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Brett S. Thompson, ’83, Director, Stanford Travel/Study
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Fiji Snorkeling Expedition
AUGUST 2 TO 13, 2011
Join marine biologist and professional photographer Joel Simon, '74, BS '75, MS '77, on the reefs off Fiji. From our private resort, discover the extraordinary marine wilderness along with insights into Fijian village life, history and culture.
COST: $6,195

India’s Himalayan States
AUGUST 10 TO 25, 2011
Join Keila Diehl, '85, an expert in Tibetan ritual life and Buddhism, 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 Alchi and meet with Tibetans-in-exile in Dharamsala. Conclude at a luxurious mountain retreat near Shimla. Optional post-trip extension to Darjeeling.
COST: $8,795

Europe’s Eastern Capitals
AUGUST 11 TO 22, 2011
Join historian David Holloway on this visit to Belarus, Ukraine and Russia. Journey from a corner of the Soviet past in Belarus to the ancient center of the Slavs, golden Kiev; historic Livadia on the Crimean peninsula; and on to Russia’s modern capital and commercial center, Moscow. Optional post-trip extension to St. Petersburg.
COST: $8,695

Canadian Heli-Hiking
AUGUST 13 TO 20, 2011
Fly by helicopter to breathtaking locations in the Purcell Mountains of British Columbia for hikes that cater to a variety of ability and endurance levels. With geology professor Scott Burns, ’69, MS ’70, learn about the geology and the human history of the region. Relax in idyllic mountain hideaways, staying three nights each at the Bobbie Burns and Bugaboo lodges.
COST: $6,495

Peru: In the Footsteps of the Inca
AUGUST 26 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 2011
Become immersed in the myths, legends and history of the Inca with archaeologist John Rick. From colonial Cuzco travel to the Sacred Valley, lined with colorful artisan villages. Visit the ruins of Pisac and choose your own adventure to Machu Picchu: either by train along the Urubamba River or on a four-day trek along the famed Inca Trail.
COST: $5,595

Silk Road Suitcase Seminar
SEPTEMBER 5 TO 25, 2011
Follow the ancient trade routes on a journey to China’s remote northwest with history professor Lyman Van Slyke. Explore oasis cities flanked by towering sand dunes, archaeological sites of long-gone kingdoms and Buddhist grottoes filled with art treasures.
COST: $8,495

Tanzania Field Seminar
SEPTEMBER 8 TO 24, 2011
Study research conservation and land rights issues alongside Stanford sophomores and Professor Bill Durham, ’71. Begin with an on-campus, pre-trip seminar then travel to Tanzania for safari drives in the Serengeti Plain and Ngorongoro Crater.
COST: $6,995

South Africa Women’s Seminar
SEPTEMBER 9 TO 20, 2011
Examine the historical, political and social aspects that challenge today’s women of South Africa. Experience the best of Cape Town and Johannesburg and a safari in the Thornybush Game Reserve with education professor Prudence Carter. Engage in discussions with women entrepreneurs and community leaders at the forefront of South African development and arts initiatives.
COST: $8,795

Treasures of the Adriatic Sea
SEPTEMBER 12 TO 24, 2011
Sail from Venice to Athens aboard Corinthian II with Professor Gail Lapidus. In Croatia, enjoy visits to Dubrovnik, the Diocletian Palace in Split and the island of Corcula. See the medieval town of Kotor in Montenegro and the archaeological site of Butrint in Albania.
COST: from $7,995

Journey from Prague to Paris
SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 10, 2011
Join historian Bob Hamrdla, ’59, MA ’64, on a river and train trip between two of Europe’s most romantic cities. Explore charming old-world villages set on the banks of winding rivers and visit a total of six UNESCO World Heritage sites.
COST: from $8,995
OCTOBER
Treasures of the Classical World
OCTOBER 4 TO 18, 2011
Embark on a Mediterranean voyage with classicist Frank Romer, MA ’71, PhD ’74, aboard Corinthian II. Journey from astounding Greco-Roman monuments in Greece and Turkey to ancient sites in Italy, Sicily and Malta.
COST: from $8,595

Borneo Suitcase Seminar
OCTOBER 6 TO 20, 2011
Journey along the Rajang River aboard the MV Orient Pandaw with faculty leader Scott Pearson. Visit Iban longhouses, view remnants of the colonial Brooke Raj and peer into the lush tropical rain forests that make up one of the planet’s most diverse ecosystems. Seek out endangered orangutans, rare tropical flowers and exotic birds.
COST: $6,795

Around Sicily Aboard Sea Cloud II
OCTOBER 21 TO 29, 2011
Circumnavigate Sicily aboard the deluxe tall ship Sea Cloud II with art historian Christy Junkerman, exploring scenic hill towns and colossal ruins dating back to ancient Greek and Roman times. Call at Palermo, drive to Moreale, step ashore at Trapani, stroll the medieval hill-town of Erice and visit ancient sites at Segesta and Agrigento. Optional pre-trip extension to Taormina and post-trip extension in Malta.
COST: from $6,995

NOVEMBER
Burma Suitcase Seminar
NOVEMBER 1 TO 13, 2011
Visit the British colonial city of Rangoon, Inle Lake and the old royal capital city of Mandalay with religious studies professor Carl Bielefeldt. View hundreds of temple ruins in Bagan, then cruise the Irrawaddy River on the MV Pandaw 1947 to explore remote villages and ancient pagodas.
COST: $11,995  ON WAIT-LIST STATUS

Holiday Family Snorkeling Adventure
DECEMBER 2011 (9 DAYS)
Explore the lush reefs and pristine waters surrounding the Caribbean island of Bonaire with marine biologist and photographer Joel Simon, ’74, BS ’75, MS ’77. Snorkel among vast numbers of tropical fish, explore hidden coves and stands of mangroves, and hang out with Stanford Sierra Camp-trained counselors on this holiday adventure in the tropics. Novice and experienced snorkelers are welcome (ages 6+).
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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, trips that provide an outdoor experience alongside the comfort and luxury that are our hallmarks.

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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.

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**Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia**

**TEMPLES AND TREASURES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA**
December 29, 2011, to January 17, 2012 (20 DAYS)

Savor the exotic beauty and rich history of Southeast Asia with Professor 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 while we explore its traditional culture. Drift amid the precipitous peaks of Ha Long Bay, view gold-tipped Buddhist temples in the forests of Laos and meet local villagers along the Mekong River. In Cambodia, roam the ancient Khmer Empire’s vast complex of Angkor. On this perennially popular program enjoy special visits with U.S. embassy officials, Cambodian non-profit organizations and local universities.

**Cost:** approx. $7,875

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**Passage to West Africa**

**VOYAGE TO HIDDEN NATURE RESERVES, VILLAGES AND ISLANDS**
January 2012 (12 DAYS)

Join professor David Abernethy aboard the deluxe 34-passenger yacht Callisto for a nine-night cruise to rarely visited regions of Africa. We begin in Dakar, Senegal’s dynamic capital, cruising through the channels of the Saloum River to Guinea-Bissau’s Bijagós archipelago, whose 60 or so islands make it the largest island group in all of West Africa. Our voyage also includes the Republic of Guinea, where we explore the tiny island of Kassa, inhabited since ancient times by idol-worshipping farmers. We next visit Sierra Leone with its rich forests, nature reserves and white-sand beaches, and the Akuba Nature Reserve in The Gambia, one of the last surviving examples of a riverine forest in the country. Optional pre-trip extension to Mali.

**Cost:** in development
Ultimate Seychelles Expedition

**A TROPICAL PARADISE**

**JANUARY 13 TO 27, 2012 (15 DAYS)**

The remote Seychelles in the heart of the Indian Ocean are an enchanting blend of dramatic Polynesia-like scenic beauty, wondrous wildlife comparable to the Galápagos and a colorful Creole heritage reflected in the Seychellois locals. Join marine biologist and photographer, Joel Simon, ’74, BS ’75, MS ’77, to learn about the organisms that thrive in the warm, azure waters and on the granitic and coral sand beaches of the stunning Seychelles archipelago. Sail aboard the Clipper Odyssey from Mahé to the famed Aldabra Atoll, making stops at Poivre, Astove, Curieuse and picturesque La Digue – every stop a photographer’s and naturalist’s paradise.

**COST:** from $10,980

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Nile College

**GLORIES OF ANCIENT AND MODERN EGYPT**

**JANUARY 19 TO FEBRUARY 2, 2012 (15 DAYS)**

Uncover the epic history and archaeological treasures of this legendary land with Middle East expert Abbas Milani. Begin in bustling Cairo, exploring the great pyramids of Giza, and discuss the country’s prospects for democracy with local Stanford alumni. Fly to Luxor to visit the Valley of the Kings and sail up the Nile aboard the exclusively chartered Nile Adventurer. Our Stanford connections open doors to archaeologists and local leaders and also give us access to tombs not accessible to the public. Visit the great temples in Aswan and 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 $9,995

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Sri Lanka

**PEARL OF THE INDIAN OCEAN**

**FEBRUARY 9 TO 26, 2012 (18 DAYS)**

Learn about Sri Lanka’s rich history, Buddhist culture and complex politics with faculty leader Scott Pearson as we visit this enchanting island nation’s ancient cities, cave art, richly adorned elephants and warm, welcoming people. From Colombo travel to the rock cave paintings of Dambulla, the aged monastic city of Anuradhapura, Sigirya’s towering fortress and the ancient capital of Polonnaruwa. Visit spice gardens and coffee plantations en route to Kandy and explore the Temple of the Tooth, a World Heritage site. Head south by train through tea estates to experience the flora and fauna of Nuwara Eliya, to view game in one of Yala’s six national parks and to visit the old Dutch fort in Galle. End at the beautiful beach of Bentota before returning to Colombo.

**COST:** approx. $6,995
Focus on El Salvador

**LAND OF VOLCANOES AND LAYERS OF CIVILIZATIONS**

**FEBRUARY 11 TO 17, 2012 (7 DAYS)**

Marvel at the natural wonders of this pocket-size nation with Professor Bill Durham, ’71. Walk the cobblestone streets of Suchitoto with its adobe houses and churches decorated in wrought iron, then visit the tomb of the modern-day human rights martyr, Archbishop Óscar Romero, in San Salvador. View remnants of the Mayan civilization at the archaeological site of Joya de Cérén, preserved under layers of volcanic ash for 1,300 years. Travel the mountain road, Route of the Flowers, to the heart of coffee country where we enjoy a private visit to a coffee plantation before riding in 4x4 vehicles to a hidden lagoon. Visit Volcanoes National Park and walk through its lush forests, populated by some 127 species of birds.

**Cost:** approx. $3,995

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The Kingdom of Morocco

**FROM THE SAHARA TO THE SEA**

**MARCH 13 TO 29, 2012 (17 DAYS)**

Join Professor Herant Katchadourian on a comprehensive journey through the intriguing Western Kingdom. From the dynamic capital city of Rabat to the fabled medinas of the old city of Fez, a designated World Heritage site, explore the cultural, geographical and religious diversity of Morocco. Meet with local students, scholars, artisans and merchants. Wander through the amazingly well-preserved Roman ruins of Volubilis and enjoy sunset over the spectacular dunes of the Sahara. Experience unique Berber culture and learn about local Jewish and Muslim traditions. Journey through the stunning Atlas Mountains to pulsating Marrakech where snake charmers and magicians still ply their craft. Conclude in Casablanca.

**Cost:** approx. $7,995

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Papua New Guinea Expedition

**UNspoiled Villages, Superb Snorkeling**

**MARCH 14 TO 30, 2012 (17 DAYS)**

Travel with Professor Bob Siegel, MA ’77, MD ’90, aboard the Oceanic Discoverer to visit the islands of Papua New Guinea at a time of year when we will have these waters to ourselves. Fly by charter from Cairns, Australia, to Rabaul. Cruise to Kimbe Bay, one of the world’s richest coral reef systems; explore Crown Island, known for its turtle nesting grounds; and visit with local villagers and school officials as our ship travels 60 miles up the mighty Sepik River. Stop at the idyllic island of Tuam and explore the rarely visited Tufi Fjords and Dobu and Fergusson Islands before cruising back through the China Strait to Cairns. Enjoy top-of-the-charts diving/snorkeling and bird watching throughout.

**Cost:** from approx. $13,995
**Around the Cape of Good Hope**

**VOYAGE ALONG THE SOUTHERN COAST OF AFRICA**

**MARCH 18 TO APRIL 4, 2012 (18 DAYS)**

Travel aboard the Clipper Odyssey along the rugged Wild Coast with president emeritus of Stanford, Donald Kennedy. Explore South Africa’s Garden Route, noted for beautiful mountains draped in lush forests that hug the coastline. View Cape buffalo, black rhino, lion and the unique flightless dung beetle – all protected residents of the park. Visit the Gondwana Game Reserve where the smallest and most varied of the six floral kingdoms flourish. Travel around the southernmost tip of Africa at Cape Agulhas and spend three days exploring Cape Town’s scenic parks, gardens and wine country before sailing to Namibia to view the shifting sand dunes of the Namib Desert.

**COST:** from approx. $12,980

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**South Africa Examined**

**SPECIALY DESIGNED FOR STANFORD LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI**

**MARCH 24 TO APRIL 6, 2012 (14 DAYS)**

Join human rights scholar Helen Stacy on a journey from Johannesburg to Cape Town to explore the natural riches and historical legacy of South Africa. Fly via chartered plane to Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve to enjoy a safari in this diverse wildlife habitat. In Johannesburg visit Liliesleaf Farm, the once-secret headquarters of the military wing of the ANC, and the former township of Soweto. Tour the administrative capital of Pretoria, then board the deluxe, classically restored Rovos Rail for a two-day train trip to cosmopolitan Cape Town. Explore iconic Table Mountain, the infamous District 6 and Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. Visit the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and the lovely Stellenbosch wine producing region.

**COST:** approx. $12,795

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**Colors of Bhutan**

**IN THE LAND OF THE THUNDER DRAGON**

**MARCH 26 TO APRIL 13, 2012 (19 DAYS)**

Discover the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, one of the most isolated countries in the world. Our faculty leader, history professor Mark Mancall, has a broad knowledge of the region and of Buddhism, and his recent appointment as the director of the Royal Education Commission of Bhutan opens many doors for Stanford travelers. From Kolkata, India, travel to Bhutan’s rarely visited far eastern section and attend the vibrant Gom Kora Festival in Tashigang. Admire dzongs (monumental fortress monasteries), contemplate holy Buddhist shrines and meet with local dignitaries and government officials. Visit the Taktsang Monastery, spectacularly located on the side of a cliff nearly 3,000 feet above the valley floor.

**COST:** approx. $9,595
Patagonia Expedition

**JOURNEY TO THE END OF THE EARTH**

**MARCH 28 TO APRIL 9, 2012 (13 DAYS)**

Travel to the tip of South America with two leading researchers of sustainability and the environment, Pamela Matson and Peter Vitousek. Here, where the Andes mountain range rises majestically, gaze at native penguins, guanacos, rheas, foxes, elephant seals and whales. Aboard the MV *Via Australis*, navigate iceberg-dotted waters to reach the region’s spectacular glaciers. From the southernmost tip of South America, soak in the view at the mythical cabo de Hornos and explore Torres del Paine at the foot of the Andean range, where dramatic mountain peaks reach up into billowing clouds. Enjoy full days of guided hikes and horseback rides along the shores of sapphire lakes, then relax in style and comfort at the exclusive Explora Lodge.

**Cost:** from approx. $10,395

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Images of Iran

**MOSQUES AND MONUMENTS OF PERSIA**

**APRIL 13 TO 29, 2012 (17 DAYS)**

Delve into a country few Western tourists ever explore on this unique journey with Islamic studies professor Shahzad Bashir. 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. View the mysterious architecture of the Gombad-e Jabalidy monument outside Kerman, and enjoy the peaceful gardens of Mahan where Sufi poets meditated. Visit the former caravan city of Yazd where the Zoroastrian religion once thrived. View traces of the empire of Darius I at legendary Persepolis, visit the colorful Shiraz bazaar and marvel at the tiled mosques and one of the world’s largest city squares in Esfahan.

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

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China Suitcase Seminar

**DYNASTIES OF POWER: PAST AND PRESENT**

**APRIL 13 TO 29, 2012 (17 DAYS)**

Travel with Michele Marincovich, ’68, a scholar of modern China, whose lectures on the country’s cultural and political history help to make this rapidly evolving country more approachable and comprehensible. Spend three full days exploring Beijing’s Imperial sites, 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 see the picturesque garden city of Suzhou. Ascend to the summit of Mt. Huangshan to explore scenery that has inspired centuries of landscape painting and poetry. Spend the last two days in bustling Shanghai.

**Cost:** approx. $7,595
Insider’s Bali

RITUAL AND REVERENCE
AMID A TROPICAL PARADISE
APRIL 21 TO 29, 2012 (9 DAYS)

An astonishingly beautiful island of terraced rice fields, towering volcanoes and moss-covered shrines, Bali is home to one of the world’s richest and best-preserved cultures. Here, a unique blend of Hindu traditions and respect for nature has created a magical way of life. Discover this fascinating country through cultural performances and special events under the tutelage of Don Emmerson. Visit the famous artist enclave at Ubud where master artisans create intricate weaving, silverwork and wood carvings, and watch traditional dances and ceremonies in ancient temples. Walk along scenic country paths and meet local villagers. An optional post-trip extension to Borobudur is available.

COST: approx. $5,695

Brazil on the Rise

LAND OF CONTRASTS
APRIL 21 TO 30, 2012 (10 DAYS)

Explore coastal Brazil with history professor Herb Klein. Beginning in Salvador, Brazil’s first capital, explore the pastel-colored buildings of its historic district and visit the Afro-Brazilian Museum. Take a percussion lesson and watch the world-famous Balé Folclórico da Bahia perform. Visit Paraty, a preserved coastal colonial town, and swim or snorkel on an all-day schooner cruise. Spend an evening with Brazilian chef Yara Roberts to learn about the many cuisines of Brazil. End in Rio de Janeiro, famous for its annual Carnival and bossa nova rhythms. Ascend Corcovado Mountain, topped by the iconic “Christ the Redeemer” statue; explore Rio’s charming neighborhoods and best-known beaches, such as Copacabana and Ipanema; and enjoy a private Brazilian dance class.

COST: approx. $6,995

Dutch Waterways

MASTERPIECES OF ART AND NATURE
APRIL 24 TO MAY 3, 2012 (10 DAYS)

Next spring cruise the scenic waterways of Holland and Belgium aboard the elegant 88-passenger River Cloud II with Professor “Buzz” Thompson, ’73, MBA ’75, PhD ’76. Join us at the height of the lush spring flowering season and visit the once-a-decade Floriade World Horticulture Expo. This extravagant show of flowers is outshone only by the art masterpieces of Holland’s Golden Age – paintings by Rembrandt, Hals, Vemeer, Bruegel the Elder and Rubens. Visit Rubens’ elegant mansion and studio in Antwerp and admire a renowned collection of delicate Flemish primitives in Bruges. In Amsterdam view Rembrandt’s famous Night Watch at the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh’s distinctive paintings in his namesake museum. Not to be missed: an up-close look at Holland’s iconic windmills.

COST: from approx. $6,995
Andalucia to Castile Walk
LAND OF THE CONQUISTADORS
APRIL 30 TO MAY 12, 2012 (13 DAYS)
Join professor Jim Fox and historian Peter Watson on an adventure through the Extremadura region of western Spain, home of the conquistadors – soldiers, explorers and adventurers who plundered the New World and returned to their cities with untold riches. Walk along the famous silver route, an ancient Roman road that leads from the monopolistic repositories of new wealth in Seville to the cities of Castile. Visit the great monastery of Guadalupe, home of the most beloved devotional figure of the conquistadors. Dine al fresco beneath cork oaks before visiting Jerez de los Caballeros, the birthplace of Vasco Nuñez de Balboa, discoverer of the Pacific Ocean. Stay overnight in ancient monasteries, convents and paradores, and feast on local dishes.
**Cost:** approx. $7,995

Scottish Highlands by Rail
ABOARD THE ROYAL SCOTSMAN
APRIL 30 TO MAY 9, 2012 (10 DAYS)
Take in the breathtaking scenery of Scotland’s western highlands region while traveling aboard the luxurious, Edwardian-style Royal Scotsman train with faculty leader Scott Pearson. Explore Glasgow’s renowned art galleries and stately mansions, including the Hunterian Art Gallery and the Pollok House. Then travel to Edinburgh and embark on a three-night journey by rail, admiring spectacular views of lochs, bridges, castles and mountains. Enjoy a Scotch tasting at a premier distillery and try your hand at shooting and falconry at the country estate of Mount Stewart on the Isle of Bute. Return to Edinburgh for a tour of the city’s iconic hilltop castle and an elegant dinner in a 17th-century manor.
**Cost:** approx. $11,895

Thomas Jefferson’s Legacy
NATION BUILDING, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE ART OF VITICULTURE
MAY 2012 (12 DAYS)
Follow in the footsteps of one of America’s greatest forefathers with U.S. studies professor Adrienne Jamieson and French political scientist Patrick Chamorel. Visit the meticulously designed campus at the University of Virginia, Jefferson’s brainchild; enjoy an after-hours tour of Monticello; and visit Colonial Williamsburg where we see historic buildings not open to the public. Then board a transatlantic flight to Paris and spend a week taking a close look at the arts, architecture, food and wine that enchanted Jefferson during his time as Minister to France in the 1780s. Enjoy an exclusive, sommelier-guided wine pairing at a private estate in the Rhône Valley.
**Cost:** approx. $10,895
Eastern Mediterranean Voyage

AGELESS CROSSROADS: CYPRUS, ISRAEL, EGYPT AND TURKEY
MAY 6 TO 17, 2012 (12 DAYS)

Explore the birthplaces of ancient civilizations as we journey into antiquity aboard the Corinthian II. Joining us on our voyage is professor emeritus of political science David Abernethy. We begin our travels on Cyprus, visiting Limassol and then heading west to Kourion, where beautiful ancient Greek and early Christian works of art have been preserved. Continue on to Israel’s port of Ashdod and explore Jerusalem’s sacred sites or the fascinating archaeological ruins of Caesarea and Megiddo. From Alexandria, the former capital of Greco-Roman Egypt, sail to Turkey’s southern coast and visit Cappadocia’s frescoed cave churches before returning to Limassol to disembark.

COST: from approx. $7,695

Santa Fe and Taos

ARTS AND CULTURES OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST
MAY 9 TO 17, 2012 (9 DAYS)

The Southwest is a top travel destination, yet casual visitors often miss the special magic of this region that for centuries was at the crossroads of three rich cultures. Join American art expert Wanda M. Corn for a truly privileged look at Taos and Santa Fe, where Pueblo, Spanish and Anglo traditions come alive during expert-led excursions and Stanford special events available only to our group. Explore Pueblo life at Taos Pueblo and view the ancient Anasazi cliff dwellings in Bandelier National Monument. By special arrangement, see artist Georgia O’Keeffe’s home in Abiquiu, where she produced much of her work. Tour famous museums and cutting-edge galleries exhibiting the best of the contemporary art scene.

COST: approx. $5,395

Focus on Poland

FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN TO THE EUROPEAN UNION
MAY 13 TO 21, 2012 (9 DAYS)

After suffering through years of foreign rule and puppet governments, Poland is the model of success in post-Soviet Eastern Europe. Yet its storied past lives on. Explore that past with expert historian and former director of the Stanford overseas campuses in Poland, Bob Hamrdla, ’59, MA ’64. In Krakow, visit the Wawel Castle and stroll through the beautifully restored Old Town. Ponder the resilience of the human spirit at the WWII memorial site of Auschwitz-Birkenau. En route to Warsaw stop to view the Black Madonna, Poland’s most famous icon. In Warsaw, enjoy its neoclassical architecture on a stroll down the Royal Route, and attend a private Frederic Chopin concert in the Racynski Palace in the Old Town. Sample Polish specialties and enjoy special folkloric performances.

COST: approx. $3,995
Gardens of the Gods

SPRINGTIME IN THE GREEK ISLES
MAY 13 TO 23, 2012 (11 DAYS)

Springtime is ideal for cruising among the fabled Greek Islands. Countless species of wildflowers blanket the craggy hillsides and dot haunting ancient sites. Visiting such a verdant landscape awash in blossoms at this time of the year is an unforgettable experience. With classics professor Marsh McCall, we’ve designed a well-balanced itinerary that includes recognized sites such as Knossos and Ephesus, as well as important lesser-known sites, such as the Byzantine town of Mystras. Traveling in intimate luxury aboard the Callisto, visit the enchanting island of Santorini and the medieval walled city of Rhodes. Stop at the volcanic island of Patmos and view its 11th-century monastery of the Revelation. Explore the ruins on the uninhabited island of Delos before returning to Athens.

COST: from approx. $8,995

Turkey Suitcase Seminar

CAPPADOCIA AND THE TURQUOISE COAST
JUNE 1 TO 19, 2012 (19 DAYS)

Explore the enchanting lunar landscapes and cobalt blue lagoons of Turkey with professor Abbas Milani. We begin our journey in the capital city of Ankara, then travel to Cappadocia to view its weather-sculpted spires and frescoed cave churches. We next journey across Turkey’s heartland to visit the center of Sufic mysticism in Konya. A highlight of our program is a five-day meander up the Turquoise Coast from Fethiye to Bodrum aboard private gulet (sailboats). Swim, hike and enjoy gorgeous views as we look for temple tombs hidden in cliffs and explore ancient fortress ruins. Continue to the extensive site of Ephesus before spending four nights in Istanbul, a city that has linked Europe and Asia through the ages – physically, historically and culturally.

COST: approx. $6,795

Amalfi Coast

ON THE DRAMATIC WESTERN EDGE OF ITALY
JUNE 6 TO 14, 2012 (9 DAYS)

Soak in the ancient sights and spectacular scenery along this famed, sun-drenched stretch of Italian coastline with European historian Barbara Pitkin. From our charming hotel that overlooks the Bay of Salerno and the town of Vietri sul Mare, explore nearby villages and hillside retreats. Discover the fine Greek ruins at Paestum and board a private boat for a cruise around the island of Capri and the cliffside town of Positano. Explore the immense archaeological sites at Hercules and Pompeii and imagine what life must have been like in these Roman cities before the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. View the vast collection of artifacts from these towns at the Archaeological Museum in Naples.

COST: approx. $4,995
Cruising the Columbia and Snake Rivers

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEWIS AND CLARK
JUNE 15 TO 23, 2012 (9 DAYS)
Sail along the Columbia and Snake rivers into the heart of the Pacific Northwest. Travel in the company of Professor Franklin “Lynn” Orr, ’69 aboard the Queen of the West, a modern paddle wheeler built in the style of early Columbia River sternwheelers. Trace the path of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery to Fort Clatsop near Astoria where the Columbia empties into the Pacific. Be awed by the dramatic geology of the region as we cruise through the Columbia River Gorge past its 4,000-foot cliffs and on an excursion to Mount St. Helens. Marvel at the eight massive locks that tamed the mighty Columbia and created a water super-highway.

COST: from approx. $5,790

Journey of Odysseus

EXPLORING HOMERIC SHORES
JUNE 18 TO 28, 2012 (11 DAYS)
The story of Ulysses is one of the world’s great adventure sagas. As epic as it is, it’s also intensely personal – the tale of a great hero who yearns to travel home to his family. Our summer voyage calls at ancient sites that are the settings for some of the Odyssey’s most memorable moments. Travel aboard the intimate Callisto with legendary storyteller, Professor Marsh McCall, who has a talent for bringing these places vividly to life with his eloquent on-site readings and lectures. Explore the majestic remains of Mycenae and the ruins of Nestor’s Palace at Pylos. At Dodoni view the seat of the oracle, where Ulysses traveled for advice, and visit the Temple of Athena in Assos. Ponder the mysterious ruins of Ephyra, said to be the gateway to Hades.

COST: from approx. $8,995

Picos de Europa Hike

NORTHERN SPAIN’S CANTABRIAN MOUNTAINS
JUNE 22 TO JULY 1, 2012 (10 DAYS)
Join Professor Channing Robertson, PhD ’70, and historian Peter Watson on Travel/Study’s new Picos de Europa Hike that takes us to the stunning mountain scenery and remote villages of this wild, unspoiled region in Asturias, Spain. Steep limestone peaks reign over grassy valleys, glacial lakes and plunging waterfalls. Our hiking trails lead us to high mountain passes that reveal vistas of the Somiedo Valley below, dotted with ancient stone huts once used for summer cheese production and where cattle, sheep and horses still graze; the nearby forests teem with wildlife. Explore the capital of Asturias, Oviedo, renowned throughout Spain as a center of early Christianity. Enjoy simple, yet charming, lodgings and feast on hearty traditional country food.

COST: approx. $4,695
**Tuscany Family Adventure**

**VIVA ITALIA E LA FAMIGLIA**

**JUNE 26 TO JULY 8, 2012 (13 DAYS)**

Experience Tuscany as it was meant to be: with family, friends and a hearty mix of learning, touring, dining and playing. Spend our first seven nights in the beautifully restored, 13th-century walled village of Gargonza, complete with swimming pool. Join faculty leader Scott Pearson on day trips to Arezzo, Pienza and Montepulciano. Experience Siena’s Palio, a colorful medieval pageant that ends with the famous bareback horse race around the Piazza del Campo. Kids learn to make frescoes and pasta and enjoy rousing soccer games with the locals and bike rides through charming towns. In Florence, view the masterpieces in the Uffizi and savor multiple flavors at a special gelato-tasting.

**Cost:** approx. $6,995 adults; $5,995 kids (ages 6–18)

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**Mediterranean Family Adventure**

**LAND OF GODS AND HEROES**

**JUNE 28 TO JULY 10, 2012 (13 DAYS)**

Discover the glories of the classical world in the Mediterranean with medieval studies expert Ed Steidle aboard Corinthian II. Begin in fabled Athens, and learn about its history, both ancient and modern, then enjoy two full days of excursions to the fascinating nearby ancient ruins. Visit the island of Gytheion and tour the ancient site of Mystras; explore Knossos and Rethymnon on the island of Crete. Ride donkeys up the steep cliffs of Santorini and cross 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 fabled Pompeii. End our legendary adventure in Rome, the eternal City.

**Cost:** from approx. $7,195 adults; $4,995 kids (ages 6–18)

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**Swiss Alps**

**LANDSCAPE OF IDYLIC HAMLETS AND IMMENSE VISTAS**

**JUNE 28 TO JULY 7, 2012 (10 DAYS)**

Endowed with sky-piercing mountains and verdant valleys, Switzerland has long been a mecca for walkers, hikers and adventure seekers. On this action-focused program led by Scott Burns, ’69, MS ’70, ride a gondola to 10,623-foot-high Mt. Titlis and hike with local guides over its glacial formations. Meander through flower-filled meadows and visit an alpine farmer in Gerschnialp to taste locally produced cheese and Swiss wine. Walk alongside precipitous limestone monoliths in the Aare Gorge as we follow a fixed boardwalk and marvel at the turquoise glacial waters of the rushing river below. Ride the Jungfraubahn, Europe’s highest railway, up to 11,330 feet to play in a high-Alpine wonderland of age-old ice and snow.

**Cost:** approx. $7,495
Cruising the Lower Danube

SEVEN NATIONS FROM AUSTRIA TO ROMANIA
JUNE 29 TO JULY 11, 2012 (13 DAYS)
Discover the rich history and natural beauty of one of Europe’s most legendary rivers with historian Norman Naimark, ’66, MA ’68, PhD ’72. After two days in Vienna, embark the privately chartered River Cloud II and travel from the former seat of the Habsburg Empire through lands dominated for centuries by the Ottomans, concluding in historic Bucharest. Visit the paprika center of Kalocsa in the Hungarian countryside, admire the Iron Gate – a two-mile-long gorge between the Carpathian and Balkan mountain ranges, and explore picturesque Arbanassi in Bulgaria. Enjoy a horsemanship demonstration on the Hungarian plain, lunch with local families in Vukovar and attend a Bulgarian monks’ choir concert.

COST: from approx. $7,795

Scandinavian Sojourn

SUMMER IN SWEDEN, DENMARK AND NORWAY
JUNE 30 TO JULY 14, 2012 (15 DAYS)
Visit Scandinavia’s alluring capital cities and country towns, as well as its pristine fjords, lakes and glaciers, traveling by ferry and train with anthropologist Jim Fox, who will enrich our trip with lectures on historical and modern Scandinavian culture and linguistics. Begin with a Stockholm Archipelago cruise and a drive through rural Sweden, staying overnight at a country manor and visiting Henning Mankell’s fictional detective Kurt Wallander’s hometown of Ystad. Cruise Copenhagen’s canals and tour a splendid museum showcasing five ancient Viking vessels recovered from Denmark’s Roskilde fjord. In Norway’s fjord-lands, view a traditional stave church, and visit a glacier museum and the Bøya arm of the enormous Jostedal Glacier.

COST: approx. $8,295

China Family Adventure

KUNG FU, PANDAS AND ACROBATS
JULY 2012 (14 DAYS)
Discover one of the most ancient civilizations in the world as we explore China’s many wonders with Barry Katz. In Beijing, visit the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, ride a pedicab through the hutong district and attend a kung fu show. Climb the Great Wall of China and fly to Xian to see the famous 2,000-year-old terra-cotta warriors, a unique memorial Emperor Qin conjured up when he was 13 years old. Meet with our Chinese pen pals in Xian. See giant pandas in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province, and travel to Chongqing, one of the world’s most populous cities. Cruise for three nights up the Yangtze River and view the controversial Three Gorges Dam. Conclude in Shanghai, where we visit the Old Quarter and watch Shanghai acrobats perform.

COST: in development (minimum age: 8)
Reefs and Rain
Forests of Australia
VOYAGE IN THE LAND DOWN UNDER
JULY 6 TO 16, 2012 (11 DAYS)
Join geological and environmental sciences professor Rob Dunbar for an exploration of Australia’s natural wonders. Begin in Sydney, then fly to Townsville to board our chartered ship, the Coral Princess. Cross Halifax Bay en route to the Great Barrier Reef where we delve into an incredible underwater world. Stop at remote, uninhabited islands before sailing through Nathan Reef and Trinity Bay. Disembark in Cairns and visit Port Douglas, a private botanical garden that boasts 3,000 species of plants. Journey deep into the Cooper Creek Wilderness, one of the world’s oldest-surviving rain forests, to explore its complex mangrove system. Optional post-trip extension to Alice Springs and Ayers Rock.

Cost: from approx. $6,795

Kilimanjaro Trek
SUMMIT THE ROOF OF AFRICA
JULY 7 TO 19, 2012 (13 DAYS)
Experience one of the world’s greatest adventures and most satisfying accomplishments on this trek to the top of Kilimanjaro, Africa’s highest peak and one of the world’s “Seven Summits.” With Professor Margot Gerritsen, PhD ’97, and expert mountain guides leading us on a nontechnical, nine-day route to the summit via the Western Approach, we pass through the five biomes of Kilimanjaro with their diverse arrays of flora and fauna. Marvel at the lush forests and observe the massive mountain’s unique volcanic and glacial geology as we ascend. Camp in the arctic-like moonscape of the Furtwängler Glacier, climbing the last 600 feet the next morning to reach the 19,340-foot-high summit in daylight. Optional post-trip safari extension to Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park. Teens welcome!

Cost: approx. $8,495

Traversing the Baltic Sea
NATION-HOPPING
ABOARD ISLAND SKY
JULY 11 TO 22, 2012 (12 DAYS)
Explore seven of the nations bordering the Baltic Sea with Bert Patenaude, MA ’80, PhD ’87. Begin amid the grandeur of St. Petersburg and visit the lavishly appointed country estates that surround the capital. Aboard the recently refurbished Island Sky, cruise around the Baltic Sea at the height of summer when daylight lasts late into the evening and temperatures are mild. Gaze upon the incredible Stockholm Archipelago comprised of over 20,000 small islands. Discover a treasure trove of Romanesque and Gothic architecture in the former Soviet states of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. Special events include an after-hours tour of St. Petersburg’s Hermitage Museum, private performances in Tallinn and Riga, and meetings with local dignitaries.

Cost: from approx. $6,995
Nova Scotia
MARITIME TRADITIONS, COASTAL BEAUTY
JULY 12 TO 20, 2012 (9 DAYS)
Discover the maritime history and stunning coastal scenery of this remote corner of Canada with political scientist Kathryn Stoner-Weiss and Canadian historian Barry Lane. In Halifax, view elegant schooners and barques at the tri-annual Tall Ships Festival. Visit the delightful fishing community at Peggy’s Cove and learn about the importance of Nova Scotia’s shipbuilding tradition at Lunenberg, a World Heritage site. Travel to Cape Breton in the far north of the province where we take a cruise on Bras d’Or Lake and a scenic drive along the famed Cabot Trail, stopping in the Acadian fishing village of Chéticamp. Explore the Fortress of Louisbourg, built in the 18th century and the largest historical reconstruction in North America.

cost: approx. $5,995

Scotland Walk
A STROLL THROUGH HISTORY FROM THE LOWLANDS TO THE HIGHLANDS
JULY 14 TO 26, 2012 (13 DAYS)
Walk through the dramatic landscapes of stunning Scotland with faculty leader Ed Steidle and local host Peter Watson as we trace the history of this most fascinating country from its lowlands bordering England to the deep glens of its mountainous highlands, traditional home of the Picts and Vikings. Follow in the footsteps of Celtic saints who helped define Scottish culture, learn the truth about William Wallace and Rob Roy in their struggles with the English, and visit the birthplace of golf at the Old Course at St. Andrews. Feast on sumptuous picnics of fine cheeses and salads with perhaps a nip of whisky from the Spey Valley. Relax in Edinburgh, hub of the great 18th-century Scottish enlightenment in which Adam Smith and David Hume played a part.

cost: approx. $8,795

Galápagos Family Adventure
TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE
JULY 23 TO AUGUST 2, 2012 (11 DAYS)
Venture into the ultimate outdoor classroom on this journey through the “enchanted islands” aboard the Isabela II. Embrace the magnificent ecosystem of the Galápagos sitting face to face with giant tortoises, snorkeling with sea lions, spotting pods of spinner dolphins and getting super-close to marine iguanas. Learn about the volcanic evolution and geography of these extraordinary islands from expert naturalists on daily hikes over the lava-strewn landscape. Adults hear lectures from Professor Bill Durham, ‘71, and kids enjoy fun and educational time together with their Sierra Camp-trained Young Explorer leaders. End with two days in Quito exploring this charming colonial city.

cost: approx. $6,995 adults; $5,595 kids (ages 6–18)
Kenya Wildlife Safari
IN SEARCH OF THE GREAT MIGRATION
JULY 26 TO AUGUST 5, 2012 (11 DAYS)
Experience a memorable introduction to spectacular African landscapes, diverse wildlife and the warm Kenyan people with biology professor Elizabeth Hadly on this classic safari. Stay in luxury tented camps in Amboseli National Park and the Masai Mara, where we’ll have thrilling chances to view and photograph the Big Five: elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo and rhino. Witness the great wildebeest migration and perhaps even track a pride of lions or a lone leopard. Take in the Mara’s pristine landscape of rolling grasslands, acacia woodlands and wide-open savannahs – a perfect backdrop for up-close game viewing. Discover the rich culture of the Masai during visits to local communities and conservation projects. Optional post-trip extension to Rwanda to track gorillas.
COST: approx. $8,995

Canadian Rockies by Rail
LAND OF PEAKS AND GLACIERS
AUGUST 10 TO 17, 2012 (8 DAYS)
The glacier-sheared cliffs, snowy peaks, cascading waterfalls and sapphire lakes of the Canadian Rockies make every turn in the road or on the rails an utterly breathtaking one, while each evening brings us to yet another grand hotel or lodge built in the late 1800s to lure tourists to the West. From Edmonton, drive to beautiful Jasper National Park and continue to Banff via the Icefields Parkway. Retrace the routes of 19th-century explorers on a two-day train journey along the historic Canadian Pacific route. Aboard the luxurious Rocky Mountaineer, enjoy gourmet meal service and 360-degree panoramic views from the train’s dome cars as we travel from Banff and experience a thrilling ride through Yoho National Park’s world-famous spiral tunnels and then over Rogers Pass to Vancouver.
COST: approx. $8,895

Opus Mediterraneo
A MUSIC CRUISE FROM VENICE TO BARCELONA
AUGUST 15 TO 26, 2012 (12 DAYS)
Travel through the Mediterranean with history professor Carolyn Lougee aboard the Corinthian II while enjoying sublime classical music. This combination of sea and sound is undoubtedly one of the most beguiling of travel experiences. Concerts will be held aboard the ship as well as ashore at palaces and churches. Set sail from romantic Venice and cruise among the idyllic Croatian archipelago, stopping at Split, Dubrovnik and Kotor. Explore the impressive 15,000-seat Greek theater in Syracuse and, on Malta, peer into the Neolithic temples of Tarxien as well as the Palace of the Grand Masters. On the island of Sardinia, wonder at the mysterious Su Nuraxi. Conclude in Spain, viewing the fantastical architecture of Gaudí in Barcelona.
COST: from approx. $8,695
Oregon Shakespeare Festival

**“THE PLAY’S THE THING” AT ASHLAND**

**AUGUST 20 TO 27, 2012 (8 DAYS)**

Enjoy an entire week’s worth of first-rate plays – both Elizabethan and contemporary – at the world-famous Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland with Professor Abbas Milani and his wife, Shakespeare expert Jean Nyland. Both have attended the Festival each of the past 20 years. Thanks to our exclusive educational program and Stanford’s connections to Festival experts, Shakespeare aficionados and novices alike gain a deeper appreciation for the Bard and the work he’s inspired in others. Experience the Festival as few do: enjoy guest lectures and a special backstage tour, attend discussions with directors and artistic staff members, and dine with the actors.

**COST:** approx. $3,450

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Yunnan and Tibet

**CHINA’S WESTERN FRONTIERS**

**SEPTEMBER 2012 (20 DAYS)**

Explore the multi-ethnic minority cultures and beautiful scenery of Yunnan Province, the “Land South of the Clouds,” and Tibet, “Rooftop of the World.” Fly from Shanghai to Dali, then travel by road to Lijiang and along the upper reaches of the Yangtze River through Tiger Leaping Gorge to the Shangri-la region. Proceed over remote mountain territory to the heartland of the Tibetan Plateau and view the sacred monasteries, mountain peaks and harsh beauty of this once-forbidden land. Visit the magnificent Potala Palace in Lhasa and travel the Friendship Highway to the fabled cities of Gyantse and Shigatse, passing glaciers and Yamdrok-Tso Lake en route. Return to Lhasa for our flight to Beijing. Alternatively, journey to Beijing by train over the scenic Tanggula Pass.

**COST:** in development

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Umbria Walk

**MEDIEVAL CITIES AND RENAISSANCE ART**

**SEPTEMBER 1 TO 13, 2012 (13 DAYS)**

Explore stunning Umbria, the “green heart of Italy,” with faculty leader Ed Steidle, expert in late antiquity and the Middle Ages, and historian Peter Watson. It was in this region that the classical ideas and humanistic values of the Italian Renaissance first emerged in the medieval world. Walk through verdant, rolling hillside villages, stopping along the way to savor the many culinary delights of this gastronomic paradise. As we follow paths trod by the Etruscans, the Romans and Saint Francis of Assisi, we also find ourselves amid the landscapes of the great Renaissance artists. Here the works of such masters as Piero della Francesca, Fra Angelico and Luca Signorelli, still tucked away in the churches of ancient Etruscan towns, spring to life before us.

**COST:** approx. $8,395
Cruising the Dalmatian Coast and the Black Sea

MEETING PLACE OF EMPIRES
SEPTEMBER 4 TO 17, 2012 (14 DAYS)

Join classics professor Grant Parker aboard the Corinthian II and explore the layers of civilization that make the Balkans one of the most fascinating corners of the world. From Venice sail down the Dalmatian Coast to Spilt and visit the palace of Roman Emperor Diocletian. At Mostar stroll across the Stari Most bridge, a masterpiece of Ottoman engineering, and in Dubrovnik take in its Gothic, Renaissance and baroque architecture. Sailing past Greece and Turkey, head north to the Black Sea and the port town of Constanta, Romania, and visit its Archaeological and National History Museum. Enjoy a walking tour of Nessebar, Bulgaria, and conclude in Istanbul.

Cost: from approx. $8,495

Trans-Siberia by Rail

EPIC JOURNEY FROM VLADIVOSTOK TO ST. PETERSBURG
SEPTEMBER 4 TO 20, 2012 (17 DAYS)

Cross Russia’s wide expanse aboard the comfortable and stylish Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express with political scientist Gail Lapidus, journeying from the Sea of Japan to Moscow’s Red Square on an epic 6,000-mile-long rail adventure. Embark in the Pacific Rim port city of Vladivostok, home base of Russia’s Pacific Fleet. Cross the steppes of Mongolia and learn about nomadic life at the National History Museum in UlaanBatar. Visit an Old Believers village near Ulan Ude; Lake Baikal, the largest freshwater lake in the world; and Irkutsk with its “wooden lace” architecture. Tour Ekaterinburg, site of the execution of Tsar Nicholas II and his family in 1918, and Kazan, capital of Tartarstan. Optional post-trip extension to St. Petersburg.

Cost: from approx. $12,995

Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan

THE CAUCASUS AT A CROSSROADS
SEPTEMBER 9 TO 24, 2012 (16 DAYS)

Join Scott Pearson in this remote area of Asia Minor, rich with history, culture and spectacular scenery. Begin in Yerevan, Armenia’s capital, and follow in the footsteps of the earliest Christians at ancient churches and monuments. Get an in-depth look at Tbilisi, Georgia, as we admire the stunning artistry of the city’s cathedrals and museums and enjoy traditional Georgian hospitality during visits with local families and politicians. Tour the Stalin Museum in Gori, Stalin’s birthplace, and travel to Sheki, Azerbaijan, a vibrant trade center famous for its silk industry. Explore Baku’s old town and the eclectic mansions built during the city’s oil boom of the 1800s.

Cost: approx. $8,595
Galápagos Field Seminar

NATURE’S ULTIMATE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
SEPTEMBER 9 TO 23, 2012 (15 DAYS)

Study alongside Stanford sophomores to research Darwin and evolution with Professor Bill Durham, ’71. Join the undergraduates on the Stanford campus for a pre-trip seminar, then continue on to the Galápagos Islands where we explore earth’s “living laboratory.” The joint campus seminar introduces Stanford sophomores to alumni travelers and provides a solid academic foundation for gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation of Darwin’s research. Our travel to Ecuador allows for a terrestrial and aquatic exploration of the concepts discussed at the seminar. Experience the excitement of absorbing new concepts and engaging in spirited dialogues while learning from a gifted Stanford professor in the field.

COST: approx. $7,995

Along the New England Coast

A CLASSIC AMERICAN JOURNEY
SEPTEMBER 11 TO 22, 2012 (12 DAYS)

Discover the seafaring heritage of New England’s coastal towns and quaint island villages aboard the intimate American Glory with art history professor Wanda M. Corn and American historian Joe Corn. Our small ship allows us to cruise into hidden coves and small ports not accessible by larger vessels. From Portland, Maine, sail to Rockland and Belfast and view works by local and nationally renowned artists at The Working Art Gallery and the Farnsworth Museum. Call at Bar Harbor and explore Acadia National Park, visit the Gloucester Maritime Museum in Massachusetts, and stroll the charming streets of Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard.

COST: from approx. $8,795

Lands of the Himalayas

HIGH POINTS OF BHUTAN, NEPAL AND TIBET
SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 9, 2012 (17 DAYS)

Journey into the mighty Himalayas and discover treasures that few tourists ever see with faculty leader Rosamond Naylor. Meet with public figures, intellectuals and monks who offer insights into their culture and society. Begin in China’s dynamic capital, Beijing, before flying to Tibet. In Lhasa, wander through the massive, gleaming white Potala Palace, official residence of the Dalai Lamas for centuries until the present Dalai Lama fled in 1959. Explore the lively markets of the Barkhor district in Lhasa’s old city. In Nepal, tour the giant Buddhist stupa of Swayambunath in Kathmandu. In Bhutan, visit the aerie-like Taktsang Monastery perched on cliffs high above the Paro valley and view dzongs (monumental fortress monasteries) in Punakha.

COST: approx. $10,295
Black Sea Circumnavigation

WHERE ANCIENT AND MODERN WORLDS MEET

SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 9, 2012 (13 DAYS)

Cruise the perimeter of the Black Sea aboard the beautifully renovated Island Sky with faculty leaders Bob Hamrdla, ’60, ’64, and Marsh McCall as they weave a rich tapestry of myth, history and the current politics of the region. Be awed by the golden mosaics of Istanbul’s Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque’s cerulean tiles and the 15th-century frescoes of Trabzon’s Sumela Monastery. Visit Stalin’s dacha in Sochi and the Livadia and Alupka palaces in Yalta. See the somber balaclava battlefield immortalized in Tennyson’s Charge of the Light Brigade and climb the iconic Potemkin Steps in Odessa. View the exquisite cache of Thracian gold in Varna before returning to Istanbul. Optional post-trip extension to Ephesus.

COST: from approx. $7,990

Israel In-depth

EXPLORING THE HOLY LAND
OCTOBER 2012 (14 DAYS)

Israel and its capital of Jerusalem are hallowed ground to Jews, Christians and Muslims alike. Enjoy excursions and visits with local leaders that shed light on both ancient and modern Israel and provide context for the current conflicts that are part of daily life in this dynamic country. Begin in Tel Aviv and Jaffa, one of the oldest ports in the world, then travel to the historical site of Caesarea. In the Galilee region, explore the Golan Heights and Safed, center of Jewish mysticism. Walk through the Old City of Jerusalem and visit the Western Wall of the Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock and Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Travel beyond Jerusalem to iconic Bethlehem and Masada, the fortress built by Herod the Great.

COST: approx. $7,895

Along the Mekong

A NEW LOOK AT VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA
OCTOBER 9 TO 28, 2012 (20 DAYS)

Enjoy a unique, in-depth look at Southeast Asia with political science professor Judith Goldstein on a cruise down the majestic Mekong River. Starting in Hanoi, Vietnam’s capital, visit Ba Dinh Square and the Ethnology Museum. Travel by air to Luang Prabang, Laos, where we get our first taste of Mekong river life as we explore the Pak Ou Caves and visit a typical village. Fly from Laos to Siem Reap in Cambodia and marvel at the vast complex of temples at Angkor Wat before beginning our seven-night cruise aboard the MV Jahan. Take a traditional sampan to tour a colorful floating market. Wind through jungles and ancient temples, observing Mekong Delta rural life. Conclude our journey of discovery in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

COST: in development
Southern India by Rail

RICHNESS IN HISTORY, COLOR AND CULTURE
NOVEMBER 2 TO 14, 2012 (13 DAYS)

Join professor Scott Pearson as we explore the temples, monuments, caves and lagoons of Southern India. Begin in the “Venice of India,” Cochin, with its system of narrow canals. Fly north to Bangalore and travel to the “garden city” of Mysore where we begin our four-night train ride aboard the deluxe Golden Chariot. Along our route, view the palaces and temples of Somanthupur and major Jain pilgrim centers at Shravanabelagola, then visit the World Heritage site of Hampi and Aihole, first capital of the early Chalukyas. Disembark in the coastal city of Goa and enjoy a visit at a private home. Conclude in Mumbai where we explore the Crawford Market and the famous elephant caves. Optional post-trip extension to Aurangabad to visit Ajanta and Ellora.

COST: approx. $9,875

Burma

THE ROAD TO MANDALAY
NOVEMBER 6 TO 20, 2012 (15 DAYS)

With human rights scholar Helen Stacy explore the isolated “Golden Land” of Burma, now officially called Myanmar. Ruled by a dictatorial military government, 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 aboard the RV Paukan, a charming colonial-style 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

India and the Maldives

REMOTE ISLANDS, COASTAL LIFE
DECEMBER 1 TO 18, 2012 (18 DAYS)

Cruise aboard the Clipper Odyssey to the remote island paradises of the Lakshadweep and the Maldives with Professor Rob Dunbar and also visit fascinating Sri Lanka and coastal India. Snorkel and dive amid large pelagic fish and stunning coral gardens. Venture to the Indian community of Kochi and witness a mélange of international influences, from Portuguese architecture to Chinese fishing techniques. Travel by way of local houseboats through a maze of backwaters and get a close-up look at daily life along the southern coast of India. Visit temples and observe local customs in Colombo, Kandy and Galle on the island of Sri Lanka. Search for wild elephants on a 4x4 safari. Our voyage ends in Chennai with the option of joining a post-trip extension to northern India.

COST: from approx. $10,980
St. Petersburg and the Tsar’s Ball

**NEW YEAR’S EVE IN OLD RUSSIA**

**DECEMBER 27, 2012, TO JANUARY 3, 2013 (8 DAYS)**

Ring in 2013 in breathtaking fashion – as a guest at the elite Tsar’s Ball in the Great Hall of the Catherine Palace in Czarskoye Selo. Relive Russian royal pageantry with fireworks and a gala six-course feast served by the same French caterer used by the tsars. Our visits to the legendary Hermitage include a private curator-guided tour of the exquisite Scythian Gold collection and the acclaimed “Hidden Treasures Revealed” exhibition. Enjoy performances at the Mariinsky Theater, listen to the St. Petersburg Philharmonic and kick off our stay with a champagne-and-caviar reception at our hotel, the deluxe Rocco Forte Hotel Astoria. Optional post-trip extension to Moscow.

**Cost:** approx. $8,495
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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.

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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