyles. While there, view the world’s tallest totem pole and watch a carving demonstration. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 11
PETERSBURG
Today we stop at Petersburg, located on Mitkof Island and founded more than 100 years ago by Norwegian fishermen. Tlingits used the area as a summer fish camp for hundreds of years before the arrival of European immigrants in the late 1800s. Nicknamed Alaska’s “Little Norway,” it’s now the home port of one of the most productive and diverse commercial fishing fleets in Alaska. As we explore this vibrant community, we’ll experience the region’s Scandinavian influence and learn more about the native Tlingit culture. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JUNE 12
FREDERICK SOUND
Today we cruise through Frederick Sound, the feeding ground of hundreds of humpback whales, which are famous for behaviors such as tail lobbing, lunge feeding, pectoral slapping, breaching and dives that display their massive flukes—a splendid opportunity to observe and photograph these remarkable behemoths. Spend the afternoon kayaking or hiking in rarely visited Hobart Bay (conditions permitting), where we learn about the many medicinal and edible plants found in the area and hear traditional stories about living in the wilderness. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 13
TRACY ARM FJORD
Enjoy a lecture this morning before exploring Tracy Arm Fjord, an area John Muir referred to as “a wild, unfinished Yosemite.” Trace the faces of sheer granite 4,000-foot-high cliffs, watch pristine waterfalls tumble down to the emerald green waters of the fjord and see some of Alaska’s largest icebergs. The fjord is home to brown and black bears, deer, wolves, harbor seals, and birds such as guillemots and arctic terns. Ice conditions permitting, our ship will navigate the entire length of the fjord, stopping to let us view both the Sawyer and South Sawyer glaciers. If we’re lucky, we might see mountain goats near the base of Sawyer Glacier. For a more immersive experience of the fjord’s majesty, embark on a skiff excursion from our ship. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14
SOUTHEAST ALASKAN COAST / INIAN ISLANDS INSTITUTE
Spend today discovering the serenity of the raw wilderness of Southeast Alaska and the beauty of its many remote coves, bays and inlets. Today’s excursion options depend on conditions and may include a coastline kayak paddle, up-close whale encounters, a hike through a thick old-growth forest or tracking a foraging bear from the safety of our skiff. Spend time at Inian Islands Institute, a non-profit organization started by Stanford alumni and dedicated to educating and providing inspiration to rising environmental leaders.

MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 15
GLACIER BAY
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve is filled with magnificent natural wonders, home to glaciers and snow-capped mountains and teeming with wildlife, including brown and black bears, Steller sea lions, mountain goats, whales and birds. More than 250 species of birds have been recorded here. One of its highlights is the Margerie Glacier, known for its dramatic calving displays. Watching from our ship’s deck, fully experience the “white thunder” as immense spires of ice break away from the glacier and crash into the sea.

A Glacier Bay National Park Service ranger joins us for the day, as well as a native Huna Tlingit interpretive naturalist, who will reveal traditional cultural ties to this ancient treasure. Enjoy a festive farewell reception before dinner this evening aboard ship.

MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 16
JUNEAU / HOME
As we disembark in Juneau, bid farewell to our captain and crew, who have become like family during our week together. Transfer to the airport for flights home or join the Denali post-trip extension.

NOTE: Due to the expeditionary nature of our voyage, the ship’s schedule may change to adapt to the vagaries of weather and ice.

Optional Post-trip Extension

DENALI
JUNE 16 TO 21, 2017 (5 ADDITIONAL DAYS)
Travel to Denali National Park and take in the towering mountains, cliffs, scenic vistas and prime wildlife viewing areas. It’s common to encounter wildlife right on the park road, as Denali’s “Big Four”—caribou, moose, Dall sheep and grizzlies—use this pathway during their natural migrations. Spend three nights at the Kantishna Roadhouse, a Denali Park lodge that offers a glimpse back to life during the gold mining days of the early 1900s, with original structures such as a mining recorder’s office and the original roadhouse still intact on the property.

Details and pricing for the extension will be provided to confirmed participants.

KANTISHNA ROADHOUSE
Alaskan Dream

At 104 feet in length, the Alaskan Dream features an innovative, streamlined catamaran design that allows the vessel to easily navigate narrow channels and passages. All 20 cabins have extra-large viewing windows. The Vista View Lounge offers spectacular views of the scenery, ports and wildlife as our ship forges its way along coasts and into bays, fjords and sounds.

Program Cost*

Rates are 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.
DATES
June 8 to 16, 2017 (9 days)

SIZE
This program can accommodate 32 participants. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability.

INCLUDED
1 night of accommodations at the Westmark Sitka Hotel ■ 7-night cruise aboard the Alaskan Dream ■ 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners ■ Welcome and farewell receptions ■ Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and ship’s crew for all group activities ■ All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary ■ Arrival and departure transfers ■ 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 ■ 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 email, 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 Alaska Airlines from San Francisco to Sitka and return from Juneau is approximately $600 as of September 2016 and is subject to change without notice.

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this program to be moderately active. Guests should be prepared to walk over uneven ground for up to two miles. During the cruise, many excursions and landings require guests to board inflatable boats. Bear in mind that weather in Alaska can change quickly, especially in the parks and reserves. Travelers will have ample opportunity to take in the beautiful Alaskan scenery from the comfort of our ship. 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 on this program. A $200-per-person deposit is required to hold space for the optional post-trip extension. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?alaska2017 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 $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered in this brochure includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. 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 September 2016 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
“To use the term ‘trip’ does not do justice to this happy, joyous ‘experience.’ It was a great adventure.”

ALDON CLARK, ’54, MD ’57, ALASKA ADVENTURE, 2014