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Galápagos Field Seminar

Nature’s Ultimate Outdoor Classroom

September 9 to 23, 2012

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Dear Stanford Traveler,

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 learned 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 field locale is ideal: the remarkable Galápagos Islands. Launch your adventure with two days on the Stanford campus for an intense crash course with Professor Bill Durham on Darwin, evolution and the remarkable “living laboratory” of the Galápagos Islands. 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. We cap our journey with two nights and a day of touring in Quito, Ecuador.

We hope you will join us on this exciting adventure!

Brett S. Thompson, ’83
Director, Stanford Travel/Study

Highlights

- Return to Stanford and experience two days of on-campus learning with Professor Bill Durham, fellow travelers and Stanford sophomores before traveling to the Galápagos Islands.
- Snorkel among playful sea lions, penguins and hundreds of fish species, and get up close to nesting oceanic birds and giant tortoises weighing over 600 pounds.
- Travel in comfort during this exclusive Stanford charter aboard the luxury yacht, La Pinta, the finest vessel available for exploring the Galápagos.
- Experience the culture, art and cuisine of Ecuador while exploring Quito and Puerto Ayor.

The Stanford Difference

**IN-DEPTH INSIGHTS** You will have the opportunity to interact with Stanford FACULTY AND SCHOLARS who bring our destinations to life and offer thought-provoking lectures and informal discussions on guided walks and excursions. In addition, we team up with oceanographers, marine biologists, botanists and zoologists who are WORLD LEADERS in their fields and passionate about the natural wonders we will encounter.

**WORRY-FREE TRAVEL** Thanks to our knowledgeable staff, this will be the easiest, smoothest trip you’ve ever taken. From the moment you place your reservation, we take care of all the details, from comprehensive pre-trip information to all the little things that invariably come up while traveling. OUR TOUR MANAGERS are loaded with travel experience and enthusiasm, allowing you to sit back and enjoy!

**REAL VALUE** Although our trips may cost more, you get more when you travel with Stanford. Check out the quality of the hotels and ships we use and what’s included: most meals, airport transfers, ALL GRATUITIES and minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance. Add in the pre-departure materials, lecture program, SPECIAL EVENTS and services of a dedicated Stanford tour manager and you’ll find that our trips are worth every penny.

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Faculty Leader

PROFESSOR WILLIAM DURHAM, ’71, former director of human biology and chair of anthropology in Stanford’s School of Humanities and Sciences, is an innovative researcher and teacher, 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. Creating and leading the first Stanford Field Seminar in 1992 and more than a dozen since, he has conducted fieldwork throughout Central and South America and Africa.

Professor Durham believes that educational travel with students is an enriching experience in itself. As he explains to Field Seminar participants, “As an alum, you will share in the wonder, awe and excitement of the discoveries of the undergraduates in the Galápagos. Traveling with the students energizes everyone, and adds enormously to the fun and educational value of these trips.”

- Joined the Stanford University faculty in 1977
- Currently the Bing Professor in Human Biology and the Yang and Yamazaki University Fellow
- Recipient of the Bing Fellow Award and a MacArthur Prize Fellowship

ABOUT THE GALÁPAGOS

The Galápagos Islands have existed in isolation for millions of years, protected from outside intrusions. Most of the fish, plants and reptiles seen here are found nowhere else on earth. Few of the islands have been inhabited by humans, and this is the secret of the survival of their ecosystems. The animals have evolved without a fear of people, making this one of the rare places where visitors can experience close contact with animals in the wild.

Cruising to eight of the main islands in the archipelago (Darwin visited only four!), we make daily excursions ashore with our naturalists. A typical day includes morning coffee on deck and breakfast in the dining room, followed by disembarkation on small, motorized landing craft called pangas. Walks on the islands might cover one or two miles over sandy beaches or up and down rolling fields of hard basalt. The pace is leisurely as our guides point out the distinctive geology and plant and animal species.

Take photographs, sketch or listen to impromptu talks by naturalists. Toward midday, our pangas return us to the ship for lunch and a short rest before the afternoon’s sailing, an excursion ashore or a snorkeling expedition. Participating students give presentations of their research in the evening.
Itinerary

Sunday, September 9
STANFORD, CA
Alumni participants arrive at Stanford for a welcome reception and dinner on campus and an orientation with students and staff. (D)

Monday & Tuesday, September 10 & 11
STANFORD, CA
Professor Bill Durham gives lectures and leads discussions on key aspects of evolution, wildlife and environmental history in the Galápagos Islands. (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

Wednesday, September 12
DEPART U.S. / QUITO, ECUADOR
Depart on a morning flight from San Francisco to Quito and transfer to our hotel upon arrival. HOTEL HILTON COLON

Thursday, September 13
QUITO / BALTRA ISLAND
Depart on an early morning flight from Quito to Baltra Island via Guayaquil and transfer to our hotel in the town of Puerto Ayorrra. Enjoy dinner and a lecture this evening. ANGERMEYER HOTEL (B,L,D)

Friday, September 14, through Thursday, September 20
EXPLORING THE GALÁPAGOS
On Friday afternoon check out of our hotel and embark La Pinta. For the next seven days, cruise among the islands and disembark for daily shore excursions with our trained naturalists. Conditions permitting, we plan to call at the following islands:

Enjoy an afternoon excursion to NORTH SEYMOUR where a huge colony of blue-footed boobies and frigate birds introduce us to the sounds and smells of the Galápagos. The following morning, explore ISABELA ISLAND’s Punta Vicente Roca. The dramatic geology of the coastline can best be appreciated from the water. See flightless cormorants nesting, as well as Galápagos penguins, blue-footed and Nazca boobies, sea lions and Galápagos fur seals. An afternoon visit to Punta Espinoza on FERNANDINA ISLAND introduces us to the youngest island of the archipelago. Take a hike over dark, hardened lava and observe the highest density of marine iguanas in the Galápagos.

Spend an entire day on ISABELA ISLAND, the largest land mass in the Galápagos. This morning we walk along the shoreline of Urbina Bay, which lies at the foot of the Alcedo and Darwin volcanoes. In the afternoon we have the opportunity to hike up the back of Darwin Crater. Darwin is one of Isabela’s six volcanoes and provides a remarkable contrast to the low-lying islands to the east of the archipelago.

On another day we disembark on the red-colored beaches of RABIDA ISLAND. The volcanic sand takes on this unique hue, due to an unusually high content of iron. Here we see several species of Darwin’s finches, plus mockingbirds, yellow warblers and sea lions. Hike to the salt pond and view flamingos feeding. Snorkel off the beach before heading to SANTA CRUZ ISLAND, where we’ll visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to observe the giant tortoise.
breeding program. Then travel to the highlands to see giant tortoises roaming in their natural habitat.

Spend a day at Floreana Island, making stops at Baroness’ Cove, Post Office Bay and Punta Cormorant, where we can stroll along a white sand beach that is a nesting place of sea turtles.

Our final day in the Galápagos combines a morning of snorkeling among harems of sea lions, strolling the cream-colored sand beach of Santa Fe Island and hiking the black lava landscape of South Plaza Island where brightly hued Sally Lightfoot crabs provide a striking contrast against the dark background. La Pinta (B,L,D–ALL 7 DAYS)

Friday, September 21
Baltra Island / Quito
After breakfast, disembark La Pinta and fly from Baltra Island to Quito where we enjoy a free afternoon and evening to explore the city independently. Hotel Hilton Colon (B)

Saturday, September 22
Quito
This morning take a city tour that highlights the history of Quito and Ecuador. Once a prosperous Indian town, Quito eventually became the northern capital of the Inca Empire and an important colonial center. In 1979, the United Nations declared Quito a historical site to be treasured and conserved. The contemporary city is full of contrasts: narrow, cobblestoned streets leading to enormous churches on spacious plazas; homes with tall windows and wooden doors still painted Moorish blue; and intimate gardens behind whitewashed walls, recalling medieval Andalucía. Also visit the temple of La Compañía de Jesús with its amazing gilded interior and the Monastery of San Francisco. Enjoy time this afternoon for some last-minute exploration before our final farewell reception and dinner this evening. Hotel Hilton Colon (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 23
Quito / U.S.
Transfer to the airport for return flights home. (B)

La Pinta
To cruise the Galápagos, Stanford has chartered the deluxe La Pinta, launched in Lima, Peru, in 2007. It has guest accommodations in 24 comfortable cabins, most of them able to configure to twin or queen-size beds. All cabins have full private facilities, sufficient closet space and a central control panel for room temperature, sound system, individual MP3 sound system and reading lights. The three public decks include a spacious panoramic lounge bar, library and conference room, dining room with capacity for all guests in one seating, boutique and sun deck with a Jacuzzi. There is also a gym with cardio equipment, complimentary water and beverage fountains, plus an outdoor Sun Deck and Bar. After adventure-filled days of wildlife exploration, La Pinta provides a haven of relaxation and tranquility with tastefully appointed accommodations and all the facilities for a stylish yet informal ambiance.
Information

DATES
September 9 to 23, 2012 (15 days)

SIZE
Limited to a total of 46 participants, including Stanford Travel/Study travelers and 14 Stanford undergraduates.

COST*
Double Occupancy: $7,995 per person
Single Occupancy: $9,995 per person
*Association nonmembers add $200 per person.

INCLUDED
- 4 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 7-night cruise aboard *La Pinta*
- 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 12 dinners
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions
- Bottled water on excursions
- Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary
- Round-trip, economy-class flight from Quito to Baltra Island
- Transfers and baggage handling for participants on recommended flight itinerary
- Port fees and embarkation taxes
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED
- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Accommodations at Stanford on September 9, 10 and 11 (a list of nearby hotels will be sent to confirmed travelers)
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Transfers and baggage handling for those not arriving or departing on recommended flight itinerary
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as email, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

What to Expect

Begin your Field Seminar back on the Farm and remember what it’s like to be a student 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 daily field exploration. 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, comfortable traveling as part of a 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 slowly for a mile or two over uneven terrain that is sometimes rocky or slippery. There are several opportunities for snorkeling. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. Be sure you can tolerate high altitude (we spend a total of three nights in Quito at 9,000 feet). We welcome travelers 12 years of age and older on this program.

For information on Stanford’s Sophomore College program, visit http://soco.stanford.edu.
Terms and Conditions

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT
A $1,000 deposit is required to hold space for the Galápagos Field Seminar. Complete and return the attached reservation form or sign up online. 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 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.

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. We strongly recommend that you subscribe to optional baggage and trip-cancellation insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be mailed with your confirmation about one week after we receive your deposit. The product offered in this brochure includes a special Waiver of Pre-Existing Conditions and coverage for Financial Insolvency and Terrorist Acts if you postmark your insurance payment within 15 days of the date listed on the confirmation letter.

ELIGIBILITY
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $200 more than the members’ price. Parents and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

RESPONSIBILITY
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Reservation Form

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☐ I/we have read the Terms and Conditions and agree to them.

SIGNATURE DATE

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:
☐ I wish to have single accommodations.
☐ OR ☐ I plan to share accommodations with: _____________________________________________________________
☐ OR ☐ I’d like to know about possible roommates. I am a ☐ non-smoker ☐ smoker.

BED PREFERENCE:
☐ Twin Beds
☐ OR ☐ Queen Bed

Here is my deposit of $________ ($1,000 per person) for ___ space(s) on the Field Seminar.
☐ Enclosed is my check (make payable to Stanford Alumni Association and return with completed form.)
☐ OR ☐ Charge my deposit to my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express.

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