The Great Northwest Passage
A VOYAGE INTO THE FRONTIER
August 16 to September 3, 2018
There are still a few trips today that qualify as true adventures and this is one of them! Ply the waters of legendary straits, passages, bays and fjords, stopping at centuries-old villages and outposts from Greenland to northernmost Canada during the Arctic summer. As we cruise aboard a stalwart expedition vessel with the trappings of a fine boutique hotel and access to remote locales that many vessels can’t navigate, learn of both the sad and successful tales of Arctic explorers, collect native artworks in village centers, be awed by endless ice floes and monumental fjords and glaciers, and gape at the sight of unfettered arctic wildlife in the sky and on the sea. Join us on this unparalleled foray into the lands and waters of the northern frontier!

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

Highlights

**Cruise** along Greenland’s west coast, viewing glaciers in spectacular fjords and visiting with native peoples in age-old villages.

**Watch** for polar bears and other Arctic wildlife as we sail west amid the ice floes of northern Canada’s Parry Channel and Peel Sound.

**Visit** the graves of three crew members on Beechey Island, where the ill-fated Sir John Franklin expedition wintered in 1845–46.

**Enjoy** incredible access to inlets, bays and island shores on our nimble expedition ship and aboard its Zodiacs for even closer views.
ELIZABETH A. HADLY is the faculty director of Stanford University’s Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve in the Santa Cruz Mountain foothills and a senior fellow at Stanford’s Woods Institute for the Environment. She first became interested in ecology, evolution and environmental change exploring the Smithsonian Institution and the West’s wild lands as a child. Professor Hadly and her lab conduct research throughout the Americas, Asia and Africa on the ecology and evolution of vertebrates. She is especially interested in the role that environmental change exerts on the biodiversity of mammals around the world. When thinking of our program, Professor Hadly says, “A trip above the Arctic Circle is a dream of a lifetime. But it is also bittersweet. The last five years have had less sea ice in the Arctic than the 1981-2010 average. This trip is possible because the Arctic is becoming more accessible and more forgiving to human visitors. That comes with excitement because we can observe life in one of the most remote places on our planet. It comes with a sense of history—of visiting the local Inuit, who have resided in this changing harsh landscape for millennia and of traveling in the wake of subsequent early European explorers. But, more importantly, it will give us a sense of the future—of the rapidity of global change and of the challenges that will confront all life that call this place home. I am thrilled to be able to explore this place with you, and I know we will be exploring ourselves and our place on the planet as well.”

— Faculty director, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University
— Paul S. and Billie Achilles Professor, biology, and, courtesy, geological and environmental sciences, Stanford University
— Senior fellow, Stanford’s Woods Institute for the Environment and the Center for Innovation in Global Health at the Stanford School of Medicine
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— MS, quaternary science, 1990, Northern Arizona University
— PhD, integrative biology, 1995, UC-Berkeley
Itinerary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16
U.S. / TORONTO, CANADA
Depart from home cities and upon arrival in Toronto, check in to our hotel and enjoy a welcome reception before dining independently. Relax and rest up this evening before tomorrow’s early-morning charter flight to Greenland. SHERATON GATEWAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17
TORONTO / KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND / EMBARK
Depart Toronto early this morning and fly to Kangerlussuaq, where we board our specially equipped expedition ship. Our adventure begins with a sunset sail along Sondre Stromfjord, one of the longest fjords in the world. OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18
SISIMIUT
Cruise into Sisimiut, which has been inhabited for the last 4,500 years, first by the Saqqaq, then the Dorset and finally the Thule people, ancestors of today’s Inuit who form the majority of Sisimiut’s present-day population of some 6,000 inhabitants. Disembark and enjoy a guided walking tour of town, today the largest business center north of Nuuk and the fastest-growing community in Greenland. OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D)

SUNDAY & MONDAY, AUGUST 19 & 20
ILLULISSAT
During these two days, we’ll visit Ilulissat (“Iceberg”), also known as Jakobshavn, famed for its local crafts, cafes, picturesque dwellings and stunning setting. Take a boardwalk to an elevated viewpoint and observe the great fields of ice stretching before us. Board a Zodiac and cruise out to the Ilulissat Icefjord to view the Sermeq Kujalleq Glacier, which moves 62 feet a day and has been a scientific research magnet for more than 250 years. OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 & 22
WESTERN GREENLAND
Spend the next two days cruising one of Greenland’s most spectacular fjords, known for its bountiful marine life, plentiful icebergs and inspiring landscapes. Keep an eye out for seals who use the long leads created by strong winds to feed in the rich waters of the fjord and dovekies that nest among the steep slopes of the fjord. Time spent on deck today offers ample opportunities to view and photograph icebergs beginning their journey to the sea from beneath sheer, towering cliffs. OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23
QIKIQTARJUAQ, BROUGHTON ISLAND, CANADA
Located on Broughton Island, Qikiqtarjuaq is known for its spectacular whale watching and for being the gateway to Auyuittuq National Park. The community boasts a traditional Inuit craft industry and local craftspeople are eager to share their wares. Talented local artists produce Inuit carvings, with a particular focus on intricate ivory work and jewelry. After clearing customs, visit with the community and enjoy a cultural presentation performed by locals. OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24
BAFFIN ISLAND
Today explore the easternmost coast of Baffin Island or Qikiqtaaluk in the region of Auyuittuq National Park. Named after English explorer William Baffin, Baffin Island is the largest island in Canada and home to 11,000 people. Likely known to pre-Columbian Norse of Greenland and Iceland during the 11th century, the island is presumed to be the Helluland of the Viking sagas. Be awed by the Penny and Barnes Ice Caps, the largest on the island and both remnants of the Laurentide ice sheet that once covered much of the North American continent. OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25
DEVON ISLAND
Today we stop at Devon Island, the largest uninhabited island on earth and comprising more than 19,000 square miles. The island’s geology consists of reddish Precambrian gneiss and Paleozoic siltstones and shales, a landscape so barren in places that NASA has found it to be an ideal place to test its Mars rovers. OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D)
MONDAY, AUGUST 27
BEECHEY ISLAND
Before enjoying a hike along a beachhead on Beechey Island, visit the graves of three crew members of Sir John Franklin’s ill-fated expedition in search of a Northwest passage. Beechey Island’s protected harbor is now known to be the site of his first winter encampment in 1845–46 after departing from England in May of 1845 with his ship crew of 129 men and two ships. Neither soul nor ships were seen again, that is until 2014, when remnants of his ship, HMS Erebus, were discovered in Queen Maud Gulf, and two years later, when the wreck of Franklin’s second ship, the HMS Terror, was found in King William Island’s Terror Bay.

OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 & 29
PARRY CHANNEL / PEEL SOUND
For the next two days, we cruise the Arctic waters of Parry Channel and Peel Sound that separates Prince of Wales and Somerset Islands. Parry Channel is named after the famous Arctic explorer, William Edward Parry, who got as far as Melville Island in 1819 before being blocked by ice at McClure Strait. Keep an eye on the ice floes as we are now entering polar bear country. Depending on ice conditions, we’ll make expedition stops along the way to explore the spectacular land-scapes, perfect settings for hiking and seeing up close the geological diversity of the area. OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30
USQSUQTUUQ, KING WILLIAM ISLAND
Visit the beautiful harbor of Usqsuqtuuq, also known as Gjøa Haven, where moored explorer Roald Amundsen spent several winters learning survival skills from the local Netsilik Inuit as he prepared for his search for the magnetic North Pole. After viewing the Amundsen Monument, we have the opportunity to meet with members of the community and to purchase beautifully executed Inuit art and crafts.

OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31
QUEEN MAUD GULF
Today, we cruise the waters of Queen Maud Gulf, beneath which lie the remains of the two ships of Sir John Franklin’s fourth and final Arctic expedition. His flagship, the HMS Erebus, was a 372-ton Hecla-class bomb vessel, built in Wales in 1826 and abandoned after becoming icebound in September of 1846, eventually sinking. In September of 2014 its remains were found by a Parks Canada underwater archaeology team, and two years later, Franklin’s other ship, the HMS Terror, was located in King William Island’s Terror Bay, spurring further interest in one of the great mysteries of polar exploration. OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
CORONATION GULF
Today we scout locations for an opportune expedition stop in Coronation Gulf. Located between Victoria Island and the Arctic coast of mainland Canada, the gulf is an extensive body of water that is linked to the Arctic Ocean via the Dolphin and Union Straits to the west and by the Dease Strait and Queen Maud Gulf to the east. Enjoy a farewell reception and dinner this evening to celebrate our extraordinary adventure.

OCEAN ENDEAVOUR (B,L,D)

SUNDAY & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 & 3
KUGLUKTUK / DISEMBARK / EDMONTON / U.S.
Disembark in Kugluktuk, formerly a renowned copper mining town that attracted hordes of European settlers to the area during the 19th century. Board our charter flights to Edmonton where we enjoy a relaxing overnight before catching connecting flights home on Monday. ROYAL HOTEL LEDUC (B—BOTH DAYS)
The *Ocean Endeavour*, launched in 1982 and most recently upgraded in 2017, is the perfect vessel for expedition cruising. Outfitted with 20 Zodizics, advanced navigation equipment and a top-deck observation room, the ship was built specifically for the ultimate in passenger experiences in remote environments. The ship’s 1B ice classification and its ice-strengthened hull enable her to freely explore throughout the Arctic summer, plus its shallow draft and maneuverability allow her to access isolated fjords, bays and remote communities. The ship features three multipurpose lounges, ample deck space with comfortable lounge chairs, heated salt-water pool, hot tub, gym, spa, his-and-her saunas, yoga and stretching classes, and contemporary dining with complimentary wine.

### Program Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy unless otherwise specified.

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| Category 10 | Deck 7, forward: Forward-facing picture windows, queen bed; refrigerator. Approx. 310 sq. ft. |

*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

**CAPACITY:** 198    **LENGTH:** 450 feet
**REGISTRY:** Bahamas    **ICE CLASS:** 1B
DATES
August 16 to September 3, 2018 (19 days)

SIZE
This program can accommodate a total of 198 participants, including travelers from Stanford and Adventure Canada. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability.

INCLUDED
2 nights of hotel accommodations • 16-night cruise aboard the Ocean Endeavour • 18 breakfasts, 16 lunches and 16 dinners • Welcome and farewell receptions • Beer and wine with lunches and dinners • Gratuities to guides, drivers, housekeeping and ship crew for all group activities • All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary • Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days • Charter flights from Toronto to Kangerlussuaq (8/17) and from Kugluktuk to Edmonton (9/2) • $250/person Discovery Fund fee • 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 internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to Toronto and from Edmonton. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you information with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

WHAT TO EXPECT
For most activities, a relatively moderate level of exertion is required. You will need to climb into and out of Zodiaks for excursions ashore. Onshore, you must be able to walk moderate distances, unaided, over rough terrain (e.g., rocky outcrops and sandy beaches, and occasional ice and snow). Daytime temperatures range from 35 (°F) to 55 and may drop to the low 30s, although sunshine and low humidity create a very temperate atmosphere. Due to the uncertainty of ice floes in our cruising area, the majority of our schedule should be considered tentative. Our daily activity schedule will be updated regularly during the trip by our staff. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 12 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. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?northwest2018 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 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.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Stanford 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. 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 cannot assume 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 that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford 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 June 2017 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
The trip of a lifetime. It changed my perspective of the world.

JUDY AVERY, ‘59, ANTARCTICA EXPEDITION, 2013