HUDSON RIVER

CITY LIGHTS AND FALL FOLIAGE ON THE HUDSON RIVER

October 6 to 15, 2016

a program of the stanford alumni association
We’ve offered dozens of river cruises over the years, throughout Europe and beyond. Yet one of our own great American rivers, the Hudson, offers a journey as rich in history and culture as those we’ve touted overseas. From the spectacular Rockefeller estate at Kykuit to the home of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt at Hyde Park and from West Point and Storm King Art Center to bustling New York Harbor, this trip is one that comes packed with memorable experiences any time of the year. But we’ve timed our journey so we can witness one of nature’s greatest spectacles, the East Coast’s October fall foliage, when the Hudson River Valley is ablaze with fiery hues of orange, red and yellow. Before we head up the river, we’ll enjoy classic New York, including dinner at an elegant supper club and a special visit to the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum.

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

Highlights

**DELIGHT** in the glamour of Manhattan during lunch at the legendary 21 Club and while watching a top Broadway play.

**RELAX** for seven nights aboard the 45-passenger American Glory, surrounded by the stunning fall colors of the Hudson River Valley.

**VIEW** the groundbreaking art of the Hudson River School and explore the Gilded Age mansions of the Rockefellers and their contemporaries.

**DELVE** into great moments of American history during visits to the parade grounds at West Point Academy and the Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park.

COVER: NEW YORK CITY
Wanda M. Corn is the Robert and Ruth Halperin Professor in Art History, emeritus, at Stanford. She specializes in the history of American art, photography and visual culture, and she takes a special interest in the ways artists and art movements traveled globally in the early 20th century among cities such as Paris, Moscow, St. Petersburg and New York. Having grown up in New England, she is particularly interested in the art of the American Northeast and will be our guide to the lives, homes and studios of Hudson River School artists.

Joe Corn is a senior lecturer, emeritus, in history at Stanford and a specialist in the history of American technology and material culture. Dr. Corn has published books on the history of aeronautics and on the history of American expectations for the future. He recently completed a book examining how consumers have encountered and coped with complex technologies such as sewing machines, automobiles and, most recently, personal computers. He was born in New York City and has lived and sailed on the Hudson River.

"The Hudson River Valley is beautiful and Wanda and Joe Corn were excellent!"

Ann K. Coughlin ’59, Hudson River, 2014
Itinerary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6  
HOME / NEW YORK CITY  
Arrive independently this afternoon at our hotel, ideally located in midtown Manhattan, then gather this evening for a welcome reception, followed by a glamorous evening at a supper club.  

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7  
NEW YORK CITY  
Visit the incomparable Metropolitan Museum of Art, spending time at the newly renovated American Wing that includes an extensive collection of paintings from the Hudson River School. Enjoy a stylish lunch today at the famed 21 Club and this evening attend a top Broadway show. OMNI BERKSHIRE PLACE HOTEL (B,L)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8  
NEW YORK CITY / EMBARKATION / YONKERS  
Check out of our hotel and head on foot to the iconic Rockefeller Center, filled with stunning works of art including a glistening, highly detailed copper ceiling, often overlooked by passersby. Experience 360-degree views of New York from the Top of the Rock, 70 floors above the city, before we continue to Chelsea Piers. Here we embark the American Glory, our comfortable vessel for the next six days. Sail past one of the world’s most dramatic skylines as we leave New York Harbor and head north up the Hudson River. Celebrate the start of our journey at the captain’s welcome reception and dinner tonight. AMERICAN GLORY (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9  
KYKUIT / POUGHKEEPSIE  
Today we immerse ourselves in the golden era of moguls and millionaires with a visit to the Rockefeller dynasty’s Kykuit Estate with its commanding view over the Hudson. Known as the “American Versailles,” this hilltop paradise was home to four generations of the Rockefeller family, beginning with philanthropist John D. Rockefeller. Our tour includes the home and garden, and the private modern art collection put together by Nelson Rockefeller. AMERICAN GLORY (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10  
POUGHKEEPSIE / HYDE PARK / TROY  
In Hyde Park, visit the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum. One of the most famous homes in America, this Georgian Federal Revival house looks much like it did when the Roosevelts lived here. A highlight here is the library filled with the Roosevelts’ personal items, mementos and gifts. AMERICAN GLORY (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11  
TROY / CATSKILL  
Take a short drive to Saratoga Springs, a lovely Victorian-era spa town with a treasured architectural heritage. Leland
Stanford was born nearby, and Jane Lathrop's family heritage homes still stand. See impressive mansions and beautiful gardens, and learn of the fascinating histories of these great homes of the Gilded Age. Enjoy free time in town before stopping at the historic Saratoga Race Track, a mecca of thoroughbred racing.

AMERICAN GLORY (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12
CATSKILL / NEWBURGH
This morning call at Olana, the magnificent Persian-style home of one of the most influential Hudson River School painters, Frederic Church. The splendid views from the mansion overlooking the valley provided inspiration for some of Church's best-known paintings. Relax onboard for an afternoon of cruising along this particularly scenic stretch of the river as our lecture program continues. AMERICAN GLORY (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13
NEWBURGH / STORM KING ART CENTER
This morning is devoted to the Storm King Art Center, a unique outdoor museum that celebrates the relationship between sculpture and nature. Five hundred acres of landscaped lawns, fields and woodlands provide a stunning site for post-war sculptures by internationally renowned artists, including Henry Moore, Richard Serra and Andy Goldsworthy. After lunch onboard, enjoy the fall foliage while cruising the Hudson. AMERICAN GLORY (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14
WEST POINT / NEW YORK CITY
Spend the morning at West Point, our country’s most famous fortress, situated on a bluff with magnificent views of the river valley below. Now a National Monument, West Point was opened on Independence Day in 1802 with just 10 cadets and is the alma mater of such military heroes as Ulysses S. Grant, Douglas MacArthur and Dwight D. Eisenhower. During this special visit, learn about both its history and modern role as the nation’s foremost military academy. Return to the ship and make our way down the Hudson River, passing the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the iconic Manhattan skyline en route to our dock at Chelsea Piers. At tonight’s farewell reception and dinner aboard ship, celebrate the culmination of our program with the lights of Manhattan providing a glittering backdrop. AMERICAN GLORY (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
NEW YORK CITY / DISEMBARKATION / HOME
Disembark the American Glory this morning for return flights home. (B)
The American Glory is an intimate, 27-cabin vessel accommodating a maximum of just 49 passengers. American-built in 2002, the ship is a maneuverable size that permits docking right in the heart of the cultural and historical sites we'll visit. Each of the spacious staterooms is outside-facing and features a king or two twin beds, en suite bathroom with shower, writing table, dresser and closet, and a large picture window that opens. Some staterooms have private balconies. An attractive dining salon offers delicious cuisine and comfortably accommodates all passengers at a single, unassigned seating. Spacious sun decks and glass-enclosed lounges offer restful venues for enjoying the passing scenery in comfort, and there's a well-stocked book and video library. The American Glory is equipped with an elevator for ease of movement among decks and complies fully with all the latest safety regulations.

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Program Costs*

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy

**CATEGORY A**
Stateroom on Main Deck
Approx. 205 square feet

$8,995

**CATEGORY AA**
Stateroom on Lounge Deck
Approx. 205 square feet

$9,695

**CATEGORY AAL**
Stateroom with balcony on Lounge Deck
Approx. 220 square feet (including balcony)

$10,295

**CATEGORY AAC**
Stateroom with balcony on Carolina Deck
Approx. 220 square feet (including balcony)

$10,995

**CATEGORY A/AA**
Stateroom on Main Deck or Lounge Deck
Approx. 180 square feet

$11,495

**CATEGORY AAC**
Stateroom with balcony on Carolina Deck
Approx. 180 square feet (including balcony)

$11,895

*Association nonmembers add $300 per person
**Single accommodations are limited
DATES
October 6 to 15, 2016 (10 days)

SIZE
This trip is limited to 45 participants.

INCLUDED
2 nights of accommodations at the comfortable Omni Berkshire Place Hotel  ■ 7-night cruise aboard the American Glory  ■ 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 8 dinners  ■ Welcome and farewell receptions  ■ Onboard nightly cocktail receptions  ■ Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and ship’s crew for all group activities  ■ All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary  ■ Single, group transfers to La Guardia and JFK airports on departure day  ■ 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
Airfare  ■ Airport arrival transfers  ■ Meals and beverages other than those specified as included  ■ 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
U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on United Airlines between San Francisco and New York is approximately $400 as of December 2015 and is subject to change without notice.

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve one to three miles of walking, sometimes on uneven terrain. Many excursions in New York involve several blocks of city walking to locations that sometimes cannot be accessed by our coach. In some instances, stairs are unavailable or do not have handrails. Daily disembarkation from our ship for excursions involves walking up and down a metal gangway that can be set at a steep angle, depending on the water level; however, there will be assistance from ship crew. 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 $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for the Hudson River program. Sign up online at www.stanfordalumni.org/trip?hudson2016 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 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 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 December 2015 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
“An exceptional trip, made so by the Stanford and ship staff, varied itinerary along the lovely Hudson River, stimulating lectures and tours, excellent service, comfortable accommodations and gourmet meals.”

CAROL STEVENS, MA ’62, AND NOEL STEVENS, MBA ’62, HUDSON RIVER, 2014