Travel Planner 2016

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Where will 2016 take you?

Twelve months. Sixty-five journeys. Unlimited opportunities to experience the world. From New Zealand in January to the Adriatic Sea in June and South Africa in December, Stanford Travel/Study’s diverse lineup of educational adventures in 2016 lets you learn and explore endlessly—at every end of the earth.

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- luxury accommodations and travel
- exclusive, insider access and after-hours tours
- like-minded travelers and savvy local guides
- attentive, experienced Stanford tour managers
- airport transfers, gratuities and all the extras

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**ACTIVE ADVENTURES**
For travelers who are 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 offer a superb 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.

**EXPLORATIONS BY LAND**
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-trained counselors.

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**New Zealand by Private Air**

**JANUARY 4 TO 18, 2016 (15 DAYS)**

**The ultimate way to travel.** Flying aboard our private Convair 580 jet-prop with Margot Gerritsen, PhD ’97, enjoy six legs that eliminate long drives and maximize our time to view New Zealand’s many natural treasures. “Eighth Wonder of the World.” Be awed by the beauty of Milford Sound after flying from Queenstown to Manapouri and driving along the dramatic Milford Road. An oenophile’s paradise. Attend a wine-paired dinner at a winery in Blenheim, home to more than 70 wineries and boutique breweries, and sample New Zealand wines throughout our trip. Linger a little longer. Travel to New Zealand early for an optional extension to the Bay of Islands, or enjoy an optional trip’s-end stay at the Grasmere Lodge in New Zealand’s Southern Alps.

**COST:** $10,395

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**Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia**

**JANUARY 6 TO 26, 2016 (21 DAYS)**

**Tried and true.** This trip is a Travel/Study favorite, and for good reason: it’s a perfect introduction to this trio of Southeast Asian countries, this year led by Stanford religious studies professor Carl Bielefeldt. A feast for the senses. Catch wafts of lemongrass and barbecued pork amid the cacophony of traffic and the sight of shops filled with rows of hand-embroidered linens and glossy lacquerware in Hanoi. Join the locals. In Laos, wake early to give alms, in the form of sticky rice, to the monks—a tradition here, where nearly all males spend at least some time in a monastery. Temple-hopping. Our visit to Cambodia’s Angkor Wat is a highlight, with two full days to explore the jungle-covered temples strewn throughout this ancient capital of the Khmer kingdom.

**COST:** $9,295
Burma
FEBRUARY 1 TO 16, 2016 (16 DAYS)

Join the party. After decades of isolation, Burma has opened its doors to the world and we’re among the intrepid travelers to experience its old-world culture. On the river to Mandalay. Stop at tiny villages as we sail aboard our privately chartered river boat, the Paukan 2012, down the Irrawaddy River from Mandalay to Bagan. A tide of crimson. Explore the 17th-century city of Mandalay where thousands of Buddhist monks in colorful religious garb fill the streets. The culture endures. Observe people still following traditional rural lifestyles deeply imbued with their religious culture in a country largely isolated from the modern world. Get the inside scoop. In addition to lectures by faculty leader Greg Watkins, ’85, PhD ’03, enjoy specially arranged visits with local artisans and government officials. 

COST: from $10,495

Bangkok to Bali on the Eastern & Oriental Express
FEBRUARY 2 TO 14, 2016 (13 DAYS)

A river runs through it. Spend three nights in bustling Bangkok, where we tour the opulent grand palaces and age-old temples along the Chao Phraya River, and enjoy a cruise to the site of Ayuthaya, Thailand’s ancient capital. A journey as great as the destination. Revel in a bygone era as we travel through Thailand and Malaysia for three nights aboard the deluxe Eastern & Oriental Express train with Professor Thomas Fingar, MA ’69, PhD ’77. Stop at colorful sleepy villages and admire the scenery as we pass rice paddies and grazing water buffalo. Paradise found. Enjoy three relaxing nights at our beautiful seaside resort in Bali. Explore caves bearing ancient Buddhist and Hindu inscriptions, and browse the famed Ubud market with its exotic displays of Balinese crafts, spices and gifts. 

COST: from $9,995

The Nile
FEBRUARY 18 TO MARCH 3, 2016 (15 DAYS)

We’re #1! Join faculty leader Judith Goldstein and be among the first American travelers to return to Egypt, once again stable and welcoming. Mummy’s boy. View treasures from King Tutankhamun’s tomb and the rest of the extensive collection at Cairo’s Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Rollin’ on the river. On our seven-night Nile cruise aboard the intimate and luxurious 30-passanger Sun Boat III, explore Luxor, Aswan and the great temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo. In lone splendor. Much as the statues of Pharaoh Ramesses II and Queen Nefertari sit in peaceful repose at Abu Simbel, explore Egypt in relative quiet—before tourists return en masse. Prodigious Petra. Follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia on a post-trip extension to Jordan. 

COST: from $12,995
Cuba
MARCH 7 TO 20, 2016 (14 DAYS)

The times they are a-changin’. Experience the “real” Cuba—with no billboards, no internet, and few cars newer than 1950s-vintage Chevys—before it’s flooded by a sea of cultural and economic change. “Learner’s permit.” We travel here with special U.S. government approval, interacting with local Cubans and learning firsthand how their lives have been affected by the triumphs and pitfalls of the Revolution.

Moros y cristianos. Savor black beans and white rice, a staple of every meal in Cuba, from the humblest home to the fanciest paladar. Castro’s Cuba. Travel to Santiago de Cuba on the island’s southeastern shore where the revolution was born, then to Guantánamo. Visit the infamous Bay of Pigs, site of the failed U.S.-backed invasion and now an idyllic spot for an al fresco lunch.

COST: $10,195

Intriguing Iran
MARCH 9 TO 24, 2016 (16 DAYS)

Beyond the headlines. In the company of former ambassador Karl Eikenberry, MA ’94, follow the scores of Stanford travelers who have uncovered the facts about this fascinating country: a cultural gem with a rich history and incredibly warm and hospitable people, whom we’ll meet in the bustling squares and markets of Tehran, Shiraz and Isfahan. Persian treasure trove. Admire exquisitely tiled mosques, discover the former caravan city of Yazd where the Zoroastrian religion once thrived and stroll the peaceful gardens of Mahan where Sufi poets meditated in medieval times. Once were warriors. Travel back to the 6th century B.C.E when Darius the Great reigned over the Persian capital of Persepolis as we explore the incredibly well-preserved remains of his vast citadel.

COST: $9,990

Lands of the Maya: Mexico and Guatemala
MARCH 12 TO 22, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Leading the way. Discover the Maya, one of the most advanced ancient civilizations; they built remarkable transportation networks, soaring temples and immense palaces to rival anything the Romans constructed only a few centuries before. Jungle boogie. Explore archaeological sites and ruins buried deep in beautiful tropical jungles. Hike to remote locations where we will likely be the only visitors. What does the Fox say? Learn from faculty leader Jim Fox, a world-renowned expert on Maya linguistics and hieroglyphs, about the ancient Maya and their descendants of today. Alarm clock optional. Awaken to an amazing symphony of rain forest sounds and view spectacular wildlife including tropical birds, monkeys and reptiles.

COST: $7,595
India and Bangladesh for Women
MARCH 13 TO 24, 2016 (12 DAYS)
Against all odds. Join history professor Margo Horn to engage with extraordinary women throughout Bangladesh and India who have become successful in a part of the world where women are still considered second-class citizens. From the ground up. Visit with leaders at Grameen Bank, whose founder won the Nobel Peace Prize for the successful application of micro-financing. Singing a different tune. Meet with an award-winning local pop star in Dhaka to discuss with her how she promotes liberal thinking in Bangladesh. Both ends of the spectrum. In Kolkata talk to women responsible for running charities and orphanages, and meet with a female member of the royal family of Burdwan in lower Bengal.
COST: $9,995

Budapest to Tehran by Train
MARCH 26 TO APRIL 13, 2016 (19 DAYS)
An epic journey. Explore 10 UNESCO World Heritage sites with faculty favorite Scott Pearson as we travel some 2,300 miles by private train through Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey to Iran. Harken to a bygone era. Journeying from the heart of Central Europe to the heart of Persia, savor the romance of classic rail travel aboard the luxurious Golden Eagle Danube Express. Places of wonder. Visit numerous locales: Romania’s Sighisoara, fabled birthplace of Dracula; the underground cathedrals and cities of Turkey’s Cappadocia; and remnants of Darius I’s Achaemenid Empire at Iran’s legendary Persepolis. Spiritual sights. Explore major mosques, temples, churches and shrines that are testaments to the regions’ diverse religious heritages and rich histories.
COST: approx. $25,495

Israel Past and Present
APRIL 1 TO 14, 2016 (14 DAYS)
Oh my God. With faculty leader Stephen D. Krasner explore the importance of Jerusalem to the three Abrahamic monotheistic faiths and observe the worship practices of its Jewish, Christian and Muslim citizens. Meeting of the minds. Meet with Palestinians and settlers, soldiers and journalists, the religiously devout and the devoutly secular to hear various opinions about the future of this land. Etched in stone. Visit unique Roman-era archaeological sites, including Masada, Beit She’an, Capernaum and Caesaria. Food for thought. While discussing the complex issues affecting Israel today, enjoy both the traditional and innovative cuisine for which the country is fast gaining fame—its freshness and sophistication are a delightful surprise!
COST: $9,885
Panama Canal: Rain Forests and Reefs
APRIL 12 TO 26, 2016 (15 DAYS)

Modern-world wonder. Transit the historic Panama Canal with professors Peter Vitousek and Pamela Matson, both experts in the field of environment and sustainability. Think Disneyland—with fish! Once a former penal colony, Panama’s Isla Coiba is today one of the world’s largest marine reserves where snorkelers look for sea turtles, sharks, rays and hundreds of pelagic fish. Small island, enormous diversity. Isla de Providencia, Colombia, was colonized by the English, the Dutch and the Spanish and all are evident in the culture today. Sample local cuisine, visit colonial-style buildings, and enjoy traditional music and dance. Small-ship cruising. Enjoy an intimate atmosphere aboard the Sea Adventurer, the perfect springboard for our journey.

Cost: from $11,980

Focus: Vienna
APRIL 16 TO 24, 2016 (9 DAYS)

Rock me, Amadeus. Walk with European history professor and former Vienna resident Bert Patenaude, MA ’79, PhD ’87, where Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert once walked, and meet with a current member of the Vienna Symphony Orchestra. Coffee klatch. Savor a slice of Sachertorte and a melange (the Viennese equivalent of a cappuccino) at one of Vienna’s famous kaffeehauses. Klimt encounter. Tour Jugendsstil (Art Nouveau) Vienna, including a private viewing of Gustav Klimt’s Beethoven Frieze and special entrance to Stieinhof Church. Blue Danube. Taste local wines in the Wachau Valley, visit Melk Abbey overlooking the Danube River, and gaze upon Dürnstein Castle, where Richard the Lionhearted was held captive in the 12th century.

Cost: $5,995

Dutch Waterways
APRIL 20 TO 30, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Tulip-mania. Explore the world’s largest flower auction in Aalsmeer and stroll through the Keukenhof’s 88 acres of magnificent flowers at the peak of the blooming season. The perfect size. We’ve chartered the recently renovated 30-passenger barge, MS Magnifique, for our exploration of the cities and countryside that inspired the Dutch masters. Tilting at windmills. Led by history professor Carolyn Lougee, delight in discovering historical treasures in Gouda, Delft and The Hague; bike through the lush countryside; and be awed by the iconic windmills of Kinderdijk. Remembering the past. Tour the annex where Anne Frank and her family hid during World War II, and visit the Noordermarkt, where protesters gathered in 1940 to oppose the deportation of Jews.

Cost: from $8,595
Australia’s Kimberley
APRIL 22 TO MAY 6, 2016 (15 DAYS)

Far out. Discover the Kimberley, universally acknowledged as one of the last remote regions on earth—a captivating land of towering cliffs and plunging waterfalls. Wild things. Along with faculty leader Hunter Fraser, seek out turtles, whales, dolphins, saltwater crocodiles and more than 100 species of bird. By air, land and sea. Explore these remote areas by helicopter, on foot and by Zodiac during our shore excursions. Our comfortable ship, the 65-passenger Oceanic Discoverer, allows us to access pristine areas that are inaccessible by road. Meet the locals. Step ashore on the Tiwi Islands for guided bushwalks that reveal the local cultural traditions, and view well-preserved aboriginal paintings. An interior option. Head to Anhem Land, Kununurra and Bungle Bungle before the trip for an optional 10-day extension.

COST: from $13,580

Islands of the Mediterranean
APRIL 26 TO MAY 5, 2016 (10 DAYS)

Treasure islands. With classicist Marsh McCall, ply the waters between the Corsican towns of Calvi and Bonifacio, the Sardinian hamlet of Arbatax, Sicily’s Trapani, historic Elba and the seldom-visited Pontine Archipelago aboard the sailing ship, Le Ponant. That’s amore. In Erice, visit the Venus Castle, built in the Norman era over a temple of Venus, where the Roman goddess of love was worshiped. Ponza scheme. Explore the lovely island of Ponza, thought to be the island of Aeaea in Homer’s Odyssey, where Circe the sorceress seduced Odysseus and turned his men into animals. Elba rooms. Call at Portoferraio, main harbor of the island of Elba, and visit the Villa dei Mulini, where Napoleon Bonaparte lived during his exile.

COST: from approx. $8,995

Cruising the Elbe River
APRIL 26 TO MAY 6, 2016 (11 DAYS)

The Golden City. With a fairy tale-like ambience, Prague is the perfect starting point for our voyage. Prepare to be dazzled by six centuries of exquisitely preserved architecture, spared from the damage so many other Central European cities suffered during World War II. Bohemian rhapsody. During our seven-night cruise aboard the Swiss Ruby, drift along to the melodic strains of classical music in between visits to charming riverside towns in Bohemia and the former East Germany. “Ich bin ein Berliner.” Gain an insider’s perspective of Berlin’s capital and reflect upon the many changes it’s withstood with expert historian Bob Hamrdla, ’59, MA ’64. Learn more about Berlin’s dramatic history, culture and art on an optional post-trip extension.

COST: from $5,595
Australia by Private Air

APRIL 30 TO MAY 13, 2016 (14 DAYS)

Travel at its best. Enjoy seven charter flights between Sydney and Darwin aboard our private Fokker 50 with political science professor Simon Jackman. Island ark. At Kangaroo Island search for wallabies and watch for endemic species of kangaroos and koalas snoozing overhead. The end of a perfect day. At a BBQ at Uluru, raise a glass of sparkling wine to the setting sun over Ayers Rock, the world’s biggest monolith. Up to the top... Travel to Arnhem Land, a natural wealth of billabongs, wetlands, rain forest and ancient escarpments ...and under the ground. Visit Coober Pedy, known as “the opal capital of the world” and “the underground city” because of all the shops, churches and museums built beneath the ground to avoid daytime heat.

Cost: $15,995

Italian Lakes Walk

MAY 4 TO 16, 2016 (13 DAYS)

North meets south. Join Stanford faculty leader Ed Steidle and historian Peter Watson on a springtime walk from the majestic Alpine peaks and luxuriant olive and citrus groves of Lake Garda in the east to the intimate charm of Lake Orta in the far west. Smooth sailing. Sail the iconic and stunning lakes followed by walks through serene pastures and glorious mountain scenery. Al dente. Dine at local trattorias by night and stop for picnic lunches by day, sampling the local olive oils, breads, cheeses and wine. Eclectic bunch. From the rainbow-colored villas in Bellagio to the Scaliger Castle in Sirmione and the Renaissance canvases of Lorenzo Lotto, discover why everyone from the ancient Romans to George Clooney has chosen to hang out in this most sublime Italian lake district.

Cost: $9,695

Venice and the Veneto by Barge

MAY 10 TO 21, 2016 (12 DAYS)

'O sole mio. Spend three full days in iconic Venice exploring its best-known squares and palaces, as well as its quiet neighborhoods, all within steps of our hotel, set on the Grand Canal. History's mysteries revealed. Learn from European history expert, Professor James Sheehan, ’58, in lectures and discussions. Travel in sleek European style. Enjoy a seven-night cruise from Venice to Chioggia aboard our exclusively chartered, Danish-designed barge. Savory delights from land and sea. Enjoy the rich culinary traditions of the Veneto, from its artisanal cheeses to the freshest seafood. Ageless art. View modern art in Venice at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection and marvel at the Veneto’s mosaics that span millennia. A slower pace. Cycle in the countryside on optional bike tours.

Cost: from $8,995
Portugal and Galicia
Food and Wine
MAY 11 TO 22, 2016 (12 DAYS)

On the brink of discovery. The foods and wines of Portugal have slowly begun to make their mark on the international culinary scene. We’ll get to sample and savor this exceptional and distinctive cuisine before the world rushes in. Beyond port wine. Explore the wines of Portugal have slowly begun to make their mark on the international culinary scene. We’ll get to sample and savor this exceptional and distinctive cuisine before the world rushes in. Beyond port wine. Explore the wines

A student of life. Enjoy lectures and discussions with Professor Scott Pearson, a Travel/Study favorite, and learn even more along the way from local experts. Pilgrimage of pilgrimages. Travel to Santiago de Compostela, terminus of one of the world’s top pilgrimage walks and the resting place of Saint James, to dine on tapas and explore the heart of the old town.

COST: approx. $7,995

Spain and Portugal under Sail
MAY 17 TO 29, 2016 (13 DAYS)

On cloud nine. Sail from Malaga through the Strait of Gibraltar to Bilbao aboard the magnificent, three-masted Sea Cloud II with Islamic studies professor Shahzad Bashir.

Flamenco and fado. Experience the drama of Spain’s famous dance and the pathos of Portugal’s plaintive song at private performances in Seville and Lisbon.

From paella to port. Taste Andalusian tapas and sip Porto’s famous porto during gourmet meals ashore. Pilgrims’ progress. In Santiago de Compostela, terminus of Spain’s 1,000-year-old pilgrimage route, observe a specially arranged swinging of the botafumeiro, an enormous censer hung from the ceiling of the Cathedral of St. James.

Basque in the glory. Marvel at the design of Frank Ghery’s iconic Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

COST: from $7,990

Along the Seine
MAY 24 TO JUNE 3, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Let them eat cake. Revisit both the glories and travails of French history with art and literature expert Linda Paulson.

Operation Overlord revisited. Explore the D-Day landing beaches of Normandy with a local military historian of the Resistance and visit the American Military Cemetery.

Norman invasion. At awe-inspiring Mont Saint-Michel, view the famed Bayeux Tapestry that recounts the conquest of England in 1066. Also visit the medieval Chateau Gaillard, built by Richard the Lionheart, and the city of Rouen, seat of the Duchy of Normandy.

Leave an impression. Cruise aboard the Anacoluhe through the landscapes that inspired the impressionists, dropping in at Monet’s Giverny and Auvers-sur-Oise, where van Gogh worked feverishly in his last days on some of his most famous paintings.

COST: approx. $9,795
Scotland Hike
MAY 29 TO JUNE 7, 2016 (10 DAYS)

The West Highland Way. The name, simple though it sounds, conjures up thoughts of wild Scottish Highland scenery where dramatic views follow each other in an infinite progression. Lochs, glens...and more! This hike does not disappoint! Follow paths that meander past deep silvery lochs and wend their way up fine mountain peaks linked together by glens—rounded verdant valleys of breathtaking beauty.

Climb up the Devil’s Staircase, one of the climactic experiences of our trip, and be rewarded with a superb panoramic view of the whole Grampian range. A bonnie leader. Veteran Travel/Study faculty leader Charlie Junkerman leads the way on this extraordinary trek.

Cost: $6,995

Turkey
JUNE 4 TO 22, 2016 (19 DAYS)

Gulet, say what? Enjoy the scenery and serenity on a five-day cruise along the coast aboard private sailboats, or gulets. Out of this world. Stay two nights in the Cappadocia region, known for its moon-like landscape, volcanic cones, twisted spires and rock-hewn churches. “Istanbul was Constantinople.” Stay five nights at Istanbul’s historic, centrally located Pera Palace Hotel. Explore such highlights of this East/West crossroads as the Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Spice Market and Hagia Sophia. An emphasis on Ephesus. Stanford professor Abbas Milani will enlighten us about current Middle East issues and the Kurds; we will also have at our disposal an expert local guide who will discuss the history of Turkey and elaborate on many of the sites we visit.

Cost: approx. $8,795

Adriatic Voyage
JUNE 10 TO 18, 2016 (9 DAYS)

A treasure trove of history. Traverse the Adriatic Sea aboard the Island Sky on a voyage through time, with visits to ancient archaeological sites, medieval towns and modern cities. Be enchanted. Discover the intense beauty and hypnotic aura of Venice that have been captivating the hearts of travelers for centuries. The Croatian Riviera. See firsthand why global powers have been clamoring for control over Dalmatia for thousands of years. Learn more about the geopolitics of the region from faculty leader, Gail Lapidus. Another city by the bay. Explore Kotor, the lovely town at the head of Montenegro’s mountain-rimmed Bay of Kotor. Expand the experience. Opt for a pre-tour extension in Venice or stay on for a post-tour extension in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Cost: from approx. $5,995
The Balkans
JUNE 13 TO 27, 2016 (15 DAYS)

Greeks, Romans, Ottomans, Turks. Eastern European studies professor Norman Naimark enlightens us on our overland journey across the Balkan Peninsula—from the Dalmatian coast of Croatia to the Dinaric Alps and from low-lying Belgrade to mountainous Macedonia—as we explore Christian basilicas, Islamic mosques, and the ruins of Greek and Roman amphitheatres. Pearl of the Adriatic. Stroll along the top of the medieval wall that surrounds Dubrovnik for incomparable views of the deep blue Adriatic Sea. Albanian treasures. Learn of the colorful histories of Kruja’s 15th-century castle and Tirana’s 6th-century castle. Spanning the centuries. Stroll across Stari Most, or Old Bridge, in Mostar, lovingly restored after being destroyed in the wars of 1992–93.

Cost: $10,495

National Parks of the West
JUNE 15 TO 25, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Our own backyard. Some of the world’s most scenic sights are right here in the American West! Discover the dramatic beauty of Badlands, Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. Oh, give me a home… Bison herds once roamed from Alaska to northern Mexico and from California to New York—one of the world’s largest ranges of land mammals. See vestiges of this great migration as we cross the northern plains. Environmental evidence. Alongside faculty leader, Tim Duane, ’82, MS ’83, PhD ’89, examine the result of millions of years of geologic activity in the unique terrain of the Badlands, and witness some of the 10,000 geysers, hot springs, fumaroles and mud pots that are active inside Yellowstone, the world’s largest thermal area.

Cost: approx. $6,495

Washington, D.C., Family Adventure
JUNE 24 TO 30, 2016 (7 DAYS)

Our nation’s capital. Take advantage of Stanford’s insider contacts for a close-up look at today’s politics on this popular introduction to our nation’s capital for families. Our Young Explorer Leaders and history professor James Campbell, MA ’83, PhD ’89, are on hand for private visits, first-person exchanges and special experiences not available on mainstream trips. A view from the top. Spend a day visiting the Capitol Building and the Supreme Court and touring the White House. We’re not in Kansas anymore! View Dorothy’s ruby slippers and more at the Smithsonian Museum of American History and enjoy a scavenger hunt in the National Archives. Days of Lincoln and Washington. Visit Ford’s Theater and Mount Vernon, returning by boat along the Potomac.

Cost: approx. $4,995 adults; $4,495 kids (ages 6–18)
Kilimanjaro Trek
JUNE 24 TO JULY 6, 2016 (13 DAYS)
To the roof of Africa. Experience one of the world’s greatest adventures and one of the most satisfying accomplishments on this trek to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa’s highest peak and one of the world’s “Seven Summits.” Polepole. With the Swahili for “slowly, slowly,” as our mantra and expert mountain guides by our side leading us on a nontechnical, nine-day route to the summit, we ascend through the five biomes of Kilimanjaro with their diverse arrays of flora and fauna. Learning as we go. Faculty leader Roz Naylor, PhD ’89, treks with us as we marvel at the lush forests and observe the massive mountain’s unique volcanic and glacial geology, reaching the 19,341-foot summit in daylight. Optional post-trip safari extension to Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park. Cost: approx. $9,395

Tuscany Family Adventure
JUNE 26 TO JULY 7, 2016 (12 DAYS)
The best of the best. Soak up the Renaissance treasures of Florence and visit our favorite Tuscan hill towns with faculty leader Scott Pearson. Local flavor. Watch the kids’ excitement grow as they learn from the experts how to make frescoes, gelato and pasta. They’ll also team up with the neighborhood ragazzi for a soccer match and enjoy dining with local families. Our very own castle. Travel back to medieval times during our weeklong stay in the 13th-century walled village of Gargonza, complete with a swimming pool and a gourmet restaurant. And they’re off! Enjoy VIP seats at Siena’s Palio, the 800-year-old bareback horse race around the city’s piazza that combines medieval pageantry with the spirit of competition. Cost: approx. $7,495 adults; $7,195 kids (ages 6–18)

Normandy and Brittany Walk
JUNE 27 TO JULY 9, 2016 (13 DAYS)
Walk of art. Join Professor Carolyn Lougee and historian Peter Watson on this walk that takes us from the rugged coastline of Brittany to historic Normandy, along spectacular cliffs and through the beautiful countryside that inspired so many of the great impressionist painters. Picnic time. Savor the culinary delights of daily picnic lunches prepared with the freshest local ingredients and accompanied by fine French wines. Time and tide... Visit the medieval Benedictine abbey of Mont Saint-Michel, spectacularly situated on a spit of land that juts into the sea and becomes an island at high tide. The longest day. Contemplate June 6, 1944, as we walk the Normandy beaches of D-Day with an expert military historian. Cost: $9,295
Scandinavia
JULY 2 TO 15, 2016 (14 DAYS)

Surf and turf. With faculty leader Ed Steidle explore Sweden, Denmark and Norway by ferry and rail—modes of transportation uniquely suited to Scandinavia’s mountains, fjords and coastlines. In the Vikings’ wake. Tour the Stockholm archipelago by boat, cruise Copenhagen’s canals, ply the waters of the Aurlandsfjord and the Sognefjord, and take a scenic ferry ride from Balestrand to Bergen. Smorgasbord of scenery. Ride the rails through Sweden’s forests, and again over the mountainous spine of Norway to Myrdal through countryside carpeted with flowers and past waterfalls and rivers along the spectacular Flåm route. Norwegian wood. Admire some of the world’s oldest-existing seafaring vessels at Oslo’s Viking Ship Museum, and visit the medieval Hopperstad Stave church in Vik.

COST: approx. $9,995

Mongolia
JULY 3 TO 15, 2016 (13 DAYS)

From the Khans to communism. Start our magical Mongolian adventure in its capital, Ulaanbaatar, visiting the Great Khans Memorial celebrating the 800th anniversary of the Mongolian Empire and the U.S.S.R.’s memorial honoring its fallen WWII soldiers. Hoard of Mongol treasures. With faculty leader, Professor Liz Hadly, uncover the fascinating history of this enigmatic land at the museum in Karakorum, site of the Mongol Empire’s 13th-century capital. The ultimate Mongolian spectacle. Attend the colorful centuries-old Naadam Festival with its wrestling, horse racing and archery competitions. Nomad’s land. In the Gobi Desert, view at dusk the Flaming Cliffs, one of the world’s richest dinosaur fossil sites, and ride a camel. Post-trip extension to Lake Baikal.

COST: approx. $7,995

Ireland Family Adventure
JULY 8 TO 17, 2016 (10 DAYS)

Castles and countryside. Delve into the natural history and colorful tales of this storied land while staying in quintessential Irish towns and villages. Accompanied by faculty leader Denise Gigante, explore picturesque West Cork, with its winding lanes and lively pubs brimming with Celtic music. Let’s move! Opportunities abound for active families! Kayak scenic seashores; swim and snorkel along the coastline; take hikes to sheltered coves and hidden beaches; and bike through charming villages and past ancient ruins. An bhfuil Gaeilge agat? Get up close with Irish culture during a Gaelic lesson with local kids, and kick up those heels as we try our hand (uh, feet?) at Irish dancing. Learn how to make delicious Emerald Isle specialties, such as brown bread and scones, during a hands-on cooking lesson.

COST: approx. $6,995 adults; $6,495 kids (ages 8-18)
Galápagos Expedition
JULY 13 TO 23, 2016 (11 DAYS)
Become a wildlife paparazzi. Explore one of the only places where humans can venture within a few feet of wild animals in their natural habitat. Evolution examined. Few places on earth are as illustrative of evolution and adaptation as the Galápagos Islands. Learn from faculty leader, Bill Durham, ’71, and see the evidence that solidified Darwin’s concepts, as present today as when he voyaged there more than 175 years ago. Waterworld. Every day, explore the Galápagos’ waters and snorkel amid marine iguanas, sea lions and sea turtles. Creature comforts. Kick back and enjoy the amenities of our well-appointed expedition ship, La Pinta, ideal for navigating among the islands. A confluence of cultures. Spend time on the Ecuadorian mainland exploring Quito, known for its wealth of cultural diversity.
Cost: $9,595

Mediterranean Family Adventure
JULY 26 TO AUGUST 6, 2016 (12 DAYS)
Land of gods and heroes. It’s one thing to read about the mythical gods of ancient Greece and Rome in school. It’s another to walk amid the temples dedicated to those very deities with faculty leader Marsh McCall during a cruise from Rome to Athens aboard the luxurious Sea Dream I. Standing the test of time. Learn about Rome’s ancient and medieval history, and enjoy a private after-hours tour of the Sistine Chapel. Also explore the exquisitely preserved Greek theater in Epidaurus and Athens’ Parthenon. Let the games begin. Cross the finish line during a footrace at the original Olympic stadium. Carpe diem. Walk the streets of Pompeii, buried in ash in 79 C.E., then explore the more lively Italian towns of Sorrento, Amalfi and Taormina.
Cost: from approx. $9,995 adults; $9,495 kids (ages 6-18)

Iceland to Greenland
JULY 27 TO AUGUST 11, 2016 (16 DAYS)
Explore the fabled Golden Circle. Tour Iceland’s capital city, Reykjavik, and visit Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall and the Geysir Center. Experiential learning from the best. Travel with researcher and explorer, Professor Rob Dunbar, who will share cutting-edge data on climate change, marine ecology and biogeochemistry. Flora—and plenty of fauna too! From our ship, the Sea Adventurer, view the tundra and icebergs near Scoresbysund, Greenland, that are home to magnificent arctic wildlife. Polar bears, puffins, eagles, humpback whales, musk oxen, walruses and reindeer are among the many species that roam the sea, air and land. Fara i viking! Reflect upon the Vikings’ pillaging days as we visit millennia-old Norse sites by Zodiac.
Cost: from $11,980
Canadian Rockies

JULY 28 TO AUGUST 3, 2016 (7 DAYS)

Awe-inspiring. The glacier-sheared cliffs, snowy peaks, cascading waterfalls and sapphire lakes of the Canadian Rockies make every bend in the road utterly breathtaking. Keep the camera close as we travel along the Icefields Parkway between Jasper and Banff to capture some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. Ready to rock? Travel with geologist Scott Burns, ’69, MS ’70, and gain a new understanding and appreciation for this incredible mountain environment as well as for the plants and animals that call it home. Gain additional insight from expert naturalists along the way. Stampede City. Kick off the journey in the cowboy town of Calgary, nicknamed after its world-famous rodeo festival. All aboard! Choose to extend the adventure with an optional post-tour journey by rail from Banff to Vancouver aboard the Rocky Mountaineer.

Cost: approx. $6,995

Borneo

AUGUST 5 TO 16, 2016 (12 DAYS)

A classroom without walls. Borneo is home to some of the most vibrant ecosystems on the planet. Alongside faculty leader Robert Siegel, ’76, MA ’77, MD ’90, learn about the ecology of this spectacular area and the conservation efforts being made to protect it. Cloud nine. With tremendous biodiversity and unique endemic species, Borneo is a paradise for animal and plant lovers alike. Monkey see, monkey do. Some 13 species of primates are found in Borneo—one of only two special places in the world where orangutans can be seen in their natural environment. Toes in the sand. End our adventure on idyllic Lankayan Island, a nesting and foraging ground for several species of sea turtles. Relax on the beach or grab a snorkel and get a closer look at the abundant marine life.

Cost: approx. $8,795

Cape Town to Cairo

AUGUST 17 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 2016 (20 DAYS)

A journey of 4,500 miles. Join faculty leader Larry Diamond, ’73, MA ’78, PhD ’80, on a private air safari across the entire length of Africa, from the southernmost tip at Cape Town to the Egyptian capital of Cairo. People and places. Travel through remarkably diverse ecosystems in the Great Rift Valley and view wildlife in the Okavango Delta. Experience a wide variety of vibrant African cultures and people, and visit a traditional Masai village. A wealth of wonders. Marvel at thundering Victoria Falls in Zambia, descend to the floor of Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania and witness the spectacle of thousands of wildebeests gathering on the savannahs of the Masai Mara. Explore Addis Ababa and conclude with viewing Egypt’s national treasures in Abu Simbel, Luxor and Cairo.

Cost: approx. $39,885
Eastern England Walk
AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 (13 DAYS)

A brush with nature. Amble with faculty leader Charlie Junkerman and local hosts Peter Waterton and Tony Morris through the lush landscapes of the east of England that inspired the masterpieces of English painters John Constable and J.M.W. Turner. Best of Britten. Walk from the coast at Aldeburgh, home of composer Benjamin Britten, to the musical mecca of Snape, a tiny Suffolk village bordered by a rich wetland habitat. From sea to see. Cross the Thames estuary where Queen Elizabeth I’s troops rallied to defeat the Spanish Armada; also visit Canterbury Cathedral, the site of Thomas Becket’s martyrdom in 1170. Cultural landscapes. Stroll through some of the most beautiful parts of England’s countryside along paths that are a rare display of the combined works of nature and man.

COST: approx. $9,795

Focus: Istanbul
AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 (9 DAYS)

Talk turkey. In the city he calls his “favorite in the world,” Islamic studies professor Shahzad Bashir explains to us Turkey’s evolving attitude toward religion and modernity. Footloose and fancy-free. Enjoy ample time to explore Istanbul independently, perhaps visiting lesser-known museums, sampling tasty street food or sleuthing out that elusive low-cost, high-quality, hand-woven carpet. From pashas to the present day. Visit the sumptuous abodes of Ottoman rulers, historic mosques and archaeological sites, and discover modern Istanbul on a stroll to the stunning Istanbul Modern art museum, housed in a former warehouse. Continental divide. Take a boat ride along the Bosphorus, which straddles Europe and Asia, admiring the skylines of minarets, palaces and skyscrapers.

COST: approx. $4,995

Yunnan and Tibet
SEPTEMBER 1 TO 20, 2016 (20 DAYS)

Tiger leaping gorgeous. Prepare to be stunned by the beauty of Yunnan province, with its dramatic mountains, deep green meadows, picture-perfect villages and the otherwise tame Jinsha River, which changes character as it explodes spectacularly through Tiger Leaping Gorge. Lost horizon. With faculty leader Debra Satz explore the real Shangri-La—the area of Zhongdian, where the Kan people, a Tibetan ethnic group, have thrived in relatively isolated splendor for centuries. Breathless. Potala Palace and the other magnificent monasteries and temples of Lhasa will take our breath away...as will the fact that the city is nearly 12,000 feet above sea level! Kung-fu fightin’. Observe monks of the yellow hat sect at the Sera monastery as they engage in passionate debates over Buddhist doctrine.

COST: in development
Oxford and the Cotswolds

SEPTEMBER 2 TO 13, 2016 (12 DAYS)

Flying solo. Designed with solo travelers and avid scholars in mind, this seminar allows participants to delve into the majesty of British history, culture and literature inside the classroom and out and to explore the storied town of Oxford as well as the idyllic Cotswold countryside.

Pencils down. Revisit life as a student during our stay at Oxford’s Brasenose College. Attend daily lectures given by a stellar panel of professors and local lecturers. After an afternoon excursion, compare notes with fellow travelers at a nearby pub.

Living literature. Faculty leader William M. Chace will share with us his passion for English literature and elicit intellectual discussions about the works of T.S. Eliot in the very place that inspired one of Eliot’s greatest poems, “Burnt Norton.”

Cost: approx. $11,295 (single accommodations)

Patagonia Field Seminar

SEPTEMBER 9 TO 25, 2016 (17 DAYS)

Back to school. Spend three days on campus with Professor Bill Durham, ’71, before traveling to Buenos Aires where our Patagonia adventure begins. Socratic method. Unlike other Travel/Study trips, Field Seminars have Stanford sophomores traveling alongside our Travel/Study group. Learn from the students’ presentations and participate in lively intellectual exchanges during daily discussions. Creatures great and small. Visit Puerto Madryn at the height of whale watching season and watch hundreds of sea birds, penguins, seals and sea lions as well. The most beautiful place on earth. Spend two full days in Torres del Paine and marvel at its breathtaking views. In Darwin’s path. Sight spectacular wildlife as we cruise the Beagle Channel off the coast of Ushuaia.

Cost: approx. $9,395

Examining James Joyce and Literary Dublin

SEPTEMBER 13 TO 21, 2016 (9 DAYS)

A portrait of the artist… The second installment of our popular literary seminar series that began with T.S. Eliot in 2014 continues with this in-depth study of James Joyce, along with other literary titans from the Emerald Isle. Ulysses explained… William M. Chace, who has been teaching English literature for more than four decades, will guide us through the complex works and the stories behind Joyce’s masterpieces—in the very settings that inspired them. ...and Dubliners revisited. Following intensive classroom discussions, explore Ireland’s dynamic capital, including the Dublin Writers Museum, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the James Joyce Centre where our exclusive farewell dinner recreates the meal described in Joyce’s short story, “The Dead.”

Cost: approx. $7,195
Paris, London and Berlin
SEPTEMBER 18 TO 30, 2016 (13 DAYS)

A fresh perspective. Gain a deeper view of these three great capitals of Europe in this brilliant juxtaposition of their extraordinary cultural, historical, culinary and commercial riches. In good hands. Our faculty leader, historian Bob Hamrdla, ’59, MA ’64, who has guided Stanford alumni around Europe for more than 50 years, provides the enlightenment. A feast for the eyes and mind. Visit Paris’ reopened Picasso museum, the WWII spy center at Bletchley Park, and the reopened Imperial Museum in London, in addition to stunning palaces such as Cecilienhof in Potsdam. Road trip. Venture outside Paris on an optional pre-trip extension to see the opulent palace of Versailles and Monet’s iconic Giverny followed by a trip to Normandy for an in-depth exploration of WWII history. COST: approx. $10,995

Voyage on the Black Sea
SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 6, 2016 (12 DAYS)

Luxurious ship, exotic ports. Sail from Istanbul to colorful ports of call in Turkey, Georgia, Ukraine and Bulgaria while enjoying the numerous amenities of the state-of-the-art Island Sky, and delve into the history, art and current political climate of the region along the way. Peer through the centuries. View the fabulous cache of Thracian gold in Varna, Bulgaria, and the 15th-century frescoes of Trabzon’s cliff-hanging Sumela Monastery in Turkey. Trace the footsteps of Tsarist sailors on the Potemkin Steps in Odessa, Ukraine, and explore the captivating Georgian capital of Tbilisi. Black Sea nations explained. Professor James Sheehan, ’58, sheds some light on how these culturally varied countries whose shores line the Black Sea have coexisted for thousands of years. COST: from approx. $8,990

Marco Polo Expedition
OCTOBER 2 TO 23, 2016 (22 DAYS)

The 24-year journey. Venetian Marco Polo’s epic, decades-long trip to the Far East in the 13th century paved the way for trade and travel between the Orient and Europe. Retrace Polo’s steps to destinations just as exotic today as they were 750 years ago. Along the way faculty leader Scott Pearson will discuss both current and historic periods of Turkey, Iran and China. A rich cornucopia of sounds, smells and spectacular sights. Ponder Polo’s disappointment in not seeing Noah’s Ark at Mt. Ararat in Turkey; explore the bustling city of Tabriz in Iran, capital of the Mongol Ilkhante Empire in Polo’s time; and take in the famous Sunday market in the Silk Road city of Kashgar in China. Marco Polo was here. Wonder at the ancient Buddhist art in the nearly 500 Mogao Caves on the edge of China’s Taklamakan Desert. COST: approx. $15,995
Southern Italy and the Amalfi Coast
OCTOBER 4 TO 14, 2016 (11 DAYS)

A road less traveled. Experience an authentic way of life, away from the crowds, with visits to some lesser-known gems in southern Italy. Trulli spectacular! Be awed by Alberobello’s fascinating 1,500 trulli—fairy tale-like stone structures found only in this region. Be a cave dweller. Explore the amazing hill town of Matera, known for its churches and dwellings carved into the rock, and stay in a fabulous new kind of hotel housed in the grottoes. From ancient treasures... Observe the evocative ruins of Pompeii and Paestum. ...to current events. Discuss contemporary Italian and European politics with faculty leader, Roberto D’Alimonte. Cliffhanger ending. Marvel at the picturesque villages perched on the cliffs of the world-famous Amalfi Coast.

COST: approx. $7,995

Along the Hudson River
OCTOBER 6 TO 15, 2016 (10 DAYS)

I’ll take Manhattan. Spend two nights in New York City, visiting some of its iconic places, such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the 21 Club, and attending a hot Broadway show. Pick a topic, any topic. Travel aboard the American Glory with two of Travel/Study’s most beguiling faculty leaders, Wanda and Joe Corn, who love to expound on American art, American history, technology and political science. Moguls’ mansions. Visit the estates of two families that have left an indelible mark on American history: the Rockefeller’s Kykuit Estate, home to four generations of their family, and Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt’s Georgian Federal Revival house at Hyde Park. Ten-hut! Visit West Point and learn about its history and its present-day role as the nation’s foremost military academy.

COST: from approx. $8,995

Opus Mediterraneo
OCTOBER 7 TO 17, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Rhapsody on the blue. Attend several private performances of chamber music in historical venues or aboard our ship, the three-masted sailing vessel, Le Ponant, as it cruises from Nice along the Italian coast to Naples and back. Post-impressionist paradise. Venture to the Maeght Foundation in delightful St.-Paul-de-Vence with art history professor Fabio Barry to view the collection of works by cubists and fauvis including Braque, Chagall, Miró and Picasso. It’s a bird, it’s a plane... it’s the “Super Tuscan!” Taste this famous varietal in the region of Bolgheri, made famous in the mid-’70s when a Sassicaia beat this famous varietal in the region of Bolgheri, made famous in the mid-’70s when a Sassicaia beat the perennially popular Bordeaux in a blind tasting for the first time. Old as dirt. Explore a variety of significant Etruscan and Roman archaeological sites including Populonia, Sperlonga, Ostia Antica, Tarquinia and Pompeii.

COST: from approx. $9,895
Japan and China by Sea  
OCTOBER 12 TO 26, 2016 (15 DAYS)

Hey, neighbor! Experience the contrasts of these two fascinating countries on a voyage aboard the elegant L’Austral that highlights both sides of the East China Sea.  
A perfect pairing. Gain a deeper understanding of the history, traditions, culture and religions we encounter on our journey through discussions with Japanese history professor, Peter Duus.  
Gardens galore. As we wander through several gardens, discover the important and inspiring role nature plays in both cultures and reflect on the different ways each country strives to integrate the natural world into daily life.  
Tea time. Drive through tea plantations, visit historic tea houses, participate in a traditional tea ceremony and contemplate it all over a pot of tea on the deck of our ship at the end of the day.  
COST: from approx. $9,995

Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand  
OCTOBER 13 TO 26, 2016 (14 DAYS)

Singapore bling. With the world’s highest percentage of millionaires and its famous ethnically diverse cuisines, Singapore’s national pastimes are shopping and eating—activities that are enjoyed with equal gusto!  
Strait and narrow. Visit one of the most important shipping lanes in the world—the Strait of Malacca, controlled variously by Malays, Chinese, Portuguese Dutch and British since the 14th century.  
Malaysian mix. Relax at a beach resort on Langkawi Island, learn about local culture in historic Penang and visit ultra-modern Kuala Lumpur, where the twin Petronus Towers loom tall.  
It’s a Thai. Which is best, Bangkok’s temples and palaces, lively markets or delicious food? None of the above—all these elements combine to make Thailand’s capital a winner!  
COST: in development

East Indies Expedition  
OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 6, 2016 (18 DAYS)

Treasure islands. Cruise aboard the Coral Discoverer with faculty leader Buzz Thompson, ’72, MBA ’76, JD ’76 and Joel Simon, ’74, BS ’74, MS ’77, to explore some of the 18,000+ islands that make up the Indonesian Archipelago.  
New kid on the block. Visit the first new sovereign state of the 21st century—Portuguese-speaking East Timor—one of only two predominantly Catholic nations in Asia.  
Discovery channel. Snorkel and kayak in the Alor-Pantar Strait, rated as one of the archipelago’s best locations for snorkeling.  
Here be dragons. Pay a visit to Komodo National Park, home to the komodo dragon that can grow up to 10 feet long.  
Monkey business. At the Camp Leakey Research Station, learn of the efforts to save Borneo’s orangutans and enjoy the rare opportunity to observe them in their natural habitat.  
COST: from $14,495
Voyage to the Antarctic
OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 7, 2016 (19 DAYS)

It's good to be king. View a sweeping landscape of some 150,000 pairs of king penguins roaming about with faculty leader Rob Dunbar.

Georgia on my mind. View seals, penguins and albatrosses, and glaciers, fjords and other geological stunners on South Georgia Island, crown jewel of the Antarctic.

Blithe spirit. Cruise the Scotia Sea from the Falkland Islands across the polar front aboard our all-suite, luxury expedition vessel, the Sea Spirit. Timing is everything. During a narrow early-summer window, make landings at albatross, penguin and elephant seal breeding sites that’ll be inaccessible later in the year.

A whale of a time. Look for fin, minke and southern right whales, and visit the South Georgia Museum at Grytviken, a once-active whaling station.

COST: from $15,195

India: The Desert Kingdom of Rajasthan
OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 12, 2016 (16 DAYS)

A fair to remember. With faculty leader Linda Hess, visit the usually sleepy town of Pushkar that explodes with excitement and celebration during its annual five-day mela (fair) that draws camel traders, fortunetellers and Hindu pilgrims from across the subcontinent.

Pichola perfect. Take a boat ride past stately Rajput-era palaces and ghats (steps) on Udaipur’s Lake Pichola, the one of five scenic lakes that gives the city its nickname, Venice of the East.

Golden oldie. Explore medieval Jaisalmer, known as “the golden city” for the reflection of the desert sun on its yellow sandstone walls.

COST: approx. $10,395

Unseen Japan
NOVEMBER 5 TO 18, 2016 (14 DAYS)

Hand-tailored. See sites that many tourists bypass on an itinerary created just for Travel/Study.

National treasures. Beginning our journey in Kyoto visit a few important temples, travel to the Miho Museum designed by I.M. Pei and stop at Nara, the capital of Japan from 710 to 784.

Track this “speeding bullet!” Travel on Japan’s famous shinkansen (or bullet train) from Beppu to Hiroshima at speeds of up to 200 miles per hour.

An island of art. Stay on Naoshima Island to experience its modern art museums, architecture and sculptures.

August 6, 1945. During our two-night stay in Hiroshima, visit its moving memorials to reflect on the day the U.S. dropped the atomic bomb on the city.

COST: in development

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The Persian Gulf
NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 9, 2016 (11 DAYS)

Anything you can Dubai can do better. Whether it’s the world’s tallest tower, the planet’s only indoor ski slope or a palm tree-shaped housing development in the middle of the sea, Dubai builds it bigger, better and flashier than everybody else! The shipping news. With faculty leader Abbas Milani, cruise aboard the Island Sky from the UAE to Qatar, Bahrain and Oman—four “Arabian” countries that are striking in their diversity. Behind the veil. Learn about Islam’s rich traditions at Doha’s I.M. Pei-designed Museum of Islamic Art, Abu Dhabi’s Sheikh Zayed Mosque (third-largest in the world), Bahrain’s Beit al-Qur’an Museum and Muscat’s Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. Black gold. Take an optional drive across the 16-mile-long King Fahd Causeway from Bahrain to Saudi Arabia’s Aramco oil compound.

COST: from approx. $8,995

South Africa Family Adventure
DECEMBER 19 TO 30, 2016 (12 DAYS)

Where the wild things are. Visit an ostrich farm and a cheetah center and explore some of South Africa’s finest wildlife preserves and parks. Travel to the Grootbos and Sabi Sabi private game reserves for some spectacular safari-going in these diverse wildlife habitats, keeping an eye out for the “Big Five”: elephant, rhinoceros, lion, leopard and buffalo. Cape Town’s ups and downs. Accompanied by faculty leader Joel Samoff, we visit iconic Table Mountain, the infamous District 6 and Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. Camaraderie and cabernet. Kids get to meet their peers at a local school and adults can sample local wines at a winery that has been producing wines since the late 17th century.

COST: in development (min. age: 6)
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