2018 Stanford Family Adventures

STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Tuscany

Galápagos

Iceland

Rhine River

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The buzz about Stanford Family Adventures

“Overall fantastic experience for all family members. The Young Explorer activities, quality of lectures and tour guides exceeded my expectations.”

Jennifer Chrisman, ’87, Tuscany Family Adventure, 2016

“Marvelous adventure led by experts. Our faculty leader’s lectures were excellent and thought-provoking. This was a trip of a lifetime.”

Ryan Gilmour, Galápagos Family Adventure, 2016

“This family trip was really special. Our accommodations at Gargonza were idyllic. We enjoyed the sights, activities, lectures, the amazing Palio and especially each other’s families. Our grandsons had a terrific time.”

Harriet Koslic, ’60, Tuscany Family Adventure, 2016

“This trip was special and unique for adults and kids alike!”

Linda Hathaway, Southeast Asia Family Adventure, 2014
Ready to laugh, learn and simply love life with your entire family?

Grab the kids (or the grandkids) and head out on an incredible adventure with Stanford! 2018 marks 50 years of innovative educational programming by Travel/Study, and our exciting Family Adventures lineup for 2018 includes destinations as diverse as the Galápagos Islands, Tuscany, Southeast Asia and—new in 2018—Iceland and the Rhine River.

What sets Stanford Family Adventures apart? Our nimble and nutty Young Explorer Leaders (YELs) and witty and wise faculty leaders are fresh from the Farm, offering a uniquely “Stanford” experience for travelers from age 6 to 96.

You can find more details about our Family Adventures online at alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures. Or better yet, call us at (650) 725-1093—we’d be happy to talk with you about our programs.

Or if you can’t join us on a 2018 Adventure, learn more about Private Editions on pages 18–19, where we help you create the trip of a lifetime for your family anywhere, anytime.

Best wishes for a year filled with family and adventure,

Brett S. Thompson, ’83
Director, Stanford Travel/Study
Young Explorer Program!

Kids give our Family Adventures an enthusiastic thumbs up because each trip features our outrageously cool Young Explorer Program! You’ll be grouped with travelers your own age for awesome activities that are both educational and fun.

You’ll get to channel some of your boundless energy playing games and doing craft activities in your Young Explorer group. You’ll also challenge your mind during thought-provoking discussions and mind-bending games that promise to fuel your creativity and spark your inner genius.

And you can look forward to incredible kids-only adventures, tours and meals. By trip’s end, you’re sure to have several new FFLs (friends for life)!

Our Young Explorer Leaders are pros at understanding and adapting to the personalities and interests of each Young Explorer, which means that everyone has a great time.

Plus our faculty leaders and local guides love kids! There are plenty of opportunities for kids to test the know-how of our expert guides during tours. Kids can also look forward to hanging with our faculty leaders during a special lecture prepared just for them.

This is why kids love Stanford Family Adventures.

“The Young Explorer Leaders were all amazing! The Young Explorer Program was my favorite part of the trip...it made learning fun in a way that was truly memorable. Best trip ever.”

Kathryn Hetzendorfer, age 12, China Family Adventure, 2012
Young Explorer Leader

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▶ A recent Stanford grad and Stanford Sierra Camp counselor

▶ A razor-sharp, slightly silly, enthusiastic person who digs hanging out with families

▶ A kid aficionado—one who effortlessly creates an atmosphere of friendship and fun during hands-on educational activities and games, and for teens, plenty of hang-out time

▶ A know-it-all for creative, age-appropriate, laughter-guaranteed programs

“The Young Explorer Leaders were fantastic. I loved having such great, fun, smart, positive role models for my kids on the trip. They were a highlight for my kids.”

Chantal Dolan, ’88, PhD ’01, Galápagos Family Adventure, 2016

Fun for the whole family!

After swapping stories of the day’s tours, families are invited to get their “Bingo!” on during game night and also face off against other clans in the Stanford Family Olympics. Make sure to bring those togas and get some blue-footed boobie impressions ready—you’ll have ample opportunity to put them to use!
Learn from the experts! In addition to guided tours and site visits in the company of our expert local guides, enjoy the opportunity to interact with and hear lectures by Stanford faculty and scholars who are absolute masters at bringing our destinations to life.

Christy Junkerman / Tuscany
Christy Junkerman, who teaches European art history in the department of art and art history at San Jose State University, is an expert in Italian Renaissance art. She has developed and teaches a popular series of courses on the art of Renaissance Florence, Venice, Rome and Siena and short courses on Leonardo da Vinci and Titian for Stanford’s Continuing Studies program. With her husband, Charlie, she was a resident fellow at Madera (now known as Okada), a freshman dorm, for eight wonderful years. She reflects, “When you look at a Michelangelo sculpture and notice an eye peering at you that just may be his, you’ve made a powerful connection to the past. That direct connection with the viewer is such an important part of Italian Renaissance and baroque art.” Christy has led several Travel/Study family trips to Tuscany and particularly enjoys introducing kids to Italian art.

Bob Siegel / Galápagos
Dr. Robert “Bob” Siegel, ’76, MA ’77, MD ’90, teaches in the Stanford School of Medicine’s department of microbiology and immunology and holds multiple other University appointments. He’s the recipient of numerous teaching awards including Stanford’s highest teaching accolade, the Gores Award. Dr. Bob’s courses cover a wide range of topics including virology, photography, Darwin, island biogeography, global health and The Stanford Safari. An avid traveler, photographer, Stanford Dish walker and self-proclaimed “dromomaniac,” he has led numerous Stanford Travel/Study trips and credits his first Stanford Travel/Study trip to the Galápagos with teaching him to “see the world with new eyes.” A true Stanford enthusiast, Dr. Bob was a founding member of Stanford’s ultimate frisbee team, a member of the Stanford soccer team, a drummer in the Stanford Band and the second Stanford Tree.

“When Stanford brings families to Gargonza, we fill that beautiful little medieval village with the sounds of children running and playing in the streets. The ancient stone walls seem to come alive and let us glimpse into the past.”

“It is a particular privilege and joy to share my love of nature in a place of such remarkable beauty and historical significance.”
Katharine Maher / Iceland

Katharine “Kate” Maher, who joined the Stanford faculty in 2007, is an associate professor in earth system science. As a native of the Northwest who was an avid alpine ski racer and professional mountain bike racer, she developed an early fascination with the mountains and a passion for the environment, which led her to develop a research program that focuses on the planet’s carbon cycle. Musing about our Iceland adventure, she says, “Iceland’s geology provides a unique window into the earth’s past, as well as its future, from hot springs where early life may have first evolved to the geothermal energy that provides modern-day Iceland with heat and electricity. I look forward to talking about Iceland’s unique geologic features and how they help us understand the earth’s systems, from plate tectonics to the impacts of climate change.”

“Iceland is an experience that will last one’s entire lifetime. I am excited to see what new knowledge, memories and bits of Icelandic magic we’ll be able to carry away with us.”

Norman Naimark / Rhine River

Professor Norman Naimark, ‘66, MA ’68, PhD ’72, a former chair of Stanford’s history department, is the director of the Division of International, Comparative and Area Studies at Stanford, as well as the Robert and Florence McDonnell Chair in East European History and the Burke Family Director of Stanford’s Bing Overseas Studies Program. He is also a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Institute of International Studies. He recalls, “I went on my first Rhine River trip as a boy—I was an ‘army brat’ growing up all over the world. My most memorable ‘vacation’ was actually a Stanford Travel/Study trip, sailing around the Aegean with opera at night.” Known at Stanford for his warmth and wit, the popular faculty leader has provided stimulating educational discourse on more than 25 Travel/Study programs.

“I think of these travel adventures as learning together. I want the kids, as well as the adults, to experience the excitement and relevance of the past to themselves and their lives.”

Greg Watkins / Southeast Asia

Greg Watkins, ‘85, PhD ’02, is the associate director of Stanford’s Structured Liberal Education (SLE) program, a freshman humanities program where students study the history of philosophy, literature and religion. His research is focused on religion and film. For the past 14 years he’s been a resident fellow at East Florence Moore Hall, living with the students who participate in the program. He loves the curiosity and inquisitiveness of students of all ages. He’s led trips for Stanford throughout Southeast Asia, South Asia and the Himalayan region and has traveled with his two daughters to Thailand and Bhutan. He notes, “Our trip through Southeast Asia will be full of images of the Buddha, which will lead us to ask, ‘Who was the Buddha and why is he so important to the people we’ll meet?’”

“I love traveling with kids. I learned from traveling with my daughters in this part of the world that kids ask the best questions!”
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 & 27
U.S. / Florence, Italy / Castello di Gargonza
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Florence. Upon arrival on Wednesday, transfer to Gargonza for a festive welcome reception and dinner at a medieval castle. CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (6/27: D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 28
Castello di Gargonza
This morning, adults attend a lecture by Professor Junkerman and kids meet new friends in their Young Explorer groups. Then join the locals for a lesson in bocce ball and learn how to make homemade pasta and pizza from the chef. Later, take a dip in the pool, nestled in an olive grove with a glorious view, or opt to sit back and soak up views of the Italian countryside. CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 29
Castello di Gargonza / Siena
On a walking tour through Siena’s narrow medieval streets, visit the cathedral and the Piazza del Campo, and take in the exciting atmosphere as the city prepares for the Palio, the traditional 800-year-old equestrian competition that celebrates the medieval heyday of Siena. Find out which horse will be running in the upcoming race for each competing contrada, or district. Enjoy lunch independently today at one of Siena’s excellent trattorias. CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 30
Castello di Gargonza / Arezzo
Visit Arezzo, a beautiful Renaissance city rich in art treasures, antique shops and outdoor cafes. Meet with a kids’ soccer team for a scrimmage, followed by dinner with the locals. CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 1
Castello di Gargonza / Pienza / Montepulciano
Visit Pienza, a picturesque hill town with stunning Renaissance architecture. Drive through some of Tuscany’s most scenic countryside to the town of Montepulciano, where adults taste the famous Vino Nobile while the kids explore the city streets during a scavenger hunt. CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,D)

MONDAY, JULY 2
Castello di Gargonza / The Palio, Siena
Return to Siena for the Palio and to bear witness to one of the world’s most impressive medieval pageants. From VIP seats high above the 50,000-spectator crowd, join in the festivities during the historical parade and choose a contrada to cheer on during the wild, bareback horse race around the Piazza del Campo! CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JULY 3
Castello di Gargonza
After yesterday’s late night in Siena, take today to relax and enjoy Gargonza and the surrounding Tuscan countryside. Kids learn to make frescoes with a local artist and play, Italian-style, “capture the Palio flag.”

Experience the best of traditional Tuscany, a hearty mix of delicious food and fun with family and friends. Travel back to medieval times at Siena’s thrilling Palio, an 800-year-old bareback horse race, and explore charming Tuscan hill towns and Florence, the cradle of the Italian Renaissance.
“My single lasting impression is of standing at Gargonza, overlooking the idyllic Tuscan countryside, hearing my kids laughing with new friends. This trip was full of delights.”

Elizabeth Garr, MA ‘04, Tuscany Family Adventure, 2016

What’s Included
10 nights of accommodations; 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 9 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 22)

Group Size/Age
45 participants / Minimum age: 6

Program Cost*
$7,995 per adult, double occupancy
$7,695 per child, double occupancy
$8,995 per person, single occupancy

* Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

About the Palio
The Palio, Siena’s legendary 800-year-old medieval pageant, features an historic parade that culminates in a wild bareback horse race around the famous Piazza del Campo. Watch this ancient contest unfold from our VIP seats. Before the race, the excitement that grips Siena is indescribable as drummers and alfieri (flag throwers) lead parade contingents through the city. The experience is unforgettable and sure to be the highlight of our journey.

FRIDAY, JULY 6
Florence
Art and historical treasures are everywhere in Florence, the cradle of the Italian Renaissance. Visit the Uffizi Gallery for a look at one of the world’s greatest repositories of medieval and Renaissance art. The afternoon is free for independent exploration. Later, celebrate our adventure at our farewell dinner. GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI (B,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 7
Florence / U.S.
Say arrivederci to Tuscany and transfer to the Florence airport for flights home. (B)

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While adults hike in the nearby rolling hills, sampling life in the country in a way few tourists ever get to experience. Later, take part in the Stanford Family Palio—an afternoon of family games by the pool. CASTELLO DI GARGONZA (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4
Castello di Gargonza / San Gimignano / Florence
Drive to San Gimignano for a chance to explore and enjoy lunch independently. Continue to Florence, where our afternoon walking tour of the historic center focuses on Renaissance masterpieces. Spend an afternoon at the Accademia Gallery to see Michelangelo’s peerless David.

This evening, adults enjoy an elegant dinner out while the kids join the Young Explorer Leaders for pizza and ice cream at a neighborhood pizzeria. GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI (B,D)

THURSDAY, JULY 5
Florence / Lucca
Discover the lovely walled city of Lucca, starting with a walking tour highlighting its Romanesque churches. Ride a bike atop the city walls and later explore the town after lunching independently. Return to Florence and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure. GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI (B)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend a week in a medieval hamlet atop a hill in Tuscany
- Make authentic pasta and pizza with the experts: the chefs at Castello di Gargonza
- Play soccer with the local ragazzi and try your hand at Italy’s favorite pastime, bocce

Learn more and sign up: alumni.stanford.edu/trip?tuscanyfamily2018
Galápagos

Take a Walk on the Wild Side

JUNE 27 TO JULY 6, 2018

Experience the ultimate outdoor classroom cruising among the enchanted islands of the Galápagos aboard the intimate Santa Cruz II. Visit six of the Galápagos’ volcanic islands, snorkeling with sea lions and mingling among some of the world’s most unusual creatures as they amble and swim about their native habitat.
What’s Included
3 nights of hotel accommodations; 6-night cruise aboard the Santa Cruz II; 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 8 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 22)

Group Size/Age
84 participants / Minimum age: 6

Program Cost*

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* Rates are per person, based on double occupancy. See website or contact our office for single and triple rates (limited cabin availability). Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

MONDAY, JULY 2
Santa Cruz Island
Disembark on Santa Cruz Island to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and its giant tortoise pens, located in an impressive giant prickly-pear cactus forest that’s home to many land birds. The research station is the headquarters of scientific investigation, conservation and the National Park administration in the Galápagos. From here board buses for lunch in the cooler highlands, a completely different ecosystem of the island. This afternoon explore an organic coffee plantation or opt to hike, bike or kayak. SANTA CRUZ II (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JULY 3
Española Island
Go for a walk at Punta Suarez on Española Island, where we enjoy its unique sea bird colonies, including waved albatrosses, Nazca boobies, blue-footed boobies and swallow-tailed gulls, as well as a view of the Galápagos’ famous blowhole. Keep an eye out here for marine iguanas. In the afternoon, the picture-perfect white coral beach of Gardner Bay and the nearby islet of Osborn provide a beautiful setting for observing sea lions, mockingbirds and finches as we relax on the beach or snorkel in the bay’s calm waters. SANTA CRUZ II (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4
Santa Cruz Island / North Seymour Island
After breakfast, take a panga ride to Eden Islet on Santa Cruz Island, where we can observe blue-footed boobies diving into the water and catch sight of reef sharks and frigates. Next visit North Seymour Island, lifted from the ocean floor by a volcanic event; its origins as a seabed give the island its low, flat profile. Standing just above our landing spot is a tiny forest of silver-grey palo santo trees, usually without leaves, waiting for the rains to burst into bloom. SANTA CRUZ II (B,L,D)

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JULY 5 & 6
Baltra Island / Disembark / Quito / U.S.
After breakfast, disembark our ship and transfer to the airport for our flight back to Quito. Upon arrival, transfer to the nearby airport hotel and have time to relax and refresh before returning this evening to the airport for departing flights, arriving back in the U.S. on Friday. WYNDHAM QUITO AIRPORT HOTEL (7/5: B,D)

Learn more and sign up: alumni.stanford.edu/trip?galapagosfamily2018

Our Ship!
Our ship, the newly refurbished, 235-foot-long Santa Cruz II, is chartered exclusively for Stanford and offers accommodations in 50 outside cabins, each appointed with windows, and ranging in size from 163 to 325 square feet. The ship features air conditioning throughout, an elegant dining room, sun deck with bar, Jacuzzi, library and observation deck. Go to our website for additional ship information and cabin descriptions.

“We loved sharing the excitement of seeing incredible wildlife with our children. Magical!”

Cynthia Braun,
Galápagos Family Adventure, 2016
Iceland
Land of Fire and Ice
JULY 17 TO 27, 2018

Make every moment an unforgettable experience on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Hike on a glacier, walk behind a waterfall and bathe in a natural hot spring. Discover charming Reykjavík, Europe’s northernmost capital, where in July it never gets dark, and explore the steady parade of geological highlights that make up the acclaimed Golden Circle.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 & 18
U.S. / Reykjavík, Iceland
Depart from home on overnight flights bound for Iceland. After our early-morning arrival on Wednesday in Reykjavík (or “Smoky Bay”), join our group for a welcome breakfast and a visit to the Viking World Museum in Reykjanesbær. Take a dip in the world-famous Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa rich in minerals, and after lunch, transfer to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure followed by a welcome reception and dinner.
RADISON BLU SAGA HOTEL (7/18: B,L,D)

THURSDAY, JULY 19
Reykjavík
After breakfast, enjoy a guided coach tour around Reykjavík, the world’s northernmost capital, including Harpa (a concert hall featuring geometric glass panels), the city’s main landmark Hallgrímskirkja, and the statue of Leifur Eiríksson, the first European to arrive in America in the year 1000, and preceding Christopher Columbus by roughly half a millennia. This afternoon visit the Whales of Iceland Museum, featuring interactive exhibits of life-sized models of the 23 whale species found in Icelandic waters. RADISON BLU SAGA HOTEL (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, JULY 20
Reykjavík / Jökulsárlón
Board a charter flight to Höfn, on the edge of Europe’s largest glacier, Vatnajökull, and explore magnificent Jökulsárlón, or “Glacier Lagoon,” using specially designed amphibian boats to navigate around huge blocks of ice that have calved from the glacier, while keeping an eye out for seals and Arctic terns. Return to Reykjavík for dinner.
RADISON BLU SAGA HOTEL (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 21
Reykjavík / Húsafell
Head west from Reykjavík today toward Borgarfjördur. Visit Deildartunguhver, Europe’s most powerful hot spring (with a flow of 47-1/2 gallons per second of 212°F water); admire Hraunfossar, a series of cold springs of subterranean water that seep through the lava and run as tiny waterfalls into the Hvítá River; and visit the very friendly goats at Háafell Goat Center. In Húsafell, join the locals for one of the favorite national pastimes: going to the swimming pool!
HOTEL HÚSAFELL (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 22
Húsafell / Snaefellsnes Peninsula
Experience magical Snaefellsjökull National Park, with its amazing birdlife, lush valleys, lava fields and towering glacier. Drive around the peninsula, passing small coastal villages such as Hellnar and seeing Drítvík Cove and Lóndrangar and Arnarstapi Cliffs. Continue on to Vatneshellir for a private lava caving experience, where we can explore the inside of cooled tubes of ancient lava.
HOTEL HÚSAFELL (B,L,D)
What’s Included
9 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations; 10 breakfasts,
9 lunches and 9 dinners; and all the Stanford extras
(see page 22)

Group Size/Age
40 participants / Minimum age: 6

Program Cost*
$8,895 per adult, double occupancy
$8,595 per child, double occupancy
$10,895 per person, single occupancy
*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

This experience will stay with me forever. It was remarkable, amazing, unlike any other trip we’ve taken... extraordinary.”

Justine Coopersmith,
Iceland to Greenland, 2016

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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JULY 18 & 19
U.S. / Zürich, Switzerland / Basel / Embark
Depart from home on flights bound for Switzerland. Upon arrival in Zürich on Thursday, transfer to Basel, embark and get to know fellow travelers at a welcome reception and dinner aboard our ship.
MS AMADEUS SILVER III (7/19; D)

FRIDAY, JULY 20
Basel / Breisach, Germany
Today enjoy a walking tour followed by a wine tasting in Riquewihr, France—a well-preserved medieval town on the Alsace Wine Route; take a walking tour of Breisach and Freiburg, with their Gothic architecture; or go on a Black Forest adventure, including a walk around the shores of Lake Titisee (and perhaps a swim in the lake as well!). This afternoon adults attend a lecture by Professor Naimark and kids meet in their Young Explorer groups. MS AMADEUS SILVER III (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 21
Breisach / Strasbourg, France
Cruise downriver from Breisach to Strasbourg from the UNESCO World Heritage site of Strasbourg in France. Tour this capital of the European Union, passing the Palais Rohan and St. Thomas Church and stopping at the Notre Dame Cathedral; take a canal tour through the picturesque Petite France district; or sample local treats such as gingerbread, tarte flambée and gelato on a culinary tour of the city. This evening, adults can relax onboard while kids participate in a soccer game. MS AMADEUS SILVER III (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 22
Strasbourg / Speyer, Germany / Heidelberg
Adults attend a morning lecture and kids meet in their Young Explorer groups while we cruise to Speyer from Strasbourg. This afternoon visit Speyer’s impressive cathedral, one of the most important Romanesque monuments from the time of the Holy Roman Empire. Take an excursion to historic Heidelberg for a visit to the red-walled castle with its Great Vat (a 49,000-gallon 18th-century wine cask) and the castle’s beautiful views of the Neckar Valley and city below, and perhaps opt for a funicular ride to Königstuhl for a demonstration and show at Tinnunculus, Heidelberg’s falconry. MS AMADEUS SILVER III (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JULY 23
Speyer / Oberwesel / Rhine Gorge / Koblenz
This morning dock in the wine-making town of Oberwesel. Adults can opt to go wine tasting, and everyone can play the artist by exploring the city’s well-preserved fortification walls and towers and sketching the river, town or castle scenery. Afterwards, enjoy an outdoor traditional music concert before returning to our ship. Spend the
afternoon cruising through the picturesque Rhine Gorge, admiring its many castles and fortress ruins and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Arrive in Koblenz this evening; the adventurous among us can opt to take part in a traditional German dinner and medieval entertainment at the hilltop Marksburg Castle.

What's Included
7-night cruise aboard the MS Amadeus Silver III, 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 22)

Group Size/Age
110 participants / Minimum age: 7

Program Cost*

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Our Ship!
Launched in 2016, the 443-foot-long MS Amadeus Silver III was specially built for cruising Europe’s rivers. Lounges have large windows that offer remarkable views and the restaurant serves meals that frequently feature local specialties. The sun deck offers lounge chairs, chess and shuffleboard. Cabins have satellite TV and a bathroom with shower, and some cabins feature French balconies and connecting doors for families. Go to our website for additional ship information and cabin descriptions.

“Every single member of our family had an amazing experience beyond what they had anticipated, from grandmother to parents to kids. All of us will be talking about this trip far into the future.”

Roger Bradford,
Mediterranean Family Adventure, 2017
Cruise the tranquil waters of Vietnam’s Ha Long Bay, learn how to prepare traditional Vietnamese food, get a local’s view of Hanoi on a cyclo tour and explore gold-tipped Buddhist temples. Visit an area dedicated to growing pearls and practicing traditional Vietnamese handicrafts. Explore vast ancient temple complexes, including world-famous Angkor in Cambodia.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 & 20
U.S. / Hanoi, Vietnam
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival on Thursday, head to our hotel, located near the city’s traditional center. HOTEL METROPOLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
Hanoi
Today discover Hanoi, more than 1,000 years old and the political and cultural center of Vietnam. Hop a cyclo—a three-wheeled, bicycle-type vehicle with driver—for our tour of the Guild District. Explore the narrow lanes, each historically devoted to the practice of a single handicraft. After a delicious lunch of pho noodle soup, explore the city’s Ethnology Museum, whose focus is the lifestyles and traditions of Vietnam’s 53 minority peoples. Gather this evening with fellow families for a welcome reception and dinner. HOTEL METROPOLE (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22
Hanoi
We explore the capital city this morning with a visit to Ba Dinh Square, where Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam’s independence from France in 1945. Tour “Uncle Ho’s” mausoleum and former private residence and the One Pillar Pagoda, which dates from 1049. After lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy a traditional water puppet show. There’s also free time this afternoon to explore the area around our hotel, which is ideally situated beside Hoan Kiem, or “Restored Sword,” Lake. HOTEL METROPOLE (B,L)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
Hanoi / Ha Long Bay / Embark
Depart for Ha Long, or “Descending Dragon,” Bay. Board our ship for a two-night cruise on the bay, beginning with an afternoon and evening cruise. Kayak or take a tender ride to Ti Top Beach, where we can go for a dip in the bay and climb to a lookout point. Visit Soi Sim Beach, Coconut Tree Island and a floating village. PARADISE CRUISE LINE (B,L,D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
Ha Long Bay
Enjoy optional tai chi on our ship’s sun deck this morning, then visit Luon Cave, a wonderful kayaking spot, located on Bo Hon Island. Learn the tricks of preparing Vietnamese food this afternoon at a cooking lesson. PARADISE CRUISE LINE (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25
Ha Long Bay / Disembark / Hanoi / Siem Reap, Cambodia
Enjoy a morning excursion to Sung Sot (or “Surprise” Cave), the largest cave in Ha Long Bay. Discovered by a group of French explorers in the early 1900s, the subterranean grotto is filled with thousands of stalagmites and stalactites and offers panoramic views of the bay at its entrance. Disembark and return to Hanoi via coach, where we connect to our afternoon flight to Siem Reap. GRAND HOTEL D’ANGKOR (B,L,D)
What's Included
7 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations, 2 nights aboard a Paradise Cruise Line ship; 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 22)

Group Size/Age
48 participants / Minimum age: 6

Program Cost*
$7,795 per adult, double occupancy
$7,495 per child, double occupancy
$9,645 per person, single occupancy

*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

“Everything was very well-planned: the guides were informed and approachable, the hotels were amazing and the sites were well-chosen. It was such an easy, enjoyable, educational and fun trip!”

Garbarini Family,
Southeast Asia Family Adventure, 2014

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Private Editions
Custom Journeys from Stanford Travel/Study

We think our Family Adventures are the bee’s knees, but sometimes your calendar and ours just don’t align, or you have a much bigger group (and reason for celebrating) than usual. If that’s the case, Private Editions are the perfect solution.

Imagine...you’re on a custom Family Adventure that’s unlike any other—your own Private Edition. Where? Wherever you’d like. When? Whenever you’d like. With whom? With your favorite people. We bring together everything you appreciate about Travel/Study—Stanford faculty advisors, meticulous trip planning, exclusive access and more—so you can share it with everyone you love. Any time of the year, anywhere in the world. You dream it. We’ll make it happen.

For example, Stanford families have recently...

- ...chartered their own vintage yacht to explore the Galápagos Islands.

- ...rented out a small Irish castle for a celebratory banquet dinner and folk tales by the fire.

- ...savored the serenity of star gazing and wildlife viewing while on safari in East Africa.

- ...taken a salsa dance lesson with the kids and grandkids on a rooftop in historic Old Havana.

And these are just a few ideas to inspire you—the possibilities are endless!
Trip Planning Checklist:

✓ Call cheerful staff at Stanford Travel/Study. It’s really happening!

✓ Vote on destination with friends and family. Rig the results—what they don’t know won’t hurt them.

✓ Select trip dates that coincide with granddaughter’s boyfriend’s silent yoga retreat. It’s a shame he won’t be able to join us.

✓ Pick a luxury hotel. It’s important to pamper the daughter-in-law.

✓ Select “outdoorsy” day for super-active kids. Bonjour, quiet time.

✓ Pepper Stanford faculty advisor with questions. I’m a student again!

✓ Rest easy, from takeoff to touchdown. Travel/Study has covered all of the details so I get to enjoy my family and our vacation.

“As with so many things Stanford, everything exceeded our expectations. The opportunity for ongoing intellectual engagement at this level is truly extraordinary. What really differentiated the trip was the unbelievable thought, care and attention of the Private Editions team: they made everything seem so personal! Our friends and family were blown away.”

Ashwin Adarkar, ’86, MS ’87, MBA ’92,
Private Editions: Galápagos, 2016

For more information, visit: http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/privateeditions
or contact our Private Editions team at privateeditions@stanford.edu / (650) 723-7861
and let us help you plan your family’s next adventure.
Got “kids” who aren’t exactly kids anymore, but still looking to travel together as a family? Family Seminars, programs that are geared specifically toward families traveling with children who have graduated from high school, may fit the bill! We’re pleased to announce that we’ll be heading to the Amazon and Machu Picchu on our Peru Family Seminar, June 21 to July 2, 2018. Peru is a wonderful cultural and natural history destination that is perfect for families who have outgrown our regular Stanford Family Adventures but who still want to travel—and learn—together as a family.

**Peru Family Seminar**
June 21 to July 2, 2018
alumni.stanford.edu/trip?perufamily2018
What’s in it for the kids?
Our family adventures are built from the ground up, keeping families traveling with children in mind. That means that everything, from the timing to the activities to the special events, is selected to enhance the overall experience for your entire family. Young Explorers Leaders—one for every 10 kids—are available throughout each trip, prepared with games, activities and lots of energy to keep kids engaged and entertained.

Do adults have just as much fun as the kids?
Yes! There’s something for everyone. You will spend most of your time on tours together as a family. On occasion the kids will go off adventuring with their Young Explorer Leaders while grownups enjoy adults-only activities such as wine-tasting excursions, extended museum tours and elegant dinners. Plus, parents and grandparents can feed their brains as much (or as little) as they desire during lectures led by renowned Stanford faculty and scholars while kids meet in their Young Explorer groups.

What are the accommodations like?
We strive to find the perfect balance between deluxe accommodations that cater to the needs of families and great locations that cater to the thrill of discovery. We select hotels, ships and camps that reflect the local flavor but still maintain a high level of comfort. We often find that a great location can create a more memorable experience than a luxury suite and that a local restaurant can provide a cultural perspective that a hotel buffet cannot. Whether a medieval castle or an intimate cruise ship, our accommodations are ideal jumping-off points for exploring the world with your family.

How active are these trips?
Get ready for fast-paced Family Adventures! Travelers should be in good health and good physical condition. Schedules sometimes include long days with early wake-up calls and activities scheduled throughout the day (and sometimes into the evenings). Walking tours and hikes range from one to four miles, sometimes on uneven terrain. If this doesn’t sound like enough activity for you, rest assured that most of our hotels and ships have fitness centers and/or exercise equipment. Visit our website for specific information about what to expect on each of our 2018 programs.

What if we’ve never traveled with a group before?
You don’t need to be a lover of group travel to enjoy traveling with Stanford. On our trips you are sure to forge friendships with a diverse group of families who are as intellectually curious as you are. You’ll also be able to gain special access to the best guides and behind-the-scenes experiences that regular tourists never get to enjoy. Perhaps most importantly, our group sizes mean more friends for your kids. And that means more fun for everyone!
**We’ve Got You Covered!**

**What makes a Family Adventure so stress-free and carefree?**
From the moment you sign up until your return flight home, we take care of everything. We send you pre-departure information, including everything you need to know, from visa and immunization requirements to what to pack and arrival information. We even send you reading lists and books for both you and the kids. Once the trip begins, our professional Stanford tour managers and savvy local guides are on hand 24/7 to handle all the details. You get to say goodbye to dealing with the many snafus that inevitably arise when you travel on your own. And what could be more hassle-free than having someone else take care of gratuities and entrance fees? With all of the “extras” covered, you and your family are free to kick back and enjoy yourselves and each other.

**Got some lingering questions? On the fence?**
Call us! If you need more information, we’re happy to answer your questions or put you in touch with a family that’s traveled with us before. You can also check out detailed itineraries and find additional trip information on our website at: alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures.

**Sign up online:** alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures
**Or by phone:** (650) 725-1093
**Or email us:** family-adventures@alumni.stanford.edu

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**What’s included in every Stanford Family Adventure:**
- Accommodations and meals as specified in each trip itinerary
- A welcome reception
- Bottled or potable water on excursions
- Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- All tours, shore excursions and internal flights as described in each trip itinerary
- Group airport transfers on the trip arrival and departure dates
- Port fees and embarkation taxes on our cruises
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational programs and lecture series for adults; Young Explorer Program for kids
- Pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, selected books, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour managers to assist you throughout the trip

**What’s NOT included:**
- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included in each trip itinerary
- 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 activities
Deposits, Payments and Cancellations

A $1,000 per-person deposit is required to hold space for our Family Adventures. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Child rates apply to children ages 18 and younger on the date the adventure begins. 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. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a paid guest of a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. 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, motor coach, 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 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 prices are based on rates in effect in August 2017 and are subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charge.

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 includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

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