There is something so compelling about travel to an exotic location: breathing in the heady aromas of fragrant spices, listening to sounds of unfamiliar languages that pique one’s interest and viewing vast vistas of sheer natural beauty. From the temples and landscapes to the wildlife and people, this is such a journey. For lovers of history, nature, cuisine or photography, there is gratification throughout this program. Our voyage from Singapore to less-traveled corners of Malaysia, Thailand, Burma, Sri Lanka and India will stimulate your senses, engage your imagination and delight your spirit of adventure. We are excited about presenting this new itinerary and invite you to join faculty leader Scott Pearson, along with naturalists and eminent lecturers, on this journey that begins in the Far East and concludes in the subcontinent of India.

Highlights

**Enjoy** world-class snorkeling, viewing splendid coral formations and thousands of fish at the Similan Islands National Park in Thailand.

**Visit** the UNESCO World Heritage site of George Town, in the capital city of Penang, Malaysia, and tour its historic center.

**Marvel** at the gilded and bejeweled Shwedagon Pagoda in Burma’s capital, Rangoon, and stroll past the city’s famous reclining Buddha.

**Look** for sambar deer, elephants and hundreds of bird species as well as reptiles and amphibians at the Minneriya-Giritale National Park in Sri Lanka.
MONDAY & TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 & 18
DEPART U.S.
Depart on independent flights from the U.S., crossing the international date line en route to Singapore.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
SINGAPORE
Arrive in the cosmopolitan city of Singapore and transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner, followed by a briefing.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
SINGAPORE / EMBARK CLIPPER ODYSSEY
After a morning at leisure and lunch, set out for an afternoon tour of both old and new Singapore. Visit the National Orchid Garden, tour the colonial heart of the city and see the fabled Merlion – the half-lion, half-fish symbol of Singapore. Visit the Sultan Mosque on Arab Street, and in Chinatown, visit the Sri Mariamman Hindu Temple, decorated with a multitude of gods and goddesses. Board the Clipper Odyssey this afternoon and set sail for Malaysia.

FRI , JANUARY 21
MALACCA, MALAYSIA
Go ashore at Malacca, a World Heritage site, for a half-day exploration of this 14th-century port city ruled by Malaysian princes, the Portuguese, Dutch, British, and Japanese – a tumultuous history brilliantly illustrated at the Ethnographical Museum. Visit the former official residence of the Dutch Governor, the impressive Christ Church, and the Portuguese fortress, known as A’Famosa, built in the 16th century. The Baba Nyonya Museum showcases the traditions and lifestyle of the Chinese social elite, who once entertained the colonial leaders.

SAT, JANUARY 22
PULAU PENANG
Arrive at Pulau Penang, the site of the East India Trading Company and the first British trading post in the Far East. Enjoy an in-depth exploration of George Town and visit the indigo-blue Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion Hotel, whose impeccable restoration made it a winner of UNESCO’s Asia Pacific Heritage Award. Tour the majestic Khoo Clan Ancestral House, featuring ornate wood-and-granite carvings, and the brightly painted Wat Chayamangkalarom to marvel at the 108-foot-long Buddha. Choose one of several afternoon options: take a drive along the coast and visit the renowned Temple of the Azure Cloud or immerse yourself in the lush greenery of a tropical spice garden to learn about various spices and their functional and medicinal uses or visit a lovely 120-year-old botanical garden set amid the foothills and showcasing a wide variety of tropical trees and plants.

SUN, JANUARY 23
LANGKAWI
North of Penang, in the Andaman Sea, lies the bejeweled Malay archipelago of Langkawi. The largest mountainous island (also called Langkawi) is a wildlife sanctuary teeming with indigenous bird species. In 2007, UNESCO declared the island a Geopark. Explore the network of mangroves, walk through the rain forest to dazzling waterfalls and stroll along white sand beaches.

MON, JANUARY 24
SIMILAN ISLANDS, THAILAND
Sail into Thai waters today to visit Similan Islands National Park, an enchanting cluster of nine uninhabited islands. Ultramarine waters lap onto brilliant white, sandy beaches and surrounding coral reefs create kaleidoscopic underwater gardens. With crystal-clear visibility and a wealth of healthy corals, the Similans are hailed as one of the world’s top snorkeling spots. Birding is also exceptional in the islands.

TUE, JANUARY 25
CRUISING THE ANDAMAN SEA
Enjoy our ongoing lecture series during a relaxing day at sea.

WED, JANUARY 26
RANGOON, BURMA
Visit the 2,000-year-old Sule Pagoda whose gold dome houses a single hair of Buddha; the impressive Chauk Htat Gyi, a colossal reclining Buddha, and the amazing Bogyoke Aung San Market with its vast selection of Burmese crafts.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

PAGAN
Fly to the ancient capital of Pagan, whose 2,000 pagodas, temples and monasteries make this one of the world's most enchanting places. Tour the Shwezigon Pagoda, Pagan's largest and most venerated reliquary shrine, distinguished by its huge, gold, bell-shaped stupa. Participate in a Food Donation Ceremony at one of the monasteries. Tour the monastery and witness the rituals of daily monk life. Explore the Ananda Temple, a whitewashed masterpiece of Mon architecture. Visit Gubyaukgyi, a cave temple covered with superb frescoes, before flying back to Rangoon to reboard our ship. CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B,L,D)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 & 29
RANGOON / AT SEA
Continue our exploration of Rangoon before setting sail for the Andaman Sea. CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B,L,D–BOTH DAYS)

SUNDAY & MONDAY, JANUARY 30 & 31
ANDAMAN ISLANDS, INDIA
Flung across a velvet blue-green sea, the 572-island Andaman and Nicobar Archipelago is a mountainous wonderland of dense forest and exotic flora wrapped in ribbons of white sand. During our two days here we have the opportunity to truly savor the landscape, the marine environment and the historical perspective. In Port Blair, visit the Samudrika Museum, where exhibits spotlight local history and archaeology. Visit The Cellular Jail, whose 698 jail cells were built by the British in the early 1900s, and the Aberdeen Bazaar, which gives us a glimpse into daily island life. Enjoy the unspoiled beaches and snorkel in the surrounding lagoons and colorful coral reefs of the National Marine Park. CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B,L,D–BOTH DAYS)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 & 2
AT SEA
Cross the Bay of Bengal, sailing towards Sri Lanka and southern India. Our lecturers lend insight into this fascinating corner of the world. CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B,L,D–BOTH DAYS)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3
TRINCOMALEE, SRI LANKA / HABARNA
Disembark this morning for an overnight land excursion. Visit Polonnaruwa, a 1,000-year-old city and World Heritage site, and travel to the Minneriya-Giritale National Park, home to sloth bears, crocodiles and the elusive leopard. As evening falls, embark on a tour to search for its most famed resident, the wild elephant. Drive to nearby Habarna for an overnight at our hotel. HABARNA LODGE (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4
HABARNA / KANDY / COLOMBO
Set out to visit the World Heritage site, the Golden Temple of Dambulla, whose centerpiece is a glistening white horizontal edifice built right beneath and into a huge cliff overhang. More than 80 caves cover the area, and five contain statues and paintings relating to Buddha. Drive to Kandy in the highlands where we explore the stunning Temple of the Tooth, which houses the tooth of Buddha. This World Heritage site was originally part of the Royal Palace complex of the Kandyan Kingdom and is one of the holiest places of worship and pilgrimage for Buddhists around the world. Reboard our ship in Colombo and enjoy a farewell reception and dinner this evening. CLIPPER ODYSSEY (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5
TUTICORIN, INDIA / DISEMBARK / MADURAI / CHENNAI
Arrive at the southernmost tip of India this morning and disembark the ship after breakfast. Drive inland to Madurai, the cultural capital of the Tamil people and home to one of the world's most famed temple complexes. The 16th-century Sri Meenakshi Temple is an incredible collage of 121 towers, some over 150 feet in height, and covered in multicolored carvings. Transfer to the airport and fly to Chennai (Madras) for a final overnight at our hotel. TRIDENT HOTEL (B,L,D)

Heart of India Post-trip Extension
FEBRUARY 6 TO 12, 2011
Experience the colors and contrasts of Delhi, both Old and New, with its opulent palaces, tombs, monuments, bazaars, and museums. In Agra, visit the Taj Mahal. Explore Fatehpur Sikri, once a Mughal capital and now a World Heritage Site. Travel to the stunning Amber Fort Complex, with its reflecting lake, and tour the gracious city of Jaipur. Pricing and itinerary will be sent with confirmation.
Clipper Odyssey

The 110-passenger Clipper Odyssey is ideally suited for expedition travel. Its small size allows access to remote islands and stretches of coast otherwise inaccessible by land or by a larger cruise ship, and its informal style complements the casual atmosphere and dress suitable for adventure cruising. All cabins are outside, with separate seating areas, twin or queen beds, bathrooms with hair dryers and shower/bathtub combinations, abundant storage space, individual temperature controls, TVs and mini-refrigerators. Public areas include two lounges, a bar and a dining room where all guests are accommodated at a single, unassigned seating. Among the ship’s amenities are shaded areas on the Lido Deck ideal for viewing the passing scenery, a 70-meter jogging track on the Sun Deck, pool, gym, library/game room, boutique and clinic with a full-time physician. The ship is fitted with the latest in telecommunications, navigation and stabilization systems for smooth sailing. A fleet of motorized Zodiacs allows guests to make beach landings on small islands.

Program costs*

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise noted

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**Terms & Conditions**

**Deposit & Final Payment**
A $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for the Voyage from Singapore to India and a $200 deposit is required to hold space for the Heart of India post-trip extension. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations & Refunds**
Deposits and any 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. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

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We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Stanford alumni may become Annual ($75) or Life ($495) Members. Stanford parents, faculty, staff, interns, residents and fellows may become Instalment Members ($90 down, $115/year for four years) or Life Members ($495). Nonalumni may become Life Affiliates (one-time fee, $650). Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit www.stanfordalumni.org/member-ship or call (650) 725-0692.

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SCOTT PEARSON has been studying economic change in developing countries for decades. Between 1968 and 2002, Professor Pearson taught economic development and international trade in the Food Research Institute at Stanford. He has co-authored a dozen books, won several awards for his research and teaching and advised governments on food and agricultural policy. He spends four or five months a year working abroad, mostly in Africa, Southeast Asia and Southern Europe. Since retiring, Scott has lectured on more than 40 Travel/Study trips. His passion is gaining a better understanding of why empires and nation states have risen and fallen.

- Professor, agricultural economics, Food Research Institute, Stanford University, 1968 to 2002; served five years as Director
- Dean’s Award for Teaching in the School of Humanities and Sciences, 1978
- MA, international relations, John’s Hopkins University
- PhD, economics, Harvard University

Expedition Leaders
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Reservation Form
Voyage from Singapore to India
January 17 to February 6, 2011

I/we have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them. Signature ____________________________________________

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:
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