Galápagos Field Seminar
September 8 to 21, 2019

“We had a wonderful experience and thoroughly enjoyed the aspect of having the sophomores involved!”

—Bonnie Wolstoncroft, Galápagos Field Seminar, 2015
One of Travel/Study’s goals has always been to look at the world as a “virtual classroom,” where lessons in history, culture, nature and science can be absorbed in the best way: firsthand. Within our unique Field Seminar format, Travel/Study joins forces with Sophomore College to provide an incredible academic experience, both in the classroom and out in the field, for a mix of undergraduates and alumni. Our adventure is launched with two days on the Stanford campus for an intensive crash course led by Professor Bill Durham on Darwin, evolution and the remarkable “living laboratory” of the Galápagos Islands. We then fly to South America with the undergraduates and travel aboard the privately chartered La Pinta to explore, learn and discover alongside some of the brightest young minds at Stanford today. Join us!
Faculty Leader

Professor William Durham, ’71, past chair of the department of anthropological sciences at Stanford is an innovative teacher and administrator whose primary interests are ecology and evolution, the interactions of genetic and cultural change in human populations, and the challenges to conservation and community development in the tropics, especially the Galápagos and the Amazon. Bill travels to the Galápagos nearly every year with students and alumni, and has conducted fieldwork throughout Central and South America and Africa. Professor Durham believes that educational travel is one of the most enriching experiences one can have.

- Currently the Bing Professor in Human Biology, Bass University Fellow in Undergraduate Education, Yang and Yamazaki University Fellow, and senior fellow at the Woods Institute for the Environment—all Stanford University
- Recipient of the Bing Fellow Award and a MacArthur Prize fellowship
- BA, biological sciences, 1971, Stanford University
- MS, zoology, 1973, and PhD, ecology and evolutionary biology, 1977, University of Michigan

“Bill Durham’s love of the Galápagos was contagious. It made the educational experience even more exciting.”

—Chris David, Galápagos Field Seminar, 2015
Itinerary

Sunday, September 8
Stanford, California
Alumni participants arrive at Stanford in time for a welcome reception, dinner on campus and an orientation with students and staff. (D)

Monday & Tuesday, September 9 & 10
Stanford, California
Attend lectures on campus given by Professor Bill Durham, who leads discussions on key aspects of evolution, wildlife and environmental history in the Galápagos Islands. (B,L—BOTH DAYS)

Wednesday, September 11
Depart the U.S. / Quito, Ecuador
Depart on an early-morning flight from San Francisco to Quito and transfer to our hotel upon arrival late this evening. WYNDAM AIRPORT HOTEL QUITO

Thursday, September 12
Quito / Baltra Island / South Plaza Island
Depart on an early-morning flight from Quito to Baltra Island via Guayaquil and embark our ship. After lunch and settling into our cabins, disembark on South Plaza Island for our first exploration of Galápagos. Return to our ship for dinner and the first of our student-led presentations this evening. LA PINTA (B,L,D)

Friday, September 13
Santa Fe Island / San Cristóbal Island
Disembark on Santa Fe Island to a sandy-white beach populated by colonies of sea lions. Take a nature walk and look for Galápagos hawks and Santa Fe land iguana. Following our walk, snorkel and swim along a natural wave barrier. This afternoon land at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno on San Cristóbal Island and drive 40 minutes to the island’s southern shore. At Cerro Colorado, visit the breeding center of endangered giant tortoises in the midst of a deciduous forest, home to dozens of bird species, including the San Cristóbal mockingbird and the San Cristóbal lava lizard, both island endemic species. LA PINTA (B,L,D)
Saturday, September 14
San Cristóbal Island
This morning, at the eastern tip of San Cristóbal Island, hike up a trail from the beach for spectacular views of the shoreline. Observe frigate birds, plus a colony of bachelor sea lions. Following lunch enjoy a *panga* ride along shores lined with banks of tuff-stone layers and disembark at Cerro Brujo's wide white coral beach. These are the very same shores that Charles Darwin walked upon in September 1835. *LA PINTA* (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 15
Española Island
Our morning outing at Punta Suárez on Española Island includes a walk on lava and boulder terrain to visit sea bird colonies, including the waved albatross, boobies, swallow-tailed gulls and the famous “blowhole,” a geological formation. This afternoon at Gardner Bay take a short walk to observe the sea lions, mockingbirds and finches and to enjoy the beach. Partake in the area's great snorkelling or choose to kayak or ride our ship's glass-bottom boat. *LA PINTA* (B,L,D)

Monday, September 16
Santa Cruz Island
This morning disembark on Santa Cruz Island to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and the Rearing in Captivity program dedicated to giant tortoises and see the efforts and results of Galápagos biology fieldwork. Enjoy free time to stroll the streets of Puerto Ayora before traveling to the highlands to observe giant tortoises roaming in the wild. Look for the emblematic Darwin’s finches and the endemic Scalesia trees that thrive in this area before returning to the ship. *LA PINTA* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 17
Santa Cruz Island / Chinese Hat Islet
Board *pangas* near Eden Islet, located off the coast of Santa Cruz Island, to observe boobies, reef sharks and frigate birds. The volcanic setting of this area is stunning due to its variety of volcanic debris, including cinder cones, tuff cones and semi-eroded lava flows. Visit the tiny Chinese Hat Islet to hike a trail that begins at a crescent-shaped white sandy beach. The cove offers excellent swimming and snorkelling opportunities to see white-tipped reef sharks and Galápagos penguins. *LA PINTA* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 18
Bartolomé Island / Santiago Island
Disembarking at a Galápagos icon, Bartolomé Island, climb up a wooden staircase and boardwalk to take in the view from the top. Take a *panga* ride around colossal Pinnacle Rock, followed by time to enjoy the beach and some snorkelling. After lunch board the *pangas* to land at Sullivan Bay on the
east coast of Santiago Island. Go on a hike this afternoon or head for the beach to swim, snorkel or just relax. *LA PINTA* (B,L,D)

**Thursday, September 19**  
**Genovesa Island**

Begin an exploration of Genovesa Island with a walk to observe its marine and land birds. Or take an optional walk over sharp lava and uneven terrain for dramatic views or return to the beach to enjoy swimming and snorkeling at the island’s beautiful natural harbor. Visit Prince Philip’s Steps this afternoon for a short but steep climb up a wooden staircase. Once at the top, walk on flat terrain to the other side of this small island, observing large colonies of Nazca boobies, frigate birds, storm petrels and the elusive short-eared owl. Gather for a farewell reception before dinner aboard our ship this evening. *LA PINTA* (B,L,D)

**Friday & Saturday, September 20 & 21**  
**Baltra Island / Disembark / Quito / U.S.**

After breakfast, disembark our ship on Baltra Island and fly to Quito to connect with flights to the U.S., arriving back home the next day. WYNDAM AIRPORT HOTEL QUITO—DAY ROOMS (9/21: B)

**What to Expect**

Begin your Field Seminar back on the Farm and remember what it’s like to be a student again on Stanford’s campus. After two intensive days of seminars by Professor Durham, head to Ecuador for hands-on experiences side by side with Stanford sophomores. Enjoy presentations by undergraduates after our daily field explorations. The combination of travel, education, youth and adventure makes these programs one of a kind. To get the most out of this Seminar, you should be intellectually curious and ready to participate in an intense academic experience. It helps to be enthusiastic about outdoor adventure, to be comfortable traveling as part of a multi-generational group, and ready to join in daily activities that require mobility and agility. A typical expedition ashore in the Galápagos involves wet landings, often in knee-deep water, to reach the beach from a Zodiac, then walking at an easy pace for a mile or two over uneven terrain that is sometimes rocky or slippery. There are many opportunities for snorkeling. All participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 12 years of age and older on this program.
Information

Dates
September 8 to 21, 2019 (14 days)

Size
This program is limited to 28 alumni participants, 14 sophomores and 2 Sophomore College advisors

Cost*
$10,295 per person, double occupancy
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*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person

Included
- 1 night of deluxe hotel accommodations; day rooms on 9/21
- 8-night cruise aboard La Pinta
- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 9 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Domestic flights within Ecuador
- Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary
- Group transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

Not Included
- International and domestic airfare
- Hotel accommodations in Palo Alto (3 nights)
- Passport 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 the start location and from the end location of the program. 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.
Terms and Conditions

Deposit and Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve your space. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/-trip?field2019 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 and 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 member's 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.

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