Travel Planner

2019 upcoming trips
2020 sneak peek

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Whom will you meet?

From the wetlands of Brazil to the Yorkshire Dales and from the bustling bazaars of Samarkand to the savannahs of East Africa, Stanford Travel/Study brings you to the ends of the earth and introduces you to the people who live there.

Ready to embark on your journey? This year’s first issue of the Travel Planner brings you our offerings for the year ahead and a sneak peek at what’s to come in 2020.
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Our travelers. You don’t need to like group travel to love traveling with Stanford. On any given trip, you’re sure to forge friendships with a diverse group of Stanford alumni, and their friends and family, who are as intellectually curious as you are.

Our faculty leaders. With Stanford scholars leading the way through every step of your journey, you’re guaranteed an educational experience like no other. In addition to hearing their thought-provoking lectures, you’ll have the opportunity to interact with these teachers who are masters at bringing our destinations to life.
Our experience. In our 50 years of experience creating educational journeys, we have covered nearly every corner of the globe, from the North Pole to Antarctica and the Far East to the Far West. Our travelers have experienced everything from epic rail journeys to in-depth city sojourns, private air expeditions, mountain treks and much, much more.

Our connections. From people to places, Stanford knows (and has access to) them all. Stanford connections afford you the opportunity to enjoy rare behind-the-scenes visits to special sites, discussions with knowledgeable insiders and once-in-a-lifetime events all over the world.
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Choose your adventure.

**ACTIVE ADVENTURES**
Whether it’s hell-hiking, mountain trekking, snorkeling or gorilla tracking, these trips are for travelers looking to add an active twist to their next vacation. Active Adventures offer both an exciting outdoor experience and the comfort and luxury that are Travel/Study hallmarks.

**CLASSIC JOURNEYS**
Longing to recapture the romantic, golden age of travel? Journey to superb destinations in the lap of luxury aboard intimate cruise ships, vintage railcars, charming riverboats and private aircraft.

**EXPLORATIONS BY LAND**
Travelers 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 lands.

**FAMILY ADVENTURES**
These trips allow travelers to experience new countries and cultures with their children or grandchildren. Young Explorers enjoy one-of-a-kind educational projects and fun hands-on activities led by Stanford Sierra Camp counselors. See pages 30–31.

**PRIVATE EDITIONS**
Choose your dates and destinations—either a variation of one of our group departures or a custom journey designed just for you and the people you choose. See pages 32–33.

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**How do you want to travel?**
Look for these icons to find a trip that lets you travel in (your) style.

**What do you want to learn?**
Check out these “snapshots” to learn of the type of experiences you can expect on each journey. Every trip includes a faculty guide, a Stanford scholar who’s an expert on the region. Look for their names in red to get an idea of their backgrounds and unique perspectives. Visit our website for more information on these engaging and erudite faculty leaders.

**Where do you want to go?**
- Archaeological site or other man-made feature
- Park or other natural feature
- Mountain peak or volcano
- City
- Country visited on itinerary
- Neighboring country
- Park
- Primary route
- Extension route
- Rail

Maps without routing lines signify a trip that utilizes one or more cities as a base for daily excursions.

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**Path of the Vikings**
**AUGUST 27 TO SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**
(17 DAYS)

The “Wild West” of Iceland. Amid the comforts of the environmentally friendly yacht, Le Champlain, travel to the Icelandic Westfjords and Vigur Island, home of the arctic fox, gyrfalcon and snowy owl.

**Fara i viking!** Cruise into narrow, chiseled fjords; gawk at the towering glaciated walls of Prins Christian Sund; and visit millennia-old Norse sites in the company of environmental studies professor Tim Duane, ’82, MS ’83, PhD ’89.

You’d better beluga it! Search for whales in Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park, and enjoy a guided hike through Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland, a geological wonderland of plate tectonics and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

**Birds of a feather:** Discover the bizarre eroded sea stacks, arches and cliffs of the Mingan Archipelago, a haven for such seabirds as puffins, razorbills, guillemots, terns and kittiwakes.

**Cost:** from $14,980
Focus: Florence
APRIL 6 TO 13, 2019 (8 DAYS)

Renaissance man. Traveling in the company of Florentine native, political science professor and journalist Roberto D’Alimonte, dive deep into Florence’s history, from its culture, art and architecture to its science, politics and religion.

A room with a view. Gain exclusive access to several of the city’s most beautiful and ornate family-owned Renaissance-era villas and palazzi.

Noble rot. Uncover centuries-old viticulture during a wine tasting visit to one of the vineyards belonging to the Antinori family, Tuscan vintners whose wine-making history began in the 14th century and continues to this day.

Private parts. Experience in solitude the unclad splendor of Michelangelo’s David during a private, after-hours visit to the Galleria dell’Accademia.

Food for thought. Explore Tuscany’s world-famous culinary traditions dining in Florence’s fine eateries.

COST: $6,995

Venice and the Veneto
APRIL 6 TO 15, 2019 (10 DAYS)

La Serenissima. Wander among the canals and twisting streets of this “most serene” city with European history professor Paula Findlen. Also enjoy specially arranged visits to the Basilica di San Marco and the Palazzo Ducale, as well as a private reception in a 17th-century Venetian palazzo.

Mind-blowing craftsmanship. Visit the islands of Murano, Burano and Torcello, famous for glass blowing and lace making since the 16th century, and watch a gondola being built while learning about the great history of Venetian seafaring.

Beyond Venice. In the Veneto region, view the Palladian villa, “La Rotonda,” in Vicenza; Giotto’s frescoes in Padua; and the spectacular alpine vistas in Asolo. Meet with the locals, from farmers and working-class Italians to aristocrats.

COST: $8,695

Unseen China
APRIL 8 TO 22, 2019 (15 DAYS)

Putting our Finger on it. Travel with Thomas Fingar, MA ’69, PhD ’77, a scholar of modern China, on the trip he helped develop. Visit well-known and often bypassed sites that illuminate both the past and the present, as well as the timeless.

Buddhist stone carvings. Explore the vast and fascinating Longmen Grottoes in Luoyang. The 1,000-plus caves and grottoes contain one of the largest collections in the world of Chinese Buddhist art from the late Northern Wei and Tang dynasties—tens of thousands of statues and stelae that began accumulating in the caves’ niches around 493 C.E.

Panda express. Stop at the Chengdu Panda Research Base and opt to meet and feed a panda.

The classics. Take an optional post-trip extension to visit renowned sites in Xi’an and Beijing, including the Terra-cotta Army, the Forbidden City, and the Great Wall.

COST: $7,995
Dutch Waterways
APRIL 12 TO 22, 2019 (11 DAYS)

Tulip-mania. Attend the world’s largest flower auction in Aalsmeer and visit Keukenhof—80 acres of more than 7 million bulbs and 800 varieties of tulips—at the peak of the blooming season.

The perfect size. We’ve chartered the 32-passenger barge, MS Magnifique II, to ply the region’s scenic waterways, a labyrinth of locks and canals—a truly unique and delightful cruising experience.

Tilting at windmills. Accompanied by faculty leader Carolyn Lougee, delight in discovering historical treasures in Gouda, Delft and The Hague; bike through the countryside; be awed by the iconic windmills of Kinderdijk; and view the works of Dutch and Flemish masters at major museums.

Remembering the past. Visit Amsterdam’s Noordermarkt square, where the only mass protest in Europe by non-Jews against the deportation of Jews took place in February 1941.

COST: from $9,695

Andalucia Hike
APRIL 13 TO 21, 2019 (9 DAYS)

Quintessential Spain. This region of southern Spain has it all: whitewashed towns, Moorish villages, incredible vistas, hillsides drenched with the fragrances of spring blooms. Our faculty leader Barbara Pitkin and trail expert Peter Watson will walk us through this verdant, beautiful land’s rich political, cultural and religious past.

Making tracks. Our vigorous daily hikes take us through open pastures, into river gorges and up to the highest point of the local mountain range for a look across the Strait of Gibraltar to Morocco.

Buen provecho! Enjoy farm-fresh picnics on the trail every day and savor flavorful, iconic Andalucian cuisine at dinner, dishes that feature the region’s superb hams, seafood, cheeses and olive oils.

All things holy. Observe the solemnity of Semana Santa (Holy Week) as we witness pageantry-rich processions in towns and villages along our route.

COST: $8,595

Costa Rica to Colombia
APRIL 13 TO 24, 2019 (12 DAYS)

Tropical treasures await. From the spectacular reefs of Panama’s Isla Coiba to the lush rain forests of Costa Rica’s Corcovado and Manuel Antonio National Parks, revel in the region’s abundant and exotic terrestrial and marine biodiversity in the company of two Stanford faculty leaders, Scott Pearson and Joel Simon, ’74, MS ’84.

Engineering ingenuity. Aboard our ship, the Hebridean Sky, experience a daylight transit of the famed Panama Canal, a modern-world wonder.

Well-preserved. Meet with the indigenous Emberá and Kuna tribal populations, and learn about their customs and traditions.

Expand the experience. Take an optional pre-tour extension to the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve or a post-tour extension to Medellín and Bogotá.

COST: from $7,990
Provence and Burgundy
APRIL 28 TO MAY 9, 2019 (12 DAYS)

Give 'em the Aix! Stroll alongside European history professor Carolyn Lougee through the colorful streets of Aix-en-Provence, a city that’s a treasure trove of art, architecture, brasseries and bistros, and open-air markets. It’s easy to see why this lovely city famous for its fountains was such a magnet for the impressionists.

Côtes du Rhone. Savor prize-winning vintages during tastings at vineyards, and enjoy the glorious views, stylish decor and cutting-edge facilities aboard our ship, the new Amadeus Provence.

Les cow-boys! Enjoy a visit to a working ranch in the Camargue—France’s cowboy country—and watch a traditional Provençal bullfight where young men try to pluck a cloth from between the horns of the bull before vaulting safely over an arena wall.

COST: from $9,595

Australia’s Kimberley
MAY 3 TO 17, 2019 (15 DAYS)

Far out. Discover the Kimberley, widely acknowledged as one of the last remote regions on earth. Accompanied by faculty leader Elizabeth Hadly, be awed by a captivating land of towering cliffs and plunging waterfalls tucked away in the northwestern corner of Australia.

Wild things. Seek out turtles, whales, dolphins, saltwater crocodiles and more than 100 species of birds that populate the region.

Ancient art. Marvel at the aboriginal paintings at Raft Point and on Bigge Island.

By air, land and sea. Explore these remote areas by helicopter, on foot and by Zodiac. Our comfortable ship, the 65-passenger Coral Discoverer, gives us access to pristine, inaccessible-by-road regions.

Stretched out. Opt for a post-trip extension to Arnhem Land, Kununurra and Bungle Bungle.

COST: from $14,580

Wild and Ancient Britain
MAY 3 TO 18, 2019 (16 DAYS)

Back by popular demand. Cruise the Celtic, Irish and North Seas with Dr. Linda Paulson aboard the Ocean Adventurer, exploring ancient sites that were home to Stone Age dwellers, Celtic tribes, Saxon invaders and Norman conquerors.

Larger than life. Visit Giant’s Causeway with its 40,000 black basalt columns that, legend says, were laid by the Irish giant, Fionn mac Cumhaill (aka Finn MacCool), when fighting a giant from Scotland.


For the birds. Observe huge colonies of puffins, guillemots, kittiwakes, gannets and other seabird species at the peak of the breeding season.

COST: from $10,980
Japan by Sea
MAY 5 TO 19, 2019 (15 DAYS)

Permission to come aboard. Join faculty leader Thomas Fingar, MA ’69, PhD ’77, aboard the deluxe Caledonian Sky for our memorable journey through this nation of many islands.

Old and new. Learn about ancient traditions during visits to sacred temples, fortified castles and serene gardens, and experience modern culture at museums and art centers that highlight cutting-edge art and architecture.

Memoirs of a geisha. Gain insight into the mysterious, little-understood world of geishas during a guest lecture by a former geisha and current proprietress of a geisha house, followed by a performance.

Extend the journey. Choose one of the optional post-trip extensions and opt to relax at a traditional ryokan (Japanese-style inn) or to explore the bustling, cosmopolitan city of Tokyo.

COST: from $10,995

Northern Portugal Walk
MAY 8 TO 20, 2019 (13 DAYS)

A rich heritage revealed. Faculty leader Ed Steidle will show us the huge impact this tiny country had on history—from its explorations to being a global empire in the 16th century.

A walker’s paradise. Alongside local expert Peter Watson, walk from unspoiled towns and villages past gorgeous granite outcrops and through vineyards, bucolic pastures and thick woodlands. (Walk level options available on several days.)

Be transported. At one of the Douro region’s quintas (port wineries), we’ll open our eyes and palates to the riveting history and tasty vintages of this sweet wine—in its very birthplace.

Through the ages. At Vale do Côa, marvel at its 20,000-year-old paleolithic rock art, and conclude in the modern city of Porto, a World Heritage site.

COST: $8,895

West Coast of Europe
MAY 26 TO JUNE 5, 2019 (11 DAYS)

Legend of the sea. Sail aboard the magnificent, three-masted Sea Cloud II, which beautifully recalls the bygone era of cruising with style and elegance.

Sabor! Délicieux! Savor the superb foods and wines from some of the world’s most renowned culinary and wine-growing regions: Basque Country, San Sebastián, Brittany and Normandy.

Works of art surrounded by a work of art! Marvel at the superb collection and exhibits of postwar and contemporary art on display at Frank Gehry’s iconic Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao in the heart of northern Spain’s Basque Country.

Historic waters. Professor David Kennedy, ’63, walks us through the rich history of these storied waters, ranging from Celtic and Viking explorations to the Battle of Normandy in World War II.

COST: from $6,995
Focus: Berlin
JUNE 12 TO 21, 2019 (10 DAYS)

Life is a cabaret. With Stanford music and German studies professor Stephen Hinton, explore Berlin through a music history lens during an in-depth, close-up look at one of Europe’s greatest cities. 

Museum spree! Explore Museum Island, set in the middle of the Spree River and home to five of the world’s top museums boasting collections that include such ancient treasures as Babylon’s Ishtar Gate and the bust of Nefertiti.

Bridge of spies. Take a day trip to Potsdam to visit Sanssouci, former summer palace of Frederick the Great; Cecilienhof, location of the Potsdam Conference; and the Glienick Bridge, site of several Cold War captured spy exchanges.

The lives of others. Visit the Berlin Wall Memorial that runs along the border that once divided the city and includes remnants of the Wall, reminders of the trauma that the Wall inflicted upon all Berliners.

Cost: $6,995

West Coast of Turkey
JUNE 17 TO 29, 2019 (13 DAYS)

Minarets, mosques and museums. Delight in the many facets of this fabled country, starting in Istanbul, one of the world’s most cosmopolitan cities, to view some of its greatest treasures.

A timeless time capsule. Travel to the extensive, well-preserved ruins of the legendary ancient city of Ephesus to walk its marble streets and visit its Terrace Houses with their frescoed walls and a library with an intricately carved facade.

And now for something totally different. Enjoy five leisurely nights cruising along the Turquoise Coast in gulet (small sailing ships), swimming in warm waters and exploring inlets and small towns.

Cost: $7,495

Aix-en-Provence Summer Sabbatical
JUNE 19 TO JULY 18, 2019 (30 DAYS)

Joie de vivre. Always dreamed of doing this? Now’s the time! Dive headlong into French life, language and culture during this well-planned, month-long stay in beautiful, timeless Provence.

Parlez-vous Français ? Mais oui ! Attend French language classes on weekday mornings, then practice using those new skills while exploring Aix-en-Provence and the surrounding area on optional excursions and during free time.

Savoir faire. Learn all about Provençal cuisine during cooking lessons and become familiar with French wines during presentations by local experts.

Mes amis. Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow travelers and faculty leader Ed Steidle when joining them for included lunches and dinners and socializing during pre-arranged get-togethers at charming local cafes.

Cost: from $9,995
Canadian Rockies by Rail
JUNE 22 TO 29, 2019 (8 DAYS)

Awe-inspiring. Be awed by the glacier-sheared cliffs, snowy peaks, cascading waterfalls and sapphire lakes of the Canadian Rockies—every bend in the rail is utterly breathtaking.

Ready to rock. As we travel by train with geologist Scott Burns, ’69, MS ’70, gain a new understanding and appreciation for this incredible mountain environment, as well as for the plants and animals that call it home. Gather additional insights from expert naturalists along the way.

Just breathe. Take a deep breath of fresh, mountain air and feel a sense of serenity sink in while viewing Lake Louise from the terrace of its namesake chateau.

All aboard! Travel from Banff to Vancouver aboard The Rocky Mountaineer, enjoying one of the most scenic and spectacular rail rides in the world.

COST: $10,995

Bordeaux to Rioja Food and Wine
JUNE 22 TO JULY 2, 2019 (11 DAYS)

The finer things in life. Explore the connection of philosophy, literature and science to our daily lives with faculty leader Jeremy Sabol.

Excellent taste. Stay in one of Europe’s top gastronomic capitals, San Sebastián, enjoying an abundance of fresh seafood, pinxos (small snacks) and delectable local wines.

Bragging rights. Through our well-fostered connections, visit some of Bordeaux and Rioja’s most exclusive wineries, and enjoy an introductory seminar with a lauded Master of Wine.

Classic and contemporary. Contrast traditional techniques of wine making, gastronomy and architecture with visits to cutting-edge, Michelin-starred restaurants; the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao; and the Marques de Riscal winery in Rioja.

COST: $8,895

Italian Riviera, Tuscany and Rome
JUNE 24 TO JULY 6, 2019 (13 DAYS)

La dolce vita. Experience just how sweet life is as we explore the hillside towns that dot the Italian Riviera and the pastoral Tuscan countryside with art history professor Fabio Barry and local experts.

And they’re off. Enjoy premium seats at Siena’s Palio, the 800-year-old bareback horse race held in the Piazza del Campo and that combines medieval tradition, civic identity and fierce competition.

Hit the high notes. Explore the picturesque fishing villages of Cinque Terre; visit the gleaming white marble quarries at Carrara high in the Apuan Alps; and ride bikes atop the fortified city walls of Lucca, birthplace of famous composer Giacomo Puccini.

Opening heavenly gates. View the wealth of art masterpieces found in the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel during a visit.

COST: $9,995
Kilimanjaro Trek
JULY 10 TO 22, 2019 (13 DAYS)
To the roof of Africa. Grab this opportunity to embark on one of the world’s greatest adventures and one of the most satisfying accomplishments of one’s life: trekking to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa’s highest peak and one of the world’s “Seven Summits.”
In good hands. Expert mountain guides lead us every step of the way on a nontechnical, nine-day route to the summit via the Western Approach, reaching the 19,340-foot summit in daylight. As we ascend from lower to higher elevations, we pass through the five biomes of Kilimanjaro, each with its own diverse array of flora and fauna. Learning as we keep on trekkin’. Along with faculty leader and professor of energy resources engineering Margot Gerritsen, PhD ’97, marvel at Kilimanjaro’s lush forests and the massive mountain’s unique volcanic and glacial geology.
COST: $9,995

Pantanal
JULY 19 TO 29, 2019 (11 DAYS)
South American safari. Discover the Pantanal, the largest freshwater wetland in the world and a premier destination for wildlife viewing. Wet ‘n wild. Explore this inundated plain with Professor Bob Siegel, ’76, MA ’77, MD ’90, enjoying unobstructed views of an incredible collection of fascinating creatures—from capybaras, caimans and jabiru storks to giant anteaters, howler monkeys and hyacinth macaws.
Keep an eye out. Home to the magnificent jaguar, the Pantanal is the best place to catch sight of one of these stunning and powerful, yet elusive, animals in their natural habitat.
Saddle up. Stay at a working cattle ranch and learn how agriculture and conservation have joined forces here to work hand in hand.
Over the edge. Visit breathtaking Iguazu Falls on an optional post-trip extension.
COST: $9,295

Athens to Venice
JULY 20 TO 29, 2019 (10 DAYS)
A true classic. Voyage across the cobalt waters of the Ionian, Mediterranean and Adriatic seas aboard Le Lyrial in search of ancient civilizations and exquisitely well-preserved island cities.
A pilgrimage for the ages. Marvel at the ruins of Delphi and imagine the ancient sanctuary’s marble monument and columns casting dramatic shadows over the Delphi landscape, creating an aura of celestial presence and evoking the Oracle.
Venetian outreach. Gaze upon the unmistakably Venetian architecture in the cities of Hvar and Dubrovnik, surrounded by immense fortifications that helped preserve the cities’ legacies.
Born to a different era. Enjoy the company of classics professor Marsh McCall, a master at bringing bygone civilizations to life through his popular onsite readings of classic works and his depth of knowledge about the ancient world.
COST: from $7,595
Wales, England and Scotland
JULY 24 TO AUGUST 4, 2019 (12 DAYS)

**Sentimental journey.** With faculty leader Elaine Treharne, traverse the Highlands on a two-night journey aboard the Belmond Royal Scotsman. In addition, relive bygone eras on two day trips aboard vintage private trains—to the summit of Snowdon, on the world’s oldest narrow gauge railway, and across the Yorkshire moors.

**Land of Lancelot.** Explore Caernarfon and Conwy castles in Wales, birthplace of the Arthurian legend and home to more castles per square mile than anywhere else in Europe.

**Och aye.** Observe and/or engage in a variety of robust Scottish pastimes, including clay-pigeon shooting, tartan weaving and whisky tasting.

**Hill and dale.** Journey from the mountains of Snowdonia through the Yorkshire Dales to the peaks and valleys of the Scottish Highlands.

**Cost:** $12,495

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Southern Africa aboard Rovos Rail
JULY 24 TO AUGUST 8, 2019 (16 DAYS)

**Colonial courtliness.** Relive bygone eras while staying at Cape Town’s Mount Nelson Hotel and riding the Edwardian-style Rovos Rail luxury train.

**Keep it down, jackass.** At Boulder’s Beach near the Cape of Good Hope, observe rafts of African penguins, also known as jackass penguins for their loud, donkey-like bray.

**Long walk to freedom.** With African studies professor Joel Samoff, visit Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for some 27 years, and Liliesleaf Farm, the once-secret headquarters of the ANC’s military wing.

**Dr. Livingston, I presume?** In Zambia, cruise down the Zambezi River in the wake of the legendary Scottish explorer to view massive Victoria Falls.

**Wild things.** Go on safari in Botswana’s Okavango Delta and South Africa’s Kruger National Park.

**Cost:** from $15,995

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Iceland
JULY 26 TO AUGUST 3, 2019 (9 DAYS)

**Around the fabled Golden Circle.** Join husband-and-wife team, professors Pam Matson and Peter Vitousek, environment and sustainability experts, as we stop at Thingvellir National Park, Strokkur Geyser and Gullfoss, or “Golden Waterfall,” on this acclaimed route of geological highlights.

**Into the heart of ice.** Take a guided tour inside the glacier, Langjökull; hop aboard a specially designed amphibian boat to see up close the massive icebergs of Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon as they float peacefully out to sea; and check out the crystalline structure of Harpa Concert Hall, inspired by Iceland’s breathtaking landscapes.

**The heat is on!** Soak in the therapeutic waters of the world-famous Blue Lagoon, a mineral-rich geothermal spa set in a black lava field. Sample “hot spring bread,” baked in the ground for 24 hours using geothermal heat exclusively!

**Cost:** $9,295
Gorillas and the Maasai Mara

AUGUST 9 TO 18, 2019 (10 DAYS)

Gorillas in the mist. Traveling with biological anthropologist Jamie Jones, come face to face with some of the planet’s most endangered wildlife on a trek to view mountain gorillas and golden monkeys, who make their home on the lush slopes of Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda.

Pride of the savannah. Savor three days of safari in the famed Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya, where lions, cheetahs, elephants and zebras roam freely. Also be on the lookout for vast herds of wildebeest that traverse the plains during their annual migration.

Primarily primates. Continue the journey on an optional extension to lush Nyungwe Forest National Park where we will enjoy an ape’s-eye view of the canopy on elevated walkways and can watch for chimpanzees as they swing through the treetops.

COST: $15,695

Captivating Croatia

AUGUST 16 TO 26, 2019 (11 DAYS)

When in Zagreb... Take a deep dive into the small, yet culturally rich, country of Croatia on a rare land-based itinerary led by Stanford English professor and Croatian native Ivan Lupić.

Water world. Make a stop at Croatia’s oldest national park at Plitvice Lakes, where a network of 16 terraced lakes creates a magical landscape of colorful waterfalls.

Games of thrones. Step into perfectly preserved amphitheaters on the Istrian Peninsula and explore medieval castles and Roman fortresses, including the palace of Emperor Diocletian in Split, which still houses more than 3,000 residents within its walls.

Dalmatian delights. Enjoy the sparkling waters of the Adriatic coast and cruise to Hvar Island for a day of wine and olive oil tastings. Walk the ancient city walls of seaside Dubrovnik and feast on oysters on a private island in Mali Ston Bay.

COST: $8,795

Central Asia and the Caucasus

AUGUST 23 TO SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 (20 DAYS)

UNESCO unleashed. Accompanied by faculty leader and former ambassador to Afghanistan (2009–2011), Karl Eikenberry, MA ’94, explore nine different UNESCO World Heritage sites as we travel through five wildly diverse countries on this tailor-made, modern-day caravan.

A spin on the Silk Road. Visit the oases of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan’s five ancient cities of Merv. Stroll through bustling bazaars and marvel at an ancient observatory in Samarkand.

Petroglyphs and petrol. In oil-rich Azerbaijan, view ancient rock art in Gobustan National Park.

Eat, drink, pray. Conclude our adventure with a Georgian feast, overflowing with flavorful food and marked by endless rounds of traditional toasts, and a visit to Armenia’s distinctive stone churches.

COST: $11,995
Northern England Walk

AUGUST 25 TO SEPTEMBER 6, 2019 (13 DAYS)

Ode to the muse. Tread the fertile farmland and grassy trails of the Lake District, a verdant land that inspired seminal works from such Lake Poets as William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

Border walls of long ago. Learn about Rome’s military presence in Britannia at the Housestead settlement in the Northumberland section of Hadrian’s Wall, a fortification started in 122 C.E.

Of tides and monks. After watching the trail to Holy Island emerge from the ocean as the tide recedes, visit the monastery there where Cuthbert, one of Northumbria’s earliest saints, dwelled.

He’s literal. Professor of European literature Charlie Junkerman brings to vivid life for us the language, literature and lore born of the beautiful, storied lands of Northern England.

COST: $9,995

Path of the Vikings

AUGUST 27 TO SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 (17 DAYS)

The “Wild West” of Iceland. Amid the comforts of the environmentally friendly yacht, Le Champlain, travel to the Icelandic Westfjords and Vigur Island, home of the arctic fox, gyrfalcon and snowy owl.

Fara i viking! Cruise into narrow, chiseled fjords; gawk at the towering glaciated walls of Prins Christian Sund; and visit millennia-old Norse sites in the company of environmental studies professor Tim Duane, ’82, MS ’83, PhD ’89.

You’d better beluga it! Search for whales in Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park, and enjoy a guided hike through Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland, a geological wonderland of plate tectonics and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Birds of a feather. Discover the bizarrely eroded sea stacks, arches and cliffs of the Mingan Archipelago, a haven for such seabirds as puffins, razorbills, guillemots, terns and kittiwakes.

COST: from $14,980

Alaska’s Inside Passage

AUGUST 29 TO SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 (10 DAYS)

Front row, center. As we cruise aboard the MV Alaskan Dream past carpets of rain forest as seals cavort shipside, be enlightened by faculty leader Rob Jackson about Alaska’s wealth of natural riches.

Water world. Sail far into Glacier Bay to witness the “calving” of Margerie Glacier; have an up-close whale encounter while paddling a coastline kayak; and watch waterfalls plummet down the 4,000-foot cliffs of narrow, glacially formed Tracy Arm Fjord.

Fact totem. Walk along a forest path lined with totem poles to a Haida longhouse, visit the only indigenous Tsimshian village in the U.S. and meet with a Tlingit (pronounced Kling’-kit) naturalist.

Flukes and fur. Watch for breaching humpback whales as our ship plies the waters of Frederick Sound, and keep an eye out for bears and deer while traveling by skiff along a pristine shoreline.

COST: from $10,695
Ultimate Switzerland
SEPTEMBER 7 TO 18, 2019 (12 DAYS)

Stuff of legend. With Travel/Study favorite Ed Steidle, get up close and personal with legendary Alpine peaks such as the Matterhorn, Jungfrau and Eiger, and explore the charming lakeside cities of Lucerne and French-speaking Lausanne.

Heidi-ho. Channel the iconic Swiss miss on hikes across edelweiss-speckled meadows, stopping along the way to enjoy fondue in a cozy local stübli.

Winter is coming. Take Europe’s highest aerial cableway from Zermatt up 12,500 feet to high-alpine slopes where the snow never melts and the Swiss ski teams train year-round.

By any means necessary. Travel by gondola, funicular, cable car, bus, boat, underground elevator and train, including the world’s steepest cog-wheel train and “slowest express train.”

Cost: from $12,795

Galápagos Field Seminar
SEPTEMBER 8 TO 21, 2019 (14 DAYS)

Back to school. Enjoy three days of on-campus workshops with Professor Bill Durham, ’71, before traveling to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands.

Compare notes. Unlike other Travel/Study trips, our Field Seminar has Stanford sophomores traveling alongside the alumni. Learn from the students’ presentations and participate in lively intellectual exchanges during daily discussions.

Evolution of evolution. Few places on earth are as illustrative of biological evolution and adaptation as the Galápagos Islands. See the evidence that solidified Darwin’s concepts, as present today as when he voyaged there more than 180 years ago.

A modern-day Beagle. Unlike in Darwin’s day, our expedition ship, La Pinta, is luxuriously appointed and ideal for cruising the Galápagos in comfort.

Cost: $10,295

Remembering World War II
SEPTEMBER 8 TO 23, 2019 (16 DAYS)

Easy does it. Follow the path of Easy Company, made famous by the book and HBO series, Band of Brothers, on this remarkable exploration of some of the most famous battles and sites of World War II. We’ll also stop at major monuments and commemorative cemeteries.

From A to Z. Begin in Aldbourne, England, the pre-D-Day training location for Allied troops; travel on through the European Front; and conclude in Zell am See, Austria, which was the site of the last battles of the war in Europe.

In the know. Accompanied by faculty leader James Sheehan, ’58, and expert local battlefield guides, we’ll enjoy VIP access to sites not offered on other tours, as well as have the chance to view videos of oral histories given by those who were there.

Cost: $8,995
Italian Lakes Walk
SEPTEMBER 9 TO 20, 2019 (12 DAYS)
From north to south... Accompany faculty leader Roberto D’Alimonte and walk expert Peter Watson on this colorful autumnal walk through Italy’s exquisite Lake District, starting in the northern alpine mountains and ending in the Lombardy region’s sunnier climes to the south.
...by land and lake. Walk amid verdant pastures, hike along mountain ridges, sail across sparkling lakes (walk level options available on several days).
The march of history. Lap up the long colorful history of the region—from the Roman poet Catullus to Charlemagne to Clooney—on visits to luxurious palazzi, storied castles, island sanctuaries and churches with Renaissance masterpieces.
Food for thought. Devour local breads, cheeses, meats, olive oils and wine at daily trailside picnic lunches, and continue the feasting during leisurely dinners at charming trattorias at day’s end.
COST: $10,395

Around Sicily
OCTOBER 2 TO 11, 2019 (10 DAYS)
Circumnavigate Sicily. Travel aboard the sleek, new Le Bougainville with classics professor and Travel/Study icon Marsh McCall, calling upon several of Sicily’s most inviting towns and cities, including Monreale, Palermo and Taormina, and ancient sites such as Agrigento and Segesta.
Nexus of the known world. Discover what has made Sicily such a magnet for archaeologists, strewn as it is with remnants left by the island’s numerous conquerors over the millennia: the Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans, Germans, Savoyards, French, British and most recently Italians (the Romans again!).
Begin and end in Malta. While in Malta, where our voyage begins and ends and itself a crossroad of cultures, view the prehistoric Ggantija Temples on its island of Gozo and check out the ancient ruins and monuments found around Valletta.
COST: from $6,995

Central Europe: Prague to Berlin
OCTOBER 5 TO 18, 2019 (14 DAYS)
Prague. Become immersed in the charming Czech capital with historian Norman Naimark, ‘66, MA ’68, PhD ’72. Visit Hradčany, the world’s largest castle district; take a boat ride on the Vltava; and admire the 19th-century architecture of the Bohemian spa town of Karlovy Vary.
Dresden. Tour the baroque Pillnitz Castle and the Meissen porcelain museum and go wine tasting at Wackerbarth Castle, once known for the lavish parties of the Saxon court.
Berlin. Visit Sanssouci, summer palace of Frederick the Great; explore Museum Island; and pause to reflect at the Berlin Wall Memorial, a reminder of Central Europe’s postwar trauma.
Kraków. Join Professor Naimark on a post-trip extension to Kraków that includes a visit to the Auschwitz concentration camp.
COST: $8,495
Waterways of Southeast Asia
OCTOBER 8 TO 23, 2019 (16 DAYS)
A flowing lifeline. Cruise the waters of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, stopping at the villages that are dependent on the rivers for economic, social and spiritual survival, and meeting the inhabitants. Pak it all in. During our stay in the charming, idyllic village of Luang Prabang, cruise up the Mekong River and visit the Pak Ou Caves, two limestone caves that house thousands of Buddha images. Ancient and modern capitals. Explore the ancient capital and archaeological site of Angkor with Professor David Freyberg, MS '77, PhD '81. In sharp contrast, take in the bustle of modern Hanoi and marvel at its blend of contemporary and ancient architecture. Classic cruising. Our ship, the Aqua Mekong, is the ideal vessel for navigating this famous river. Cost: $12,995

Nepal
OCTOBER 12 TO 25, 2019 (14 DAYS)
Eye candy. During our stay in Kathmandu, visit the giant stupa of Swayambunath with its all-seeing eyes of Buddha, and Kumari Ghar, residence of the city’s “living goddess.” Ain’t no mountain high enough. Take a once-in-a-lifetime flight-seeing tour across the Himalayas, passing within a mile of Mount Everest. Mountain greenery. Accompanied by faculty leader Judith Goldstein, explore tropical Pokhara, surrounded by thick forest, emerald-hued lakes and the Annapurna massif. Also enjoy a wildlife safari through the Chitwan National Park jungle. In the footsteps of the Dalai Lama. On a post-trip extension to the headquarters of the Tibetan Government in Exile in Dharamsala in northern India, visit the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives with its priceless manuscripts smuggled out of Tibet during the Dalai Lama’s escape. Cost: $8,995

Focus: Amsterdam
OCTOBER 13 TO 21, 2019 (9 DAYS)
Dutch treats. Enjoy a specially arranged visit to the Rijksmuseum’s research library, before-hours entry to the Rembrandt House Museum and a private cheese-tasting—all in the company of European history professor Bert Patenaude, MA '79, PhD '87. Fine tuning. After a behind-the-scenes tour of the Dutch National Opera and Ballet, sit back and enjoy a performance there. Counter culture. Learn about Amsterdam’s progressive approach to social issues talking with the owner of a “coffeeshop” and with activists at the Prostitution Information Center. Piece of work. View Vermeer’s Girl with a Pearl Earring and other masterpieces at the Mauritshuis Royal Picture Gallery on a day trip to The Hague. On the waterfront. Experience this charming city of waterways from canal level during a cruise aboard a classic, early-20th-century salon boat. Cost: $7,995
Sailing the Western Mediterranean
OCTOBER 15 TO 25, 2019 (11 DAYS)
A sailing ship par excellence! Embark the majestic, three-masted sailing yacht, Le Ponant, for an exciting voyage to a dazzling array of islands and mainland ports in the Western Mediterranean.
Tapestries of civilization. With historian Caroline Winterer, ponder the confluence of cultures that has left its mark on the coasts of Spain, France and Italy over the centuries during our visits to prehistoric settlements, ancient Greek and Roman ruins, medieval fortresses, Moorish castles and modern art museums.
Imprints on history. Learn more about such historic figures as Napoleon Bonaparte, born in Corsica and exiled to Elba, and architect Antoní Gaudi, whose unique designs in the 19th century continue to shape the Barcelona skyline today.
Cost: from $8,795

Emirates and Sultanates
OCTOBER 17 TO 28, 2019 (12 DAYS)
Anything you can Dubai can do better. Whether the world’s tallest tower, the only indoor ski slope in the Middle East or a palm tree-shaped housing complex in the sea, Dubai’s is tops.
Behind the veil. With faculty leader Abbas Milani, learn about Islam’s rich traditions at Dubai’s Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding and at Doha’s I.M. Pei-designed Museum of Islamic Art.
Of mosques and minarets. Be awed by Abu Dhabi’s Sheikh Zayed Mosque, which features the world’s largest hand-knotted carpet, and marvel at Muscat’s Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, home to the world’s largest chandelier.
Bridging the Gulf. Step back in time at Oman’s ancient oasis town of Nizwa, whose animal souk appears to have been frozen in time.
Cost: $9,795

New Zealand Walk
OCTOBER 26 TO NOVEMBER 7, 2019 (13 DAYS)
Tailor-made trekking. We went to New Zealand ourselves to create this bespoke itinerary filled with high points of its legendary Great Walks, including helicopter and charter flights that will provide us easy access to remote locations.
The planet’s jewel. Many seasoned travelers call New Zealand the most picturesque place they’ve ever been. Discover why as we walk its coastal trails, thick rain forests and alpine ridges with Stephan Graham, MS ’64, PhD ’76, dean of the School of Earth, Energy and Environmental Sciences.
First encounter. At Ship Cove during our Queen Charlotte Track, hear about the initial anchoring of Captain Cook’s HMS Endeavour there in 1770—when Maori and Europeans met for the first time.
Best “sound track” ever. Travel by water taxi to the start of our hike along the Milford Track, marveling at the towering cliffs on either side of the sound.
Cost: $11,995
Sicily to Southern Spain

OCTOBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 10, 2019 (15 DAYS)

Ahead of their time. Learn from Professor Scott Pearson about the 10th-century farming and scientific practices in Sicily and Spain that started a medieval “green revolution” and revolutionized knowledge in Europe for centuries.

A foodie’s delight. Taste the freshest bounty of the sea in Palermo and sample delicacies grown on the rich lands of Andalucia.

History is alive and well. Visit the stunning Norman-Byzantine cathedral in Monreale, which contains some of the best-preserved and most-intricate mosaics in the world.

Live like a local. Explore the Spanish cities of Barcelona, Granada and Seville with expert guides by day, then linger at tapas bars and cafes in the late evenings—after our siestas, of course!

COST: approx. $11,995

Unseen Japan

NOVEMBER 3 TO 16, 2019 (14 DAYS)

Hand-tailored. Join Daniel Sneider, an international policy scholar, on this itinerary created just for Travel/Study that takes us to fascinating sites few tourists visit.

Urban treasures and a whimsical island of art. Visit several major temples in Kyoto and tour I.M. Pei’s Miho Museum nearby, then stay on remote Naoshima Island to experience its modern art museums, architecture and outdoor sculptures.

August 6, 1945. In Hiroshima, visiting moving memorials, reflect on the day the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on the city during World War II.

Slow down… Enjoy an overnight stay at a ryokan, a traditional Japanese-style inn, in the hot springs town of Matsuyama, locale of a samurai castle.

…and speed up. Take a ride on a 200-mph bullet train during an optional post-tour extension to Tokyo, one of the liveliest cities in the world.

COST: approx. $9,495

French Polynesia

NOVEMBER 10 TO 23, 2019 (14 DAYS)

Pictures of paradise. Be fully immersed in an idyllic tropical wonderland replete with azure lagoons framed by palm-fanned beaches, ocean breezes perfumed with the fragrance of tropical flowers and smiles from friendly local islanders.

When worlds collide. Alongside history professor Norman Naimark, ’66, MA ’68, PhD ’72, examine the rich native culture of the South Seas and the impact of European “discovery” in this remote region of the Pacific.

Navigating Society…and Tuamotu? Don’t mind if I do! Enjoy an unparalleled travel experience aboard the luxurious Paul Gauguin as we cruise among the dramatic Society Islands, with their volcanic peaks and white-sand beaches, and to the Tuamotu Archipelago, a chain of tranquil, pristine atolls with some of the best snorkeling and diving in the world.

COST: from approx. $10,995
2020 Sneak Peek

In this issue we’re announcing a handful of our 2020 itineraries. Sign up now to reserve your space—trips can sell out upon announcement. Your deposit ($1,000 per person) is fully refundable until 10 days after we send you the brochure—typically nine months prior to departure. Look for the full schedule of 2020 trips in our spring issue.
Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
DECEMBER 29, 2019, TO JANUARY 17, 2020
(20 DAYS)

Tried and true. Our popular introduction to this trio of Southeast Asian countries includes in-depth lectures and insightful discussions led by Professor Larry Diamond and other experts.

A feast for the senses. In Hanoi, catch wafts of lemongrass and barbecued pork and listen to the cacophony of traffic as we visit shops filled with hand-embroidered linens and glossy lacquerware. Good karma. Wake early to give alms, in the form of sticky rice, to an assembly of Buddhist monks—a tradition in Laos, where nearly all males spend at least some time in a monastery.

Unleash that inner archaeologist. Spend two days exploring the temples of Cambodia’s iconic Angkor Wat, ancient capital of the Khmer kingdom.

COST: in development

New Zealand
JANUARY 6 TO 20, 2020 (15 DAYS)

The ultimate way to travel. Flying aboard our private Convair 580 jet-prop for five legs of our trip lets us eliminate some long drives and maximize our time exploring South and North Islands’ natural treasures. Also take in sweeping views as we fly high above the country’s spectacular landscapes.

“Eighth Wonder of the World.” Be awed by the sheer beauty of Milford Sound while cruising past the fjord’s towering peaks.

An oenophile’s paradise. Sample New Zealand wines throughout our trip, and attend a wine-paired dinner in the town of Blenheim, home to more than 70 wineries and boutique breweries.

Get a jump on things or linger a little longer. Travel to New Zealand early for an optional extension in Auckland to Waiheke Island or enjoy an optional trip’s-end stay in Queenstown that includes a safari tour at Glenorchy.

COST: in development

Persian Gulf
JANUARY 7 TO 17, 2020 (11 DAYS)

Arabian nights. Cruise aboard the modern, newly renovated Crystal Esprit from Oman to Qatar and the United Arab Emirates—three countries that are striking in their diversity and dazzling in their blending of ancient and contemporary.

Bigger, better, faster, more! Whether it’s the world’s tallest tower, the Middle East’s first indoor ski slope or a housing complex in the sea with a palm tree-shaped footprint, the UAE’s Dubai builds it bigger and flashier than anybody else!

Land of Islam. Learn about Islam’s rich traditions at Muscat’s Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque in Oman; the I.M. Pei-designed Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Qatar; and Abu Dhabi’s Sheikh Zayed Mosque (third-largest in the world) in the UAE.

More Oman and Dubai. Take an optional pre-trip extension to explore Bedouin culture in Oman’s interior and/or a post-trip extension in “Old Dubai.”

COST: from approx. $12,990
Baja Whale Watching
FEBRUARY 1 TO 9, 2020 (9 DAYS)
A whale of a time. Blue whales, fin whales, Bryde’s whales, humpbacks, sperm whales, plus orcas, false killer whales and pilot whales can all be found in the Sea of Cortez. It’s here where the greatest variety of whales and dolphins in the world can be observed, and, at this time of year, where California gray whales are birthing their calves.
For the birds. Join our Stanford faculty leader and an expert staff of naturalists aboard the comfortable expedition ship, Sea Bird, as we learn all about the rich ecosystem of the Gulf of California, from its marine mammals to its many avian populations.
By land and sea. Explore caves at the water’s edge by kayak, hike undisturbed beaches, snorkel among colorful fish and acrobatic sea lions, and pause to photograph exotic cactus blossoms.
**Cost:** from approx. $8,495

India Grand Tour
FEBRUARY 22 TO MARCH 14, 2020 (22 DAYS)
All things considered. Join faculty leader, Scott Pearson, on the ultimate exploration of the subcontinent, a Grand Tour encompassing his esteemed India’s many highlights.
Southern accent. Admire the colorful gods and monsters that adorn the Dravidian Hindu temples of the southern state of Tamil Nadu and the sculptural and pictorial Buddhist art of Maharashtra’s Ajanta and Ellora caves.
Northern lights. Cruise the Ganges in chaotic Varanasi, explore the castle-forts of Rajasthan and contemplate the power of the Mughal Empire at the incomparable Taj Mahal.
But wait, there’s more! Kick off the Grand Tour with a pre-trip extension to Cochin. Visit the Dutch Palace and Paradesi Synagogue and float through the tropical lagoons of the Kerala backwaters on a houseboat.
**Cost:** approx. $16,595

Nile
FEBRUARY 24 TO MARCH 9, 2020 (15 DAYS)
Hello, Cairo! Travel to stable, hospitable Egypt and enjoy exclusive tours with Stanford scholars at historical and cultural sites not open to the public, including two of Cairo’s main mosques, Ibn Tulun and Sultan Hassan.
Mummy’s boy. View artifacts retrieved from the tomb of the boy pharaoh, King Tutankhamun, as well as other millennia-old treasures at Cairo’s remarkable Museum of Egyptian Antiquities.
Life on the Nile. Take a seven-night cruise aboard the luxurious Nile Adventurer, visiting Luxor, Aswan, and the great temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo. Then fly to Abu Simbel, where the statues of Pharaoh Ramesses II and Queen Nefertari sit in peaceful repose high above the Nile.
Walk like an Egyptian. Talk with Egyptians about how they perceive the huge changes that have occurred there since the Arab Spring of 2011.
**Cost:** in development
Israel: Past and Present
MAY 8 TO 22, 2020 (15 DAYS)

Voices in the wilderness. With religious studies professor and author Robert Gregg, meet with Palestinians, Jewish settlers, local academics and journalists to hear various, often opposing opinions about current events and the future of this hotly contested land.

Amen to that. Explore the importance of Jerusalem to the three Abrahamic monotheistic faiths and observe their practices at the holy sites in the Old City.

The best medicine. Visit the Ziv Medical Center that serves both locals and Syrian war refugees.

Etched in stone. Tour Roman-era archaeological sites, including Masada, Beit She’an and Caesarea.

From the gospel to graffiti. See Jaffa, where some deeds of St. Peter ostensibly took place, and check out Tel Aviv’s hip street art.

COST: in development

Spain and Portugal by Sea
MAY 11 TO 22, 2020 (12 DAYS)

Sail away. Cruise the Iberian coast aboard the magnificent, three-masted Sea Cloud II that brings back the seafaring elegance of a bygone era.

Flamenco and fado. Enjoy private dance and singing performances at a tablao in Seville, Spain, and a casa do fado in Sintra, Portugal.

Paella, port and pairings. Savor Andalusian specialties in Granada, a tapas lunch in Seville and tastings at a historic port lodge in Porto.

Rock of ages…and apes. View the coastlines of both Europe and Africa standing atop the Rock of Gibraltar, home to the legendary Barbary apes.

Moors and monks. Admire stunning architectural masterpieces, from Granada’s exquisite Islamic-style Alhambra to Lisbon’s ornate Manueline-style (Late Gothic) Jeronimos Monastery.

COST: in development

Wild Kamchatka and Kuril Islands
MAY 20 TO JUNE 4, 2020 (16 DAYS)

The Pacific “Ring of Fire.” From Sapporo, Japan, travel to the Kamchatka Peninsula, photographing the spectacular scenery along the way, from snow-capped volcanoes and wildflower-studded tundra to huge concentrations of seabirds clustered on coastal cliffs and in a frenzy of breeding activity.

Habitats of beauty. Cruise by Zodiac along rocky islets and shores populated only by wildlife to spot the area’s prolific marine and land mammals, including bears, Arctic foxes, seals and whales.

“Honey, I’m home.” Witness the “auklet haze,” an amazing sight of giant flocks of whiskered auklets returning to their roosts en masse as dusk falls.

Bering it out. Learn about the legendary Danish explorer, Vitus Bering, founder of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, named after his two ships, St. Peter and St. Paul.

COST: in development

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Fair Isles and Fjords
JUNE 4 TO 19, 2020 (16 DAYS)
66° north and beyond. Cruise aboard the Hebridean Sky from northern Scotland up the spectacular coast of Norway and into the Arctic Circle with faculty leader Scott Pearson.

Isolated and ironclad. In the Shetland Islands, meet the locals who call these remote islands home, and view a well-preserved Iron Age broch (a round stone tower).

Lofty Lofotens. Be awed by majestic mountains ascending dramatically from the shores of the breathtaking Lofoten Islands.

Land of the Midnight Sun. Delight in the long, midsummer days when the sun never sets and fjord-side towns sit in sunlight round the clock.

On the Runde. Watch huge colonies of seabirds—from fulmars and puffins to kittiwakes and gannets—nesting on the cliffs of the tiny Norwegian island of Runde.

Cost: in development

Circumnavigation of Iceland
JUNE 10 TO 22, 2020 (13 DAYS)
All around the island. Cruise along Iceland’s entire coastline aboard the brand-new luxury yacht, Le Ballot, looking for whales and other summering marine mammals from the ship’s decks.

“Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.” Macbeth’s witches would be awed by the volcanoes, glaciers and bubbling hot springs that make this one of the world’s most dramatic geologically active hot spots.

Pufflings and other feathered friends. View the vast colonies of breeding seabirds tucked into the rugged coastal cliffs, including razorbills, kittiwakes, fulmars, guillemots and those lovable puffins!

Golden falls. Venture inland to Iceland’s famous Golden Circle to view the 96-foot-tall Gullfoss waterfall, as well as the Circle’s other natural gems, Thingvellir National Park and the Strokkur geyser.

Cost: in development

Galápagos Expedition
JULY 8 TO 18, 2020 (11 DAYS)
Evolution examined. Few places on earth exemplify evolution and adaptation better than the Galápagos Islands. See the evidence that solidified Darwin’s concepts, as present today as when he explored the islands more than 180 years ago.

Become wildlife paparazzi. Marvel at the unique biodiversity of each Galápagos island (we visit seven!) and explore one of the world’s only destinations where humans can venture within a few feet of wild animals in their natural habitat.

Mysteries of the ocean revealed. From Stanford faculty and expert naturalists aboard our ship, La Pinta, learn about such marine ecosystems as the nutrient-rich Humboldt Current that attracts the Galápagos’ diverse aquatic life.

Add on a rainforest. Optional post-trip extension to Mashpi Lodge in Ecuador’s rain forest.

Cost: in development
Tanzania Field Seminar  
SEPTEMBER 3 TO 21, 2020 (19 DAYS)

Back to the classroom. Attend a three-day workshop on the Stanford campus with Professor Bill Durham, '71, and Dr. Susan Charnley, MA '89, PhD '94, before heading to Africa with them.  

Compare notes. Unlike other Travel/Study trips, on a Travel/Study Field Seminar we travel alongside Stanford sophomores, learning from their research and exchanging past and present tales of the Farm.  

Where we come from. Visit Olduvai Gorge, the site where discoveries by Louis and Mary Leakey furthered the understanding of human evolution.  

The “Big Five.” Search for Africa’s top five most iconic mammals—lion, leopard, rhino, elephant, Cape Buffalo—during daily guided game drives.  

Jump and shout. Visit a Maasai boma to witness daily life and learn about age-old tribal traditions.  

COST: in development

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Madagascar to Mauritius  
OCTOBER 11 TO 27, 2020 (17 DAYS)

A branch of our family tree. Observe many species of lemurs up close in their natural habitat, including the red ruffed lemur and the aye-aye, and learn about Madagascar’s dogged conservation efforts to protect these incredible animals.  

At one’s own pace. Hike, swim, snorkel or just relax aboard our all-suite ship, the Caledonian Sky.  

Unmatched beauty. Travel to the village of Chamarel on the island of Mauritius and marvel at its spectacular waterfalls and “seven-colored earth” sand dunes with their dazzling array of colors.  

Nature’s aquarium. Snorkel in the warm, pristine waters encircling Nosy Tanikely, a tiny, uninhabited island rimmed by sandy beaches and colorful coral beds teeming with tropical fish and giant sea turtles.  

COST: in development

“I travel to learn about the world and this is the best way to accomplish that.”  

Cydne Crampton, Dutch Waterways, 2018
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   There is magic in experiencing a place—its people, history, culture and natural treasures—both through the eyes of a young person and together as a family. Travel gives birth to lifelong memories!
“These trips create family memories for a lifetime and stimulate lifetime learning for our kids.”

Michael Goldberg, MBA ‘81,
Tuscany Family Adventure, 2018

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Galápagos
JUNE 26 TO JULY 5, 2019
Faculty Leader: Hunter Fraser
With the 235-foot-long Santa Cruz II as our home base, we’ll snorkel with sea lions and come face to face with marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies and giant tortoises.

Southern Africa
JUNE 14 TO 28, 2019
Faculty Leader: Erin Mordecai
Search for the “Big Five”—elephant, rhinoceros, lion, leopard, Cape buffalo—on safari in Botswana, take in spectacular Victoria Falls, and explore in and around Cape Town.

Japan
JUNE 19 TO JULY 1, 2019
Faculty Leader: Kären Wigen
On a journey from Kyoto to Tokyo and beyond, dress up like a geisha or a samurai, play in a local baseball game and stay at a traditional ryokan with tatami-mat floors.
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“It was everything we wanted in a travel and educational experience. This could have been hard to pull off, with the seven of us ranging in ages from 4 to 72, but the experience of the Private Editions team in making suggestions, then finding the vendors to do it all expertly, was apparent throughout.”

JOHN MERRILL, ’68, PRIVATE EDITIONS: ALASKA, 2018
What’s included in the price?
Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and do not include domestic or international airfare. Once you’re with Stanford, travel is all-inclusive.

The following are included with all of our trips:
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