Over the years we’ve heard from many alumni looking for trips with more free time that are light on the luxury and take you far from home but for shorter periods. We’ve listened! In 2011 we’re introducing a new FOCUS series. These programs deliver the same world-class academic enrichment with Stanford faculty and scholars, exclusive access and a professional tour manager, but with fewer scheduled activities and group meals. The programs last about one week and feature accommodations we love but that are not necessarily in the 5-star category.

Join us on a FOCUS program in Florence (page 12), Provence (page 15) or the Dolomites (page 17), or choose from dozens of other outstanding journeys that include Active Adventures, Classic Journeys, Explorations by Land and Family Adventures.

Embark on an educational journey today. Our office is filled with well-traveled adventure enthusiasts waiting to help you discover the perfect trip. We welcome your inquiries.

See you in 2011!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY
NOURISH YOUR MIND
In addition to hearing thought-provoking lectures, you’ll have the opportunity to interact with Stanford faculty and scholars who are masters at bringing our destinations to life.

GAIN INSIDER ACCESS
The number one rule of travel: know before you go. From people to places, Stanford knows ‘em all. With our connections, you’ll enjoy rare behind-the-scenes access to special sites and events all over the world. We’ll introduce you to local experts and local alumni for in-depth learning in the field.

STANFORD TRAVELERS, UNITE!
You don’t need to like group travel to love traveling with Stanford. On any given trip, you’re sure to forge friendships with a diverse group of alumni and friends who are as intellectually curious as you are.

RELAX, WE’VE GOT EVERYTHING COVERED
Once you’ve booked your trip, sit back and leave the planning to us. No pre-trip detail is missed – we’ll even send you a packing list!

DISCOVER REAL VALUE
Most others simply can’t offer the extras we include as a matter of course. Once you add them all up – lectures, meals, transfers, gratuities and little luxuries – you’ll know you’re getting more than you pay for. That’s what we call real value.

TRAVEL WORRY-FREE
Leave the worrying to us. Whether retrieving lost luggage while you see the sights or setting up the next leg of your journey as you nap in the shade, one of our experienced tour managers accompanies each trip to ensure your trip is as stress-free as it is carefree.

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AUGUST

Trans-Canada Rail Expedition
AUGUST 19 TO 27, 2010
With historian Barry Lane, traverse the grand landscapes of Canada – from the scenic lakes of northern Ontario and across sweeping prairies through the majestic Rockies to British Columbia – aboard VIA Rail’s Canadian and the Rocky Mountaineer. Conclude in the beautiful seaport of Vancouver. **COST:** from $7,695

Peru Suitcase Seminar
AUGUST 19 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 2010
Capitalizing on Stanford’s inside connections to Peru’s archaeological community, we enjoy unparalleled access to exhibits and sites generally not available to the public. Faculty leader John Rick guides us through Sipán, Chan Chan and the incomparable Machu Picchu. Spend time in Lima and Cuzco, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the Americas. **COST:** $6,995

Micronesia Expedition
AUGUST 26 TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2010
Join Professor Paul Ehrlich aboard the Clipper Odyssey for an exciting journey to this collection of pristine islands defined by tiny islets, mangrove-canopied waterways and emerald lagoons. Enjoy naturalist-led walks and snorkeling amid coral reefs teeming with life. Call upon the rugged volcanic Truk Islands, known for WWII shipwrecks, and explore lush Pohnpei. **COST:** from $8,990

SEPTEMBER

World Leaders Symposium: Russia and the Black Sea
AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2010
Join Professor Colin Blacker and former U.S. Secretary of Defense William Perry, ’49, MS ’50, for a close-up study of the unique history and culture of Eastern Europe and its current policies. Begin in Moscow then fly to Istanbul and board the luxurious Silver Wind for a 10-night cruise on the Black Sea, stopping in Georgia, Ukraine and Turkey. Optional extensions to Kiev and Istanbul. **COST:** from $23,990

India’s Himalayan States
SEPTEMBER 2 TO 17, 2010
Join history professor and Buddhist studies specialist Mark Mancall on a journey to the intriguing far northern states of India. Begin in Delhi and travel to Leh, the capital of Ladakh. Visit the Himalaya’s oldest-surviving monastery in Achi and meet with Tibetans-in-exile in Dharamsala. Conclude at a luxurious mountain retreat near Shimla. Optional post-trip extension to the Kashmir Valley. **COST:** $8,195

Southern Africa Expedition
SEPTEMBER 4 TO 17, 2010
Explore the cultural and natural riches of South Africa, Botswana and Zambia with faculty leader and South Africa native Jeff Koseff, MS ’78, PhD ’83. From Johannesburg, visit the township of Soweto before flying to Botswana’s Okavango Delta. Continue to Livingstone, Zambia, to view stunning Victoria Falls and conclude with four nights in Cape Town. **COST:** $10,950

Hidden Gems of Central Europe
SEPTEMBER 9 TO 23, 2010
Journey from Warsaw to Budapest with historian Bob Hamrdla, ’59, MA ’64. Explore Kraków’s Old Town and ponder the tragic legacy of Auschwitz. In the Czech Republic, explore Prague and Cesky Krumlov with its imposing castle, Gothic churches and red-roofed houses. In Slovakia, visit a 10th-century castle in Bratislava. In Hungary, enjoy a wine tasting tour in Győr before visiting the capital, Budapest. **COST:** $7,790

Oregon Shakespeare Festival Seminar
SEPTEMBER 13 TO 20, 2010
Enjoy seven plays at the world-renowned Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. Learn from Shakespeare expert Jean Nyland and her husband, Professor Abbas Milani, and numerous Festival contacts and experts. Take a special backstage tour, attend discussions with directors and artistic staff, and dine with the actors. **COST:** $3,295

Italy’s Veneto Walk
SEPTEMBER 18 TO 30, 2010
Walk among the rolling Italian foothills that fringe the mighty Dolomites with Professor Bill Eddelman, MA ’62, PhD ’72, and historian Peter Watson. Learn about Andrea Palladio, the father of modern architecture. Stroll the in the shadows of Asiago and Monte Grappa and end at the luxurious Villa Cipriani in Asolo. **COST:** $8,695
OCTOBER

Beyond Rapa Nui Expedition
OCTOBER 3 TO 20, 2010
Discover the allure of the lush islands of the South Seas as we sail aboard the Clipper Odyssey with geologist Rob Dunbar. From bustling Papeete in Tahiti, cruise to the exquisite Marquesas and to the remote atolls of the Tuamotu Archipelago. In the Pitcairns, stop at Ducie and Henderson Island. View the hundreds of giant volcanic stone statues (moai) on Easter Island.
COST: from $12,880

Hudson River College
OCTOBER 6 TO 16, 2010
Sail aboard the American Glory with art historian Wanda Corn and American transportation and technology historian Joseph Corn. Begin in New York City with behind-the-scenes tours. Tour the lovely Val-Kill Cottage, home of Eleanor Roosevelt, and stroll the grounds, gardens and trails of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s 300-acre estate at Hyde Park. Explore the grounds of West Point and learn about the history and significance of the nation’s foremost military academy.
COST: from $7,495

Lands of the Himalaya
OCTOBER 11 TO 28, 2010
Journey to Tibet, Nepal and Bhutan with history professor Mark Mancall and discover treasures that few tourists ever see. Wander through the gleaming white Potala Palace in Lhasa and explore the giant Buddhist stupa of Swayambunath in Kathmandu. In Bhutan, visit the Taktshang Monastery. Along the way, meet with public figures, intellectuals and monks who offer insights into their culture and society.
COST: $9,790

Gods and Heroes of the Ancient World
OCTOBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 8, 2010
Explore the sacred lands of the Mediterranean aboard the Corinthian II with classics professor Marsh McCall. Examine the ancient ruins of Ephesus, sail to Egypt and travel inland to Siwa Oasis and enjoy tea at sunset in the Great Sand Sea. View ancient manuscripts at the modern Library of Alexandria. Optional extensions to Istanbul and Cairo.
COST: from $6,995

Unseen Japan Suitcase Seminar
NOVEMBER 6 TO 19, 2010
Delve into a Japan that few visitors ever see with history professor Peter Duus. Begin in Kyoto and Nara before traveling to Kyushu. Stay in a tradition ryokan with soothing hot springs in Beppu then journey by “bullet train” to Hiroshima and visit nearby Miyajima Island. Wander through Kurashiki’s samurai district and explore the outdoor art installations of Naoshima. Optional extension to Tokyo.
COST: $7,595

Northern India Suitcase Seminar
NOVEMBER 10 TO 24, 2010
A highlight of our sojourn is the marvelous spectacle of the Pushkar Camel Fair in the Thar Desert, where we stay in a luxury tented camp for two full days. Discover the region’s most fascinating cities, monuments and parks including the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal, Keoladeo Ghana National Park in Bharatpur and Jaipur’s Amber Fort. Optional extension to the banks of the Ganges and the temple complex at Khajuraho.
COST: $6,995

November

New! Natural Wonders and Ancient Civilizations
NOVEMBER 1 TO 20, 2010
Transit the Panama Canal then set forth along Panama’s Pacific Coast aboard the CieIla II with Dr. William Ratliff. Spend three days in Costa Rica before continuing to Manta and the colonial town of Montecristi in Ecuador. In Peru, learn about pre-Columbian Chimú culture and visit the largest adobe city in the world, Chan Chan. Fly above the celebrated Nazca Lines. Optional excursion to Cuzco and Machu Picchu.
COST: from $11,995

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COST: $7,595

Dinosaur Family Adventure
AUGUST 7 TO 15, 2010
Work alongside scientists at fossil sites in western Colorado’s red-rock country, ride by horseback to the magnificent Colorado National Monument, raft the Colorado River and go on a fossil quest up through the 9,000-foot Douglas Pass. Dive into the entire science of paleontology with Professor David Dinter, ‘82, MS ’82, and paleontologist Jonathan Cooley.
COST: $3,995, adults; $3,895, kids (ages 6-18)
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ACTIVE ADVENTURES
For travelers looking to add an active twist to their next vacation, whether it’s heli-hiking, mountain trekking, snorkeling, kayaking, gorilla tracking or countryside walks, with trips that provide an outdoor experience alongside the comfort and luxury that are our hallmarks.

CLASSIC JOURNEYS
For travelers who long to recapture the romantic, golden age of travel as they journey to exciting destinations in the lap of luxury aboard intimate cruise ships, vintage railcars, charming riverboats and private aircraft.

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For travelers who love to immerse themselves in the cultures, traditions, sights, sounds and flavors of both urban and rural landscapes as they explore one or more countries on their journey through colorful, storied and exotic lands.

FAMILY ADVENTURES
For families looking to experience new countries and cultures with their children or grandchildren who, as Young Explorers, have the added fun of educational projects and hands-on activities led by Stanford Sierra Camp counselors.

“Not a vacation – that’s beach reading – but rather an opportunity to learn, reasonably deeply, about what had been to me an unreachable, exotic place. I feel like I just finished a course in Chinese history, art and culture... in just two weeks.”

DAVID WARD, ’79
CHINA FAMILY ADVENTURE
New Year’s Eve in Prague
A BAROQUE AND RENAISSANCE CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 27, 2010, TO JANUARY 3, 2011 (8 DAYS)

Ring in 2011 with history professor Norman Naimark, ’66, MA ’68, PhD ’72, in one of Europe’s most beautifully preserved cities. From our five-star hotel in the vibrant Old Town, head for the Strahov Monastery and enjoy exclusive access to the library’s priceless collection of rare books and manuscripts. Attend an opera at the National Theater and join a private backstage tour of the Stavovské Theater, where Mozart’s Don Giovanni premiered. View masterworks of Czech artists at the Kampa Museum and dine at some of Prague’s most elegant restaurants. As the clock strikes midnight, welcome in the new year at an exclusive gala ball at Prague’s State Opera house, following a performance of Die Fledermaus.

COST: $7,995

Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia Suitcase Seminar
TEMPLES AND TREASURES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA
DECEMBER 29, 2010, TO JANUARY 16, 2011 (19 DAYS)

Experience the exotic beauty and rich history of Southeast Asia with Larry Diamond, ’74, MA ’78, PhD ’80, as we visit both the traditional villages and bustling cities of these three unique nations. Reflect upon the impact of Vietnam’s new economic reforms as we explore its traditional culture. Visit gold-tipped Buddhist temples in the forests of Laos and meet local villagers along the Mekong River. In Cambodia, roam the vast complex of Angkor, a monument to the power of the ancient Khmer Empire. Distinguishing this perennially popular program are its specially arranged visits with U.S. embassy officials, Cambodian non-profit organizations and local universities.

COST: $7,695

New Zealand by Private Air
BOUNDLESS BEAUTY AND MAORI TRADITIONS
JANUARY 6 TO 20, 2011 (15 DAYS)

Enjoy spectacular views as we fly above both the South and North Islands of New Zealand on our privately chartered Convair 580 with faculty leaders Pam Matson and Peter Vitousek. From Christchurch, journey to the many geological wonders of the South Island. Travel by train across the majestic southern Alps, ranked as one of the world’s top train rides; explore the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers; cruise stunning Milford Sound; spend time in Queenstown; and enjoy the “gourmet paradise” of Marlborough. Fly to the North Island to tour the Te Papa Tongarewa Museum in Wellington and view the dramatic geysers of Rotorua’s geothermal reserve. End in cosmopolitan Auckland.

COST: approx. $9,995
Mozambique and Madagascar

**DISCOVERING PARADISE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN**

**JANUARY 17 TO FEBRUARY 2, 2011 (17 DAYS)**

On this expansive voyage aboard *Corinthian II*, discover these two African treasures — each with a unique cultural history and its own natural wonders. Join Professor Bill Durham, ’71, in Maputo, Mozambique, and explore its teeming markets and Portuguese colonial architecture. In the Bazaruto Archipelago, view the area’s myriad species of colorful fish and marvel at the local loggerhead turtle population. Then travel to the island of Madagascar, which was originally populated by the natives of Borneo, giving the island a distinct Asian character. The island is known for its many national parks, which protect one of the most varied and abundant assemblages of plants and animals on the planet.

**Cost:** from $10,995

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**Voyage from Singapore to India**

**BAY OF BENGAL AND THE ANDAMAN SEA**

**JANUARY 17 TO FEBRUARY 6, 2011 (21 DAYS)**


**Cost:** from $12,880

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**Antarctica Expedition**

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ERNEST SHACKLETON**

**JANUARY 26 TO FEBRUARY 16, 2011 (22 DAYS)**

Enjoy the quintessential Antarctic experience, retracing Ernest Shackleton’s incredible voyage aboard the *Clipper Adventurer*. Explore a world of striking scenery and unique wildlife with a team of world-renowned faculty and naturalists. Observe thousands of rockhopper penguins on the Falkland Islands at the height of austral summer; cruise through the breathtaking Lemaire Channel, one of the Antarctic Peninsula’s most spectacular areas, and explore the islands, bays and coves of South Georgia to glimpse its prodigious colonies of king penguins. Learn about the impact of climate change from faculty leader Rob Dunbar and gain daily insights about the region’s seabirds and other wildlife from an expert expedition team.

**Cost:** from $13,980
Nile College

LAND OF PYRAMIDS AND PHARAOHS
FEBRUARY 17 TO MARCH 3, 2011 (15 DAYS)

Uncover the archaeological treasures and epic history of this legendary land with classics professor Grant Parker. Begin in bustling Cairo, exploring the great pyramids of Giza, Saqqara and Dahshur. Fly to Luxor to visit the Valley of the Kings and the great temple at Karnak before journeying up the Nile aboard the exclusively chartered Nile Adventurer. Our Stanford connections open doors to local political leaders and archaeologists and gain access to tombs not accessible to the public. Visit the Temple of Isis in Aswan and enjoy an afternoon visit to Abu Simbel before flying back to Luxor. Back in Cairo experience the capital’s Islamic heritage and the incomparable Egyptian Museum. Optional post-trip extension to Jordan, including Petra.

COST: from $9,695

Voyage from Oman to the Emirates

FROM THE DESERT TO THE SEA
FEBRUARY 17 TO MARCH 4, 2011 (16 DAYS)

Cruise aboard the Clipper Odyssey with faculty leader Lina Khatib to sparkling Dubai and beyond to other city-states of the United Arab Emirates, as well as to the Kingdom of Bahrain, the emirate of Qatar and the Sultanate of Oman. Take a dhow cruise to admire the rugged fjords of the Musandam Peninsula and snorkel at Telegraph Island in Oman. Visit the coastal town of Dibba, a charming Mediterranean-flavored fishing village in the United Arab Emirates. Back in Oman, in the town of Sur, be awed by the artisanship of its many dhow builders and make a final stop in Salalah with its roots in the ancient frankincense trade and home to the prophet Job’s sacred tomb. Optional pre-voyage extension to Iran.

COST: from $10,280

The Ganges

EXPLORING INDIA’S HOLIEST RIVER
FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 15, 2011 (18 DAYS)

Join professor and former ambassador Tom Simons on a journey along the religious and cultural icon that is the Ganges. Explore the numerous colonial sites of Kolkata (Calcutta), the capital of British India until 1912, then board the MV Bengal Pandaw to cruise up the Hooghly river to the Ganges. Travel by cycle rickshaw through the enchanting Bengali terracotta temples in Kalna. In Murshidabad, visit the vast Hazarduari Palace, then cruise through the lush, semi-tropical West Bengal into the Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary. In Munger, visit the Bihar School of Yoga, which lies within a 15th-century fort. Complete the journey by exploring the temples in Bodhgaya, Varanasi and Sarnath and end in Delhi. Optional post-trip extension to Agra to visit the iconic Taj Mahal.

COST: in development
Carnival in Venice

UNMASKING IL BALLO DEL DOGE
FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 7, 2011 (9 DAYS)

Relive the glitter and glory of medieval Venice during its most magical time, when its corridors are filled with ornately costumed, masked revelers. Our one-of-a-kind itinerary has been made possible thanks to the many personal contacts of drama professor William Eddelman, MA ’62, PhD ’72. Prepare for Il Ballo del Doge, one of Venice’s most prestigious carnival balls, with a private costume fitting and lectures on the customs and history of Carnival. Gain a deep appreciation of the culture and art of Venice with private tours of La Fenice Opera House, St. Mark’s Basilica, La Scuola Grande di San Rocco and the Museum of Music. Also visit centuries-old Palladian villas and the Teatro Olimpico on a day trip to the historic town of Vicenza.

COST: approx. $7,295

Arts and Culture of Argentina

TANGO, GAUCHOS AND MALBEC
MARCH 11 TO 22, 2011 (12 DAYS)

Explore the history and culture of Argentina with Latin history professor and Hoover Institute fellow Herb Klein. Enjoy the metropolitan pleasures of Buenos Aires by attending a tango performance and a classical music concert, visiting local art studios and taking a lesson in traditional asado cooking. In the wine region of Mendoza, stroll through Lopez Vineyards, guided by local wine experts. Soak in spectacular views of crystalline lakes and cloud-piercing mountains during walks in Bariloche’s Nahuel Huapi National Park. Traverse one of the most beautiful lakes in Patagonia while en route to the once-Spanish colony of Victoria Island. In the vast landscape of Valle Encantado, search the skies for the magnificent, yet illusive, condor.

COST: approx. $7,595

From the Gold and Ivory Coasts to Seville

TREASURES OF WEST AFRICA
MARCH 16 TO APRIL 6, 2011 (22 DAYS)

Explore West Africa’s rich mosaic of culture, history and natural beauty aboard the Corinthian II with history professor Richard Roberts. Explore Ghana’s famed “Castle Coast” and Kakum National Park; Liberia’s capital Monrovia, founded in 1822 and named after U.S. President James Monroe; the wildlife of Abuko Nature Reserve in The Gambia; Dakar, Senegal’s beautiful capital city; enchanting Laayoune; the natural wonders of Arrecife on the Canary Islands; and in Casablanca, tour the enormous Hasan II mosque. From Africa cross the strait into Europe to visit one of the world’s great sea landmarks, Gibraltar, and Seville’s Alcazar with its charming gardens and cathedral.

COST: from $12,495
Middle East Suitcase Seminar

RELATIONS WITH THE WEST: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES
MARCH 18 TO APRIL 1, 2011 (15 DAYS)

Traveling with political science professor David Abernethy, discover a kaleidoscope of prehistoric sites, natural beauty, rich cultures, complex cuisines and the legendary hospitality of the peoples of the Middle East. Start in Saudi Arabia, where the modern cities of Riyadh and Jeddah share the desert with quaint villages, colorful souks and ancient fortresses. View the massive and elaborate stone-carved temples of Mada’in Salih, then cross into Jordan to explore the ancient city of Petra, once the capital of Nabateans and famous for its rose-hued structures carved into cliffs. Throughout, we meet with local residents and dignitaries to learn of their lands. Optional post-trip extension to Damascus, Syria.

COST: approx. $10,995

China Suitcase Seminar

DYNASTIES PAST AND PRESENT
APRIL 5 TO 22, 2011 (18 DAYS)

Learn about China’s history, culture and government from history professor Tom Mullaney. Visit some of China’s most fascinating destinations on one of Travel/Study’s most popular programs. Spend three full days exploring Beijing’s legendary Imperial sites, including the Forbidden City, the old city’s historic hutong neighborhoods and the iconic Great Wall. In Xian, view the massive army of China’s first emperor – thousands of life-size terra-cotta warriors who lay buried for over 2,000 years. Sail down the Li River through the misty limestone peaks of Guilin and cruise along the Yangtze River to see the magnificent Three Gorges. Visit the garden city of Suzhou before spending our last two days in glittery Shanghai. Optional post-trip extension to Taiwan.

COST: approx. $7,595

Insider’s Berlin

BEHIND THE SCENES OF A WORLD CAPITAL
APRIL 6 TO 15, 2011 (10 DAYS)

Gain an insider’s perspective of Germany’s dynamic capital with expert historian Bob Hamrdla, ’59, MA ’64. From our hotel on Potsdamer Platz, the center of modern Berlin, visit several of the city’s fascinating museums and historic buildings and enjoy three musical performances. Visit with current Stanford students and take a behind-the-scenes look at the Reichstag building, seat of the German parliament. Enjoy a full day in Potsdam, touring the palaces of Sans Souci and Cecilienhof, site of the Potsdam Conference during which Allied leaders organized Germany’s new system of ruling after World War II. Free time plus unlimited access to Berlin’s extensive public transportation system allow for independent exploration of this exciting city.

COST: approx. $4,995
Voyage along the
North African Coast
FROM SPAIN TO CYPRUS
APRIL 7 TO 24, 2011 (18 DAYS)
Explore the wonders of Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt with classics professor Marsh McCall as we learn about the history and culture of these fascinating countries. Sailing east from Seville, Spain, aboard the luxurious Corinthian II, marvel at the ancient site of Hippo Regius in Algeria, and in Tunisia visit the ruins of Carthage and the Roman amphitheater of El Djem. In Libya* explore the labyrinthine ruins of Leptis Magna, one of ancient Rome’s best-preserved cities, and the Greek sites of Apollonia and Cyrene. Visit Alexandria and the Great Pyramids in Egypt before disembarking in Cyprus. *If Libyan visas are not granted, instead we’ll spend two days at the celebrated Siwa Oasis in Egypt.

COST: from approx. $9,995

Iran Suitcase Seminar
MOSQUES AND MONUMENTS OF PERSIA
APRIL 2011 (17 DAYS)
Delve into a country few Western tourists ever explore on this unique journey with faculty leader Tom Simons. View priceless archaeological treasures in the museums of Tehran and learn the history of Persian carpet-weaving. Then travel to Mashhad, a major Shi’ite Muslim pilgrimage site. Admire the mysterious architecture of the Gombed-E Jabaliye monument outside Kerman, and enjoy the peaceful gardens of Mahan where Sufi poets meditated in medieval times. Visit the former caravan city of Yazd where the Zoroastrian religion once thrived. View remnants of the empire of Darius I at legendary Persepolis, visit the colorful bazaar in Shiraz and marvel at the tiled mosques and one of the world’s largest city squares in Esfahan.

COST: in development

Focus on Florence
DISCOVERING THE CITY OF THE RENAISSANCE
APRIL 10 TO 17, 2011 (8 DAYS)
The lustrous and tumultuous history of Florence has been dictated by the whims and at the hands of some of history’s most prominent Italian figures. Through Travel/Study’s special contacts, dive deep into la storia di Firenze with Professor Roberto D’Allimonte and local guest speakers. Stroll through the expansive Boboli Gardens, which house a distinguished collection of sculptures dating back to the 16th century. Develop new culinary talents at a local cooking school and watch as 400-year-old leather-making methods are demonstrated at the leather school inside the Basilica of Santa Croce. Travel to quaint, lesser-known villages and meet with local wine producers to taste the wines and oils produced in this fertile region.

COST: approx. $3,995

DIG DEEPER
We’ve created this new FOCUS series to give travelers a Stanford program – Stanford faculty and scholars, exclusive access, a professional tour manager – with more free time and meals on your own and without splurging on 5-star accommodations. And we do it all in about one week’s time – a better fit for some of today’s busy schedules.
Sicily Walk

ISLAND CROSSROADS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN
MAY 4 TO 15, 2011 (12 DAYS)

Sitting between mainland Europe and Africa, Sicily has witnessed countless invasions and occupations throughout its history. With Travel/Study faculty leader Scott Pearson and historian Peter Watson, explore the legacy of past conquerors – the Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans, then the Moors and Normans. Savor elegant picnics during invigorating walks. Marvel at ancient Pantalica and Siracusa’s small island of Ortygia with its Greek temple that’s been converted into a baroque church. Tour the Aeolian islands of Panarea, Lipari and Stromboli. Climb Vulcano for a magnificent view of the Tyrrhenian Sea and nearby islands. Marvel at the glittering mosaics of Monreale Cathedral, walk among the fumaroles of Mount Etna and experience the bustle of Sicily’s capital, Palermo.

COST: approx. $7,795

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Southern Africa Expedition

FROM CAPE TOWN TO VICTORIA FALLS
MAY 5 TO 19, 2011 (15 DAYS)

Explore Cape Town, Robben Island and the Cape Peninsula, then board Rovos Rail for a two-night journey to Johannesburg. Visit the thriving and historic township of Soweto and explore the early hominid sites of Sterkfontein and Drimolen. At Kruger National Park, considered the premier game-viewing destination in South Africa, spend two nights at the deluxe Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge. Join skilled rangers on day and night drives in open Land Rovers in search of African game, including the Big Five. After another night in Johannesburg, head for the Zambezi river in Zambia to view monumental Victoria Falls. Optional post-trip extension to Botswana’s Okavango Delta.

COST: from approx. $11,295

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Lebanon and Syria Suitcase Seminar

CRUSADER CASTLES AND CONTEMPORARY CULTURES
MAY 8 TO 21, 2011 (14 DAYS)

Explore these fascinating, culturally rich countries in the company of noted faculty leaders Bob Gregg and Herant Katchadourian. Stroll through Beirut’s vibrant downtown and visit mosques, synagogues and churches. View the monumental site of Baalbek with its exquisitely carved Roman-era temples. In neighboring Syria, browse the aromatic souks of Damascus and admire the Umayyad Mosque that, according to tradition, contains the head of John the Baptist. Visit the great Crusader fortress of Krak des Chevaliers, the imposing citadel of Aleppo and St. Simeon’s Monastery. Cross the Syrian desert to the funerary monuments and the Ba’al Temple at Palmyra.

COST: approx. $8,995
Sailing the Rivieras Aboard Sea Cloud II
FROM BARCELONA TO NICE
MAY 9 TO 19, 2011 (11 DAYS)
Cruise the western Riviera aboard the luxurious Sea Cloud II with professor of modern European history, Jim Sheehan, ’58. Study the art nouveau architecture of Gaudi’s still-uncompleted Sagrada Familia Cathedral in Barcelona. Visit the Provençal landscapes that inspired such major modern painters as Vincent van Gogh, Paul Cézanne, Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso. Venture inland to the medieval French citadel of Carcassonne and call on Lady Luck at the casinos of Monte Carlo. Savor the cheeses, olives and fine wines of Catalunya and Provence, and watch a bullfight at a ranch in the Camargue, western Europe’s largest river delta. Explore the Guggenheim Museum during an optional pre-trip extension in Bilbao.

COST: from approx. $6,995

Cruising the Intracoastal Waterway
THE COAST OF THE CAROLINAS AND CHESAPEAKE BAY
MAY 12 TO 21, 2011 (10 DAYS)
Cruise the shores of the Carolinas, Virginia and Maryland aboard the intimate 49-berth American Glory with Professor Jack Rakoove and discover the unique nuances that have made this part of the South distinct from the rest of the United States. From captivating Charleston cruise up the coast to Baltimore’s revitalized Inner Harbor. On the way explore historic districts rich with antebellum mansions, battlefields where America’s future stood in the balance, seaports where the slave trade thrived, farms that funded the Confederacy and houses of worship that nurtured Christian and Jewish faiths. Hear storytellers recount Gullah folk tales and tap your toes to the engaging beat of down-home music.

COST: from approx. $7,495

Exploring Mexico City’s Art
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CANTOR ARTS CENTER
JUNE 1 TO 7, 2011 (7 DAYS)
Join art historian Jennifer Marshall for an intimate exploration of Mexico City’s exciting art scene. Through our Stanford and Cantor connections, enjoy privileged access to important artists and stunning private collections. Visit artists in their studios and converse with collectors, gallery owners and museum curators. Tour the impressive estancia of Dolores Olmeda, which holds the largest collection of paintings by Diego Rivera, and visit Casa Azul, Frida Kahlo’s charming ancestral home. At the Museum of Modern Art, view contemporary masterpieces and study the city’s diverse architectural styles, from colonial to art nouveau. Glimpse Mexico’s ancient history on a day trip to the pyramids of Teotihuacán.

COST: approx. $5,995
Mediterranean College

**JOURNEY OF ODYSSEUS**
**JUNE 8 TO 18, 2011 (11 DAYS)**

With classics professor Marsh McCall, ply the storied waters of the Mediterranean and retrace Odysseus’ journey back to Ithaca aboard *Corinthian II*. Begin in Istanbul before setting sail for Canakkale, the location where the Trojan War played out and starting point of Odysseus’ journey. Explore the cultural confluence of Malta, which was ruled by the Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs and the Knights of Saint John. Follow Odysseus’ route to Sicily and Naples and visit the Doric temple in Segesta and the ruins of Pompeii. In the idyllic foothills of Taormina, visit a 3rd-century Greek theater with stunning views of the Ionian Sea. Traverse the Ionian Sea to the island of Ithaca, where the Phaeacians left the mythic Odysseus sleeping on one of its pristine beaches. **cost:** from approx. $7,995

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Pyrenees Walk

**ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS OF SPAIN AND FRANCE**
**JUNE 11 TO 24, 2011 (14 DAYS)**

Discover Western Europe’s last great montane wilderness and its fascinating history with Ed Steidle and historian Peter Watson. As we crisscross the border and travel from Spain to France and back, we’ll discuss the effects that war, religion and art have had in shaping this mountain frontier. Savor delicious picnic lunches and dinners of fresh local fare while hiking through the villages of Spanish Aragón and the French Basque countryside. Visit monasteries and medieval towns, the castles of the Cathar country and the cathedral town of Saint-Bertrand-de-Comminges. Explore the medieval walled city of Carcassonne and the fantastic Dali Museum in Figueres, and conclude our journey in lively, cosmopolitan Barcelona. **cost:** approx. $8,695

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Focus on Provence

**A TASTE OF SOUTHERN FRANCE**
**JUNE 14 TO 22, 2011 (9 DAYS)**

With more than 2,500 years of rich history, ancient ruins, Christian mysticism and Renaissance and baroque palaces, Aix-en-Provence is a dramatic gateway to a captivating region of France. With historian Carolyn Lougee, explore the highlights of Provence: the Cours Mirabeau, Aix’s tree-lined thoroughfare dotted with cafes and booksellers; the iconic three-tiered Roman aqueduct, Pont du Gard; the Palais des Papes in Avignon; and the region’s charming towns of Les Baux and Les Luberon. Enjoy a special tour of the Musee Granet with its curator to discuss the museum’s Renaissance, French School and Cezanne collections, and at the Château d’Arnajon watch a cooking demonstration of classic regional French cuisine. **cost:** approx. $3,995

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Turkey Suitcase Seminar

CAPPADOCIA, CYPRUS AND THE TURQUOISE COAST
JUNE 18 TO JULY 6, 2011 (19 DAYS)

Explore the enchanting lunar landscapes, cobalt blue lagoons and bustling cities of Turkey with Dean Richard Saller. Begin in the capital city of Ankara, then travel to Cappadocia to view its otherworldly, weather-sculpted tuff spires and frescoed cave churches, and continue across Turkey’s heartland to visit the center of Sufi mysticism in Konya. From Antalya, travel to Northern Cyprus, a former crossroads of the Mediterranean and an exciting addition to this popular annual Seminar. Back in Turkey, explore the Turquoise Coast aboard gülets, beautifully designed traditional boats. Explore the extensive ruins of Ephesus and end in cosmopolitan Istanbul, which has linked Europe and Asia through the ages – physically, historically and culturally.

Cost: approx. $6,495

Rome and Tuscany Symposium

CRADLE OF THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE
JUNE 24 TO JULY 6, 2011 (13 DAYS)

Explore the regions that inspired the giants of Italy’s Renaissance: Rome, Tuscany and Florence with faculty leader Roberto D’Alimonte. Stanford’s 40-year ties to these storied places give us unique access via private visits and carefully crafted excursions led by fabulous local experts. In Rome, stand in awe of the ancient city and the treasures of the Vatican. In Tuscany, travel back through time during our stay in Castello di Gargonza, a 13th-century hill town complete with stone houses, a bell tower and glorious views. Enjoy VIP seats at Siena’s Palio, a medieval pageant that culminates in a wild, bareback horse race around the famous Piazza del Campo. Our trip ends in Florence, where we soak up the atmosphere and art of the Renaissance.

Cost: approx. $7,995

East Africa Safari I & II

GORILLAS AND THE GREAT MIGRATION
JUNE 25 TO JULY 7, 2011 (13 DAYS) AND JUNE 30 TO JULY 12, 2011 (13 DAYS)

Discover the best of East Africa in Tanzania and Rwanda with biological anthropologist Jamie Jones. Spend two unforgettable days searching for the critically endangered mountain gorillas and golden monkeys in the dense forest of Rwanda’s Parc National des Volcans. Visit the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project and tour the Kigali Genocide Memorial Center. In Tanzania, spot tree-climbing lions in Lake Manyara National Park and view elephants, cheetahs and other wildlife in the Ngorongoro Crater. Visit a Maasai village and the Olduvai Gorge, and observe vast numbers of migrating wildebeest in Serengeti National Park. Note: both groups (limited to 15 people each) travel together in Tanzania.

Cost: approx. $12,495
Cruising the Rivers of Provence

VILLAGES AND VINEYARDS OF THE RHONE AND SAÔNE
JUNE 27 TO JULY 8, 2011 (12 DAYS)

Revel in the pleasures of summer in Provence as we tour the lush countryside and cruise on the Rhône and Saône rivers with faculty leader Linda Paulson. Stay two nights in picturesque Aix-en-Provence with its lively outdoor markets, cafes and shops. Explore the lovely villages and countryside of the Luberon Valley and spend an evening at a private ranch in France’s cowboy country, the Camargue. Embark the intimate Rembrandt in the ancient Roman city of Arles and sail northward, with stops at the medieval citadel of Avignon and the citadels of Tournon and Vienne. Savor the vineyards of the Rhône Valley and Burgundy, and the dynamism of Lyon, France’s gastronomic capital. Conclude with stops in Beaune and Dijon and a night in Paris.

COST: from approx. $7,295

Italian Summer Music Festivals

UMBRIA, VERONA AND OPERA UNDER THE STARS
JULY 1 TO 11, 2011 (11 DAYS)

With music historian Jonathan Berger, DMA ’82, discover the magic of two of Italy’s historic summer festivals: Spoleto’s Festival dei Due Mondi and Verona’s Arena di Verona. By day, savor the rich architecture, art and cuisine of Umbria and the Veneto. Admire stunning fresco cycles and glittering mosaics in the cathedrals of Orvieto, Perugia and Assisi; walk the charming streets of medieval-era Todi; and taste wine at a family’s historic Umbrian vineyard. In Verona visit the 12th-century basilica where Romeo and Juliet were wed in literature and tour Palladian masterpieces in nearby Vicenza. By night, enjoy world-class performances, including open-air opera at Verona’s famed Roman Theater.

COST: approx. $7,995

Focus on the Dolomites

HIKING THROUGH THE ALPS
JULY 1 TO 9, 2011 (9 DAYS)

Walk amid Europe’s most majestic mountains, the Dolomites of northern Italy, where you’ll hear as much German being spoken as Italian. Traverse fertile valleys, ride a cable car up to the lofty heights of Seceda and circle the vertical walls of the Tre Cime, or Three Peaks. Walk in the shadow of Mt. Paterno, a front line of World War I. Savor delicious local specialties such as wurst, goulashsuppe and raclette as you lunch in picturesque mountain hutes. Stay in the charming villages of Castelrotto and San Cassiano and enjoy amazing views outside your hotel window. Learn from geology professor and environmentalist Scott Burns, ’69, MS ’70, about the unusual formations, plant and animal life, and human history of this Tyrolean mountain paradise.

COST: approx. $3,995

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Mongolia Suitcase Seminar

SWEEPING STEPPES AND ENDLESS SKY
JULY 5 TO 18, 2011 (14 DAYS)

Join historian Mark Mancall on a journey to Mongolia, where most people still live the traditional nomadic lifestyle. Visit the capital, Ulaan Baatar, and explore the Gandan Monastery, seat of Mongolian Buddhism. Travel to Lake Hovsgol, Mongolia’s largest lake, to visit the dwellings of local nomads, stay in ger camps and attend the famous Naadam festival. In the Gobi Desert, ride camels and see the “Flaming Cliffs,” one of the world’s most renowned paleontology sites. Admire 10,000-foot-high mountain peaks while hiking in the Yol Valley, and search for Bactrian camels, Argali mountain sheep and goatier gazelle on the plains. Optional post-trip extension to Genghis Khan’s capital of Karakorum.

COST: approx. $6,995

Arts of Russia

WHITE NIGHTS OF ST. PETERSBURG AND MOSCOW’S LEGACY
JULY 7 TO 16, 2011 (10 DAYS)

With professor of art history Wanda M. Corn, visit Moscow and St. Petersburg to admire art treasures of Russia’s gilded past, from traditional icons to colorful churches and lavish palaces. View works of the artists who advanced the goals of the Russian Revolution and the state art programs of Stalin and the Communists. Visit with the artists, musicians and dancers of Russia’s contemporary art scene. Enjoy private tours of Moscow’s Bolshoi Theater and the Kremlin’s Armory Museum. In St. Petersburg, attend ballet and music performances at the prestigious Stars of the White Nights Festival. Enjoy an after-hours tour of the Hermitage Museum and marvel at the Amber Room of Catherine the Great’s Palace.

COST: approx. $8,495

Treasures of Québec and Ontario

CHATEAUX AND CITYSCAPES OF FRENCH CANADA
JULY 17 TO 23, 2011 (7 DAYS)

Discover the francophone culture and history of picturesque Québec City, Montréal and Ottawa with Canadian historians Barry Lane and David Mendel. Take an insider’s tour of The Citadelle, official home of Canada’s Governor General, and dine in one of Québec City’s most exclusive clubs. Travel aboard the first-class VIA Rail to Montréal for visits to the gothic Notre-Dame basilica, McGill University and Mt. Royal. Continue by rail to Ottawa, Canada’s capital city and a mecca for the country’s arts scene. Take a guided tour of the National Gallery’s special Caravaggio exhibit and visit the Parliament buildings. In Québec City and Ottawa stay at historic Fairmont chateaux, the Frontenac and Laurier, respectively.

COST: approx. $4,995
Circumnavigation of Iceland

A GEOLOGICAL WONDERLAND
JULY 24 TO AUGUST 6, 2011 (14 DAYS)

Iceland is a revelation of elements, abounding with sculpted landscapes and volcanic wizardry. Offshore, rock pinnacles are the seasonal home for a myriad of nesting seabirds. Travel aboard the Clipper Odyssey with faculty leader Franklin “Lynn” Orr, ’69, in search of geological marvels. Ride snowmobiles across Vatnajökull, Europe’s largest glacier; meet the residents of picture-postcard fishing villages as we travel northward; cruise by Zodiac exploring remote, breathtaking fjords and past emerald hillsides laced with waterfalls; and walk among ruins that evoke the heyday of Viking exploration. Near Reykjavík, visit the fabled Golden Circle – Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss Waterfall and the Geysir Center.

COST: from approx. $9,980

Fiji Snorkeling Expedition

REMOTE REEFS OF THE SOUTH SEAS
AUGUST 2 TO 13, 2011 (12 DAYS)

Join marine biologist and professional photographer Joel Simon, ’74, BS ’75, MS ’77, on the reefs off Fiji, the definitive “tropical paradise”: palm-studded, white sand beaches; clear, warm seas; and home to one of the world’s most engaging indigenous cultures. From our private resort, discover Fiji’s extraordinary marine wilderness along with insights into Fijian village life, history and culture. Our chartered boat gives snorkelers of all skill levels access to vast varieties of South Pacific fish, coral and invertebrates and the chance to marvel at the huge flat-topped coral heads (“bommies”) rising from the deep to a few feet from the surface. Snorkeling instruction will be provided as needed; independent scuba diving is also available.

COST: approx. $6,195

Emerging Eastern Europe

MINSK, KIEV, MOSCOW AND CRIMEA
AUGUST 11 TO 22, 2011 (12 DAYS)

Join former U.S. Secretary of Defense William J. Perry, ’49, MS ’50, on an exploration of the capitals of the emerging markets of Eastern Europe, including Belarus, Ukraine and Russia – fascinating countries that are rich in history, heart and human interest. Journey from a corner of the Soviet past in Belarus to the ancient center of the Slavs, golden Kiev, and on to Russia’s modern capital and commercial center, Moscow. Survey the Crimean peninsula, the location of an ancient Greek seafaring colony as well as the site of the Yalta Conference, where the fate of post-war Europe was decided. Enjoy a curator-led tour of Kiev’s sobering Chernobyl Museum. Optional post-tour to Peter the Great’s enduring legacy, St. Petersburg.

COST: approx. $8,995

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Costa Rica
Family Adventure
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE
JUNE 25 TO JULY 2, 2011 (8 DAYS)
Experience the beauty of Costa Rica with biology professor Dmitri Petrov as we explore its lush rainforests, pristine beaches and charming villages. Visit the area surrounding Arenal Volcano, one of the world’s most active volcanoes. Explore the nearby forests via the trails and hanging bridges at Las Colinas, and glide from platform to platform on a zip line canopy tour. Swim and soak in thermally heated hot springs and learn about the process of coffee production on a visit to a coffee farm. Participate in a community-based half-day of service where our kids meet their pen pals. Travel to the beaches of Guanacaste to snorkel or sail on a catamaran or paddle a sea kayak amid a diverse array of coral reef and marine life.
COST: approx. $4,795 adults; $4,395 kids (ages 6-18)

Mediterranean
Family Adventure
MYTHS AND MONSTERS
JULY 14 TO 27, 2011 (14 DAYS)
Discover the glories of the classical world on a voyage aboard Corinthian II with Professor Norman Naimark, ’66, MA ’68, PhD ’72. Begin in fabled Athens, exploring its history, both ancient and modern, then enjoy two full days of excursions. In Turkey, discover the extensive ruins of Ephesus. Back in Greece tour Epidaurus and age-old Mycenae near Nafplion, and explore Knossos and Rethymnon on the island of Crete. Ride donkeys up the steep cliffs of Santorini and sail the sparkling Aegean to visit the ancient sanctuary of Zeus in Olympia. Marvel at Mt. Etna and Taormina on the island of Sicily, then cruise up the Amalfi coast to explore fabled Pompeii. End our truly legendary adventure in historic Rome.
COST: from approx. $6,995 adults; $6,495 kids (ages 6-18)

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Alaska Family Adventure
GLACIERS, WHALES AND BEARS, OH MY!
JULY 31 TO AUGUST 9, 2011 (10 DAYS)
Experience the natural wonders of Alaska – from the Kenai Fjords to Denali National Park with faculty leader Scott Pearson. From Anchorage, drive to Seward and board a small ship bound for Kenai Fjords National Park, home to glaciers and prolific marine wildlife, including whales, Steller sea lions, sea otters and puffins. Travel inland to Talkeetna and continue on to Denali National Park with its more than 6 million acres of protected wilderness. Explore along the “park road,” seeking out grizzlies, caribou, wolves and moose on the way to our backcountry lodge. Hike through pristine wilderness, perfect those gold-panning skills, watch a dog sled demonstration and perhaps take a flight-seeing tour by small plane. Return to Anchorage via the scenic Alaska Railroad.
COST: approx. $5,995 adults; $5,795 kids (ages 6-18)

Egypt Family Adventure
WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN
DECEMBER 24, 2011, TO JANUARY 2, 2012 (10 DAYS)
Explore ancient civilizations along the legendary Nile River and the Sinai Peninsula with faculty leader Marsh McCall. Beginning in Cairo, visit the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, play soccer with local Egyptian kids, view the treasures of “King Tut” at the Egyptian Museum and search for treasures of your own at the Khan-el-Khalili Bazaar. In Sharm el Sheikh, snorkel in the Red Sea or visit Mount Sinai, where it is believed that Moses was given the Ten Commandments, and ride by camel to a Bedouin-style tented dinner in the desert. In Luxor, visit the tombs and temples of ancient pharaohs. Sail the Nile on a felucca (Egyptian sailboat) and return to Cairo to explore its Islamic heritage.
COST: approx. $6,295 adults; $6,095 kids (ages 8-18)
Romania and Bulgaria Suitcase Seminar
E.U. NATIONS OF THE BLACK SEA
AUGUST 17 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 (17 DAYS)

Once a vital part of the Roman, Byzantine and Turkish Ottoman empires, these two southeastern nations, strategically located on the Black Sea, are now European Union members. Join history professor James Ward, PhD ’08, in Bucharest, Romania’s Parisian-influenced capital. In Transylvania, view Bran (or Dracula’s) Castle amid dark forests and misty lakes. Explore the enchanting narrow streets, cobblestone paths and massive 210-foot clock tower in the medieval town Sighisoara. Marvel at Bucovina’s lavishly painted monasteries and visit traditional Hungarian and Jewish villages. In Bulgaria, explore Rila Monastery founded in 927 by hermit monks. Continue to its capital, Sofia, to tour the Orthodox cathedral, Ottoman mosque and museums.

**Cost:** approx. $7,895

Peru: On the Inca Trail
FROM THE SACRED VALLEY TO MACHU PICCHU
AUGUST 26 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 2011 (11 DAYS)

Become immersed in the myths, legends and history of the Inca with archaeologist John Rick. Begin in the beautiful colonial town of Cuzco set high in the Andes and travel to the Sacred Valley, lined with picturesque markets, colorful artisan villages, impressive churches and remarkable Inca sites. Near the town of Ollantaytambo, visit the ruins of Pisac and bargain with local craftsmen in the town’s famous textile market. The highlight of our adventure is a four-day trek along the famed Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, fully supported by expert guides, porters and cooks. Arrive at the Sun Gate and stand in awe at Machu Picchu, the perfectly preserved Inca city. Those preferring not to do the trek may opt to reach Machu Picchu via train to Aguas Calientes.

**Cost:** approx. $5,595

Canadian Heli-Hiking
PEAKS AND GLACIERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
AUGUST 2011 (8 DAYS)

Enjoy spectacular hikes in British Columbia’s magnificent and seldom-visited Purcell Mountains. Begin in Banff and journey west through the Canadian Rockies. As we fly by helicopter to breathtaking locations – a summit ridge, a glacier-carved valley, mountain meadows filled with wildflowers, a cluster of alpine lakes – learn about the geology and the human history of the region. Hikes that cater to a variety of ability and endurance levels and led by expert wilderness guides are offered each day, exploring vast areas of high-country terrain once accessible only to the most hardy of adventurers. Relax in idyllic mountain hideaways, staying three nights each at the cozy Bobbie Burns and Bugaboo lodges.

**Cost:** approx. $6,595
Journey to Lhasa by Rail
DESIGNED FOR STANFORD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ALUMNI
AUGUST 2011 (13 DAYS)
Travel aboard the luxurious Tangula Express train on the world’s highest railway for an unforgettable journey across China. Begin in Beijing with a visit to the Imperial Garden Summer Palace, and meet with Stanford alumni working in the business and technology sectors, who are at the forefront of China’s growing economic development. Then board our deluxe train and travel to unique stops along the Tibetan Plateau, including Xining, home to ancient monasteries and mosques; Yuzhu Feng, the tallest peak in the East Kunlun Mountains; and Tangula, site of the world’s highest railway station. In Lhasa, explore the massive Potala Palace and sacred monasteries, visit a traditional Tibetan medical clinic and sip tea in a private home.
COST: approx. $12,995

Silk Road Suitcase Seminar
TRACING CHINA’S ANCIENT CARAVAN ROUTES
SEPTEMBER 5 TO 25, 2011 (21 DAYS)
Join Stanford history professor Lyman Van Slyke on a journey to China’s remote northwest, following the ancient trade routes familiarly known as the Silk Road. Explore oasis cities flanked by towering sand dunes, archaeological sites of long-gone kingdoms and Buddhist grottoes filled with art treasures. Learn about the culture of the Uyghur people who inhabit this desolate region. Continue to Kashgar and take in the sights and sounds of its Sunday bazaar, a kaleidoscopic experience that captures the multi-ethnic heritage of this Central Asian outpost. Visit Xian, the great capital of the Tang Dynasty, and Chengdu, an essential source of the silk trade.
COST: approx. $8,495

Tuscany Walk
CASTLES, CHIANTI AND CLASSIC COUNTRYSIDE
SEPTEMBER 5 TO 17, 2011 (13 DAYS)
Tuscany is perhaps the most popular of all Italian destinations, and for good reason. With faculty leader and medieval scholar Ed Steidle and historian Peter Watson leading the way, walk through the rolling hills and lush valleys, dense woods and ancient olive groves of this storied land. Discover tiny villages with centuries-old stone houses and explore the magnificent treasures of medieval and renaissance art and architecture in glorious Siena. Picnic on savory cheeses, prosciutto and breads and sample locally aged Brunello and Chianti wines. Climb the iconic towers of San Gimignano, explore an ancient Etruscan township and stay in an elegant palazzo as we learn about the long, turbulent and always-colorful history of Tuscany and its people.
COST: approx. $8,575
Tanzania Field Seminar
AN EXPLORATION WITH STANFORD STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 8 TO 24, 2011 (17 DAYS)
Study research conservation and land rights issues alongside Stanford sophomores and Professor Bill Durham, ’71. Our learning adventure begins as we join Stanford undergraduates for an on-campus, pre-trip seminar and continues in Tanzania where we note firsthand how precious resources are utilized by the people and animals that inhabit this East African republic – one of the oldest-known continuously inhabited areas on Earth. View wildlife from small safari vehicles by day and hear about various academic research projects from Stanford students in the evening. This unique program combines the excitement of engaging in spirited dialogues and learning from a gifted Stanford professor in the field.

COST: approx. $6,995

South Africa Women’s Seminar
EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AFTER APARTHEID
SEPTEMBER 9 TO 21, 2011 (13 DAYS)
Examine the historical, political and social aspects that challenge today’s women of South Africa during Travel/Study’s second program specifically designed for women. Join education professor Prudence Carter as we meet with researchers and educators at Cape Town University and engage in discussions with women entrepreneurs, small business owners and community leaders at the forefront of South African development and arts initiatives. Discover life in the townships of Johannesburg and learn the sobering history of division at the acclaimed Apartheid Museum. Conclude with a visit to Oprah Winfrey’s Leadership Academy and a two-day safari in the Thornybush Game Reserve outside Kruger National Park.

COST: approx. $8,795

Treasures of the Adriatic Sea
CROATIA’S DalmATIAN COAST AND SOUTHERN ITALY
SEPTEMBER 12 TO 24, 2011 (13 DAYS)
Discover the beauty and rich history of the Adriatic on a voyage aboard Corinthian II with Professor Gail Lapidus. Contemplate the roots of Venetian power at the Doge’s Palace and centuries of plundered treasures in St. Mark’s Basilica. Sailing to Croatia, visit the medieval town of Split, whose Palace of Diocletian remains behind its ancient walls. On the island of Korcula visit coastal towns with their signature white walls and terra cotta roofs. Visit Dubrovnik’s cathedrals, which house major works by Titian and Andrea del Sarto. In Kotor, one of the best-preserved medieval towns along the Dalmatian coast, ponder the confluence of Western and Eastern cultures as we delve into its tumultuous history. Dock at Saranda and drive to the archaeological site of Butrint to explore its ruins.

COST: from approx. $7,995

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Journey from Prague to Paris

MAIN, RHINE AND THE CITY OF LIGHT
SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 10, 2011 (14 DAYS)

Join expert historian Bob Hamrdla, ’59, MA ’64, on a river and train trip between two of Europe’s most romantic cities. On our cruise, visit charming old-world villages set on the banks of winding rivers and view the centuries-old vineyards and pastoral rolling hills that still mark the landscape between the cities that are emblematic of the rapidly transforming new Europe. From Prague, travel to Nuremberg and board the elegant River Cloud II to cruise to Strasbourg. Then travel by TGV to Paris. Our adventure takes us to six UNESCO World Heritage sites: the historic centers of Prague, Bamberg, and Strasbourg; the Würzburg Residenz; Speyer Cathedral; and the banks of the Seine in Paris.

Cost: from approx. $8,995

Bhutan Suitcase Seminar

JOURNEY TO A REMOTE MOUNTAIN KINGDOM
OCTOBER 2011 (16 DAYS)

Discover the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan, one of the most isolated countries in the world and filled with treasures few tourists ever see. Our faculty leader, history professor Mark Mancall, has a broad knowledge of the region and of Buddhism. His recent appointment as the director of the Royal Education Commission of Bhutan and his long relationship with local people open many doors for Stanford travelers. Admire dzongs (monumental fortress monasteries), contemplate holy Buddhist shrines, meet with local dignitaries and government officials, observe the country’s arts and crafts tradition, take a lesson in noodle making and shop in local markets. Visit the Taktsang Monastery, spectacularly located on the side of a cliff nearly 3,000 feet above the valley floor.

Cost: in development

Ancient Cities of the Eastern Mediterranean

VOYAGE FROM ATHENS TO CAIRO
OCTOBER 4 TO 19, 2011 (16 DAYS)

Join faculty leader Frank Romer, MA ’71, PhD ’74, to experience the most awe-inspiring sites of the ancient world on a single voyage aboard the Corinthian II. After viewing the Athenian monuments of Greece’s capital city, sail upon the eastern Mediterranean Sea to the minoan palace of Knossos, the medieval quarter of Rhodes and the astounding Greco-Roman monuments of Perge, Aspendos and Side on the Turkish coast. Journey to Antioch, then on to the world’s best-preserved Crusader castle, Krak des Chevaliers, in Syria. After exploring the ruins at Cyprus, sail to Israel, then transit the Suez Canal to reach the rose-colored city of Petra. Cairo’s pyramids are a fitting culmination of this remarkable journey.

Cost: from approx. $8,995
Borneo Suitcase Seminar

ANCIENT RAIN FORESTS AND DIVERSE WILDLIFE
OCTOBER 6 TO 20, 2011 (15 DAYS)

Enjoy this rare opportunity to follow in the footsteps of British explorer and travel writer Redmon O’Hanlon during our eight-night cruise aboard the MV Orient Pandaw. Embarking from Sibu, a vestige of old China, we view the Pelagus Rapids, sail up the Baleh River and navigate the longest river in Malaysia, the Rajang, which is rarely visited due to its remoteness. With faculty leader Scott Pearson providing insights along the way, visit Iban longhouses, take daily side trips up tributaries to view the remnants of the colonial Brooke Raj and peer into the lush tropical rain forests that line the rivers and make up one of the planet’s most diverse ecosystems. Crocodiles, monitor lizards and the hornbill are among the common sights we’ll see.

Cost: in development

Around Sicily Aboard Sea Cloud II

ART TREASURES AND ANCIENT TEMPLES
OCTOBER 21 TO 29, 2011 (9 DAYS)

Embark the deluxe tall ship Sea Cloud II for a seven-night circumnavigation of Sicily with art historian Christine Junker-Man, exploring scenic hilltowns and colossal ruins dating back to ancient Greek and Roman times. Call at Palermo to see the Palatine Chapel, known for its extraordinary mosaics, and drive to Monreale to discover the Norman cathedral. Step ashore at Trapani and visit the splendid Greek theater complex at Segesta and the medieval hilltown of Erice. In Agrigento admire the Doric structures in the Valley of Temples, and explore Syracuse where we are guests at a baroque palazzo. Optional pre-trip extension to Taormina and post-trip extension in Malta.

Cost: from approx. $6,995

Burma Suitcase Seminar

ON THE ROAD TO MANDALAY
NOVEMBER 1 TO 13, 2011 (13 DAYS)

With religious studies professor Carl Bielefeldt, explore the remote and isolated “Golden Land” of Burma, now officially called Myanmar. Ruled by a repressive military junta, the Burmese people have managed to retain their traditional ways, their lives imbued with Theravada Buddhism and animist religious beliefs. Travel from the British colonial city of Rangoon to Inle Lake in scenic Shan state. Tour the old royal capital city of Mandalay and view hundreds of temple ruins in Bagan. Cruise for five days up the broad Irrawaddy River on the MV Pandaw 1947, a charming colonial-era teakwood riverboat. Go ashore to visit historic monasteries and remote villages with bustling local markets, and explore lavishly gilded stupas and ancient pagodas.

Cost: in development
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On most programs we welcome travelers over the age of 15. The minimum age for children on our Family Adventures varies between 6 and 8. While there is no maximum age, all of our participants must be physically fit and in active good health.

What does the trip cost include?
Program costs listed in this catalog are per person based on double occupancy and include all gratuities; minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance; a complete lecture program; and the services of a professional tour manager. For trip-specific pricing information, such as included meals and airport transfers, visit our web site or request a brochure.

How can I reserve space?
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space. You can use a credit card to place a deposit online or over the phone, or use the attached deposit form to send your payment.

Can I hold space on a trip if the brochure is not yet available?
Place an early deposit (the same amount as our regular deposits) to guarantee your space until details are finalized. Your early deposit is fully refundable until 10 business days after we mail you the final itinerary and pricing.

What is your cancellation policy?
Standard deposits and payments are fully 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. A different cancellation fee applies to our World Leaders Symposium. Refer to the brochure for details.

Where can I get more information on specific trips?
Visit us online for trip details or choose one of three easy ways to request trip brochures:
- Fax or mail us the attached Brochure Request coupon
- Phone in your requests
- Request brochures online

When are brochures available?
Brochures are printed and posted to our website anywhere from 6 to 12 months in advance and will be sent to requesters when available. Due to efforts to reduce marketing costs and our ecological footprint, information for some of our trips is available only on the web. For all trips, requesters are notified by mail when trip details are finalized.

If I still have questions?
Our friendly and knowledgeable staff is happy to provide you with answers. Call us between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time at (650) 725-1093.

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