Travel Planner

2017 full program

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Where will 2017 take you?

Twelve months. Sixty journeys. Unlimited opportunities to experience the world. From Antarctica in January to Alaska in June and Tanzania in December, Stanford Travel/Study’s diverse lineup of educational adventures in 2017 lets you learn and explore endlessly—at every end of the earth.

Ready to chart your course? Take a look at our entire roster of 2017 trips and mark those calendars. It’s time to get (even more) excited.
Experience the extraordinary with Stanford Travel/Study

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 nearly 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 Sahara. 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.
Chart your course in 2017.

AFRICA
- Southern Africa aboard Rovos Rail JUL
- Tanzania Family Adventure DEC
- Tanzania Field Seminar SEP

ASIA AND THE FAR EAST
- Along the Mekong OCT
- Burma JAN
- China APR
- China Family Adventure JUN
- Everest Base Camp Trek OCT
- Himalayan Kingdoms OCT
- India and Sri Lanka MAR

EUROPE AND TURKEY
- Aegean Voyage APR
- Alsace Hike SEP
- The Baltics under Sail JUL
- Bordeaux and Dordogne Walk MAY
- Dubrovnik to Rome JUL
- Dutch Waterways APR
- European Rivers OCT
- Focus: Berlin MAY
- Focus: Paris MAR
- Food and Wine of Spain OCT
- Germany and the Reformation SEP
- Iceland Expedition SEP
- Italian Lakes Walk MAY
- Italian Riviera, Tuscany and Rome JUN
- Mediterranean Family Adventure JUN

THE MIDDLE EAST AND EGYPT
- Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia AUG
- Iran MAR
- Iran for Women OCT
- Israel Past and Present MAR
- The Nile FEB

Opus Mediterraneo MAY
- Provence Seminar OCT
- Sailing the Western Mediterranean OCT
- Southwest England Walk AUG
- Venice and the Veneto APR
- Venice to Paris on the Orient-Express MAY

India: West Bengal FEB
- Japan by Sea APR
- Kashmir and Punjab SEP
- Trans-Siberia by Rail JUN
- Unseen Japan NOV
- Vietnam by Sea JAN
- Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia DEC (2016)
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NORTH AMERICA
- Alaska Expedition JUN
- Alaska Family Adventure JUL
- Arctic Expedition JUL
- Napa Valley Wine Seminar MAY
- New England and the Canadian Maritimes SEP

MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
- Costa Rica Family Seminar AUG
- Cuba by Sea FEB
- Cuba Family Seminar DEC
- Exploring Havana MAR

SOUTH AMERICA AND THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS
- The Amazon and Machu Picchu SEP
- Galápagos Expedition JUL
- Galápagos Family Adventure JUL
- The Pantanal JUL
- Patagonia Expedition FEB

THE SOUTH PACIFIC, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
- Papua New Guinea OCT
- Tahiti to Easter Island NOV

Did you know?
Whichever journey you choose, your Stanford Travel/Study experience will include:
- lectures by renowned Stanford faculty and scholars
- 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

You needn’t be a Stanford alum to travel with us—and we offer trips to suit any age. Costs listed are per person, based on double occupancy. For answers to frequently asked questions, visit: alumni.stanford.edu/goto/tsfaq
Choose your adventure.

**ACTIVE ADVENTURES**
Whether it’s heli-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.

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

**What do you want to learn?**
Check out these fun “snapshots” of the type of experiences you can expect on each journey. Every trip includes a faculty guide, a Stanford scholar who’s an expert in 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 signify a trip that utilizes one or more cities as a base for daily excursions.

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**India and Sri Lanka**
**MARCH 24 TO APRIL 7, 2017 (15 DAYS)**

**Bollywood dreams.** With political science professor and political terrorism expert Martha Crenshaw, cruise aboard the Island Sky from Chennai to Mumbai, India’s commercial and entertainment capital—and its most glamorous city.

**Long in the tooth.** Explore Sri Lanka, whose ancient history is culturally and religiously unique from India’s. Visit the 12th-century walled city of Polonnaruwa and visit Kandy’s Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic that enshrines what is said to be a holy cuspid of Lord Buddha.

**Rhymes with Bangalore.** Far from the IT-induced frenzy of a similar-sounding city, coastal Mangalore is home to the St. Lawrence Shrine, a place of worship open to all, irrespective of caste or creed. 

**Vasco da Gama’s legacy.** Sample the special flavors of Goa, with its Portuguese colonial buildings and “Catholic” cuisine.

**Cost.** from approx. $11,995
Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
DECEMBER 29, 2016, TO JANUARY 17, 2017 (20 DAYS)

Tried and true. A Travel/Study favorite, this trip is a perfect introduction to this trio of Southeast Asian countries that includes meetings with ambassadors and non-profit organizations.

A feast for the senses. In Hanoi, catch wafts of lemongrass and barbecued pork amid the cacophony of traffic and shops filled with rows of hand-embroidered linens and glossy lacquerware.

Om mani padme hum. Wake early to give alms, in the form of sticky rice, to Laotian monks as Professor Carl Bielefeldt, who founded Stanford’s Center for Buddhist Studies, enlightens us further.

Temple-hopping. Spend two full days at the jungle-covered temples of Cambodia’s Angkor Wat, ancient capital of the Khmer kingdom.

Cost: $9,595

Antarctica Expedition
JANUARY 5 TO 26, 2017 (22 DAYS)

Carpe diem. Cross the Great White Continent off that bucket list when embarking on our peerless expedition aboard the deluxe Ocean Diamond to the Antarctic Peninsula. Our sea voyage takes us to the remote Falkland Islands, wild South Georgia, snow-topped peaks and a wonderland of glaciers.

Tuxes and tails. Meander among hundreds of thousands of king, chinstrap and Gentoo penguins, whose undeveloped fear of human contact allows us to get up close and personal with them.

A classroom on ice. Learn from Professor Rob Dunbar and a team of expert naturalists about the wildlife, geology and fragile climate of Antarctica.

In Shackleton’s footsteps. Retrace the route of one of the greatest polar explorations—and trials of human endurance—ever recorded, that of Ernest Shackleton’s 1914–1916 voyage.

Cost: from $17,980

Burma
JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 11, 2017 (16 DAYS)

Melting pot. After decades of isolation, Burma, home to more than 100 ethnic groups, opened its doors to the world. Still off the beaten path, intrepid travelers can experience its old-world cultures.

On the river to Mandalay. Stop at tiny villages as we sail aboard our privately chartered river boat down the Irrawaddy River from Mandalay to Bagan. Along the way, enjoy lectures by Buzz Thompson, ’72, MBA ’76, JD ’76, a leading authority on environmental and natural resources law.

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. Enjoy specially arranged visits with local artisans and government officials who are adjusting to the rapid changes happening inside Burma today.

Cost: from $10,995
Vietnam by Sea
JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 15, 2017
(16 DAYS)
The journey of 1,000 miles begins with a single step. From elegant Hanoi, cruise along Vietnam’s 1,000-mile-long coast aboard the 65-passenger Coral Discoverer with former U.S. Ambassador Kathleen Stephens, stopping along the way to explore the World Heritage sites of historic Hue, charming Hoi An and scenic Halong Bay. Good morning, Vietnam. Traveling by ship, we awaken each morning in a new locale. Going ashore, enjoy a bicycle ride through emerald rice fields, buy silks in the centers where they are woven, photograph vibrant markets and take a cruise down the Perfume River. Living history. Contemplate Vietnam’s war years at the Hoa Lo Prison, the DMZ at the 17th parallel, the Viet Cong tunnels near Vinh Moc and the Presidential Palace in Ho Chi Minh City. Optional pre-trip extension to Cambodia’s Angkor Wat.
COST: from $14,980

The Nile
FEBRUARY 16 TO MARCH 2, 2017
(15 DAYS)
We’re #1! With classics professor and co-director for the Center for African Studies, Grant Parker, be among the first American travelers to return to Egypt, once again stable and welcoming. Mummy’s boy. View artifacts retrieved from the tomb of King Tutankhamun as well as other ancient treasures at Cairo’s Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Rollin’ on the river. Explore Luxor, Aswan and the great temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo on a cruise aboard the luxurious 30-passenger Sun Boat III. 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. Walk like an Egyptian. Learn how ordinary Egyptians feel about the huge changes that have occurred in their country since the 2011 Revolution.
COST: from $13,995

Cuba by Sea
FEBRUARY 23 TO MARCH 5, 2017
(11 DAYS)
Our crucero Caribeño. Sail from Santiago de Cuba, birthplace of the Cuban Revolution, to Havana aboard the luxury yacht, Le Ponant. Colonial gems. Call at the charming, frozen-in-time colonial town of Cienfuegos and enjoy a walking tour of historic landmarks led by local preservationists. Hasta la victoria, siempre! With faculty leader Scott Pearson, examine the robust history of Cuba and discuss topics ranging from pirates to revolutions to current U.S.-Cuban relations. Religiosity. Explore the belief systems of Santería and other Afro-Cuban religions with practitioners in Trinidad. Think green. From the postcard-perfect white sand beaches at Punta Francés, part of a marine conservation area on Isla de la Juventud, learn about local efforts to preserve the fragile ecosystem of the island.
COST: from $11,995
Patagonia Expedition
FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 10, 2017 (14 DAYS)

Let’s tango! Enjoy our time in Buenos Aires, experiencing the incredibly tasty food, lively music and traditional dances of this passionate city.

Darwin’s path. Be amazed by the spectacular wildlife we spot as we cruise the Beagle Channel from Ushuaia to Punta Arenas aboard the Stella Australis.

The most beautiful place on earth. Spend three full days at the spectacular Explora Lodge set in the heart of Patagonia’s Torres del Paine National Park, and take in breathtaking views of jagged snow-covered peaks and the Paine Massif while hiking with the Lodge’s expert naturalists.

Keeping an eye on the future. Professor Leonard Ortolano, an expert on environmental policy design and water resource management, will talk about land use policy in Patagonia and the effects of global climate change on glaciers in Torres del Paine.

COST: from $12,295

India: West Bengal
FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 13, 2017 (17 DAYS)

Moon river. Cruise aboard the Bengal Ganga with Hoover fellow Kori Schake along the Hooghly River and, in Varanasi, visit the most sacred waterway in India—the Ganges.

Saintly sojourn. Visit the Missionaries of Charity’s Motherhouse, where Mother Teresa lived and worked for 40+ years; and view the tomb of this soon-to-be-canonized nun.

City of joy. Explore Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), capital of the Indian state of West Bengal and former capital of the British Raj until 1911, and famous for its colonial architecture and the contributions of its many Nobel laureates.

COST: from $12,495

Israel Past and Present
MARCH 18 TO 31, 2017 (14 DAYS)

Voices in the wilderness. 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. With faculty leader Allen S. Weiner, JD ’89, co-director of the Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation, explore the importance of Jerusalem to the three Abrahamic monotheistic faiths and observe their practices.

The best medicine. Meet with the diverse medical staff at Western Galilee Hospital–Narhariya, who serve not only local residents of all religious beliefs, but also Syrian refugees.

Etched in stone. Visit Roman-era archaeological sites, such as Masada and Beit She’an.

For Pete’s sake. Explore Jaffa, where several of the deeds of St. Peter the Apostle took place.

COST: $9,995
**Iran**

**MARCH 21 TO APRIL 5, 2017 (16 DAYS)**

**Beyond the headlines.** In the company of faculty leader Gail Lapidus, follow in the footsteps of scores of Stanford travelers who have uncovered the facts about this historically and culturally rich nation and have also discovered how incredibly warm and welcoming its people are.

**Being there.** We’ll have opportunities to interact with everyday Iranians in the bustling squares and markets of Tehran, Shiraz and Isfahan, and also be able to take note of present-day Iran firsthand.

**Persian treasure trove.** Admire exquisitely tiled mosques in several of the cities we visit and explore the former caravan city of Yazd where the Zoroastrian religion once thrived.

**Once were warriors.** At the ruins of Persepolis, travel back to the 6th century B.C.E. when Darius the Great reigned over the Persian capital.

**Cost:** $10,295

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**Exploring Havana**

**MARCH 24 TO APRIL 1, 2017 (9 DAYS)**

**The times they are a-changin’.** On this in-depth exploration of Havana, 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.

**Up close and personal.** Led by faculty leader Scott Sagan, the Caroline S.G. Munro Professor of Political Science and senior fellow at Stanford’s Center for International Security and Cooperation, take part in unique opportunities to interact with local Cubans. Learn firsthand how their lives have been affected by the triumphs and pitfalls of the Revolution—and how their daily lives are changing as diplomatic relations with the U.S. are reinstated.

**Moros y cristianos.** Savor black beans and white rice, a staple of every meal in Cuba as we dine in Havana, from the humblest home to the fanciest restaurant.

**Cost:** $8,695

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**Fisheyes and cavemen.** Join pre- and post-trip extensions to the temple complex of the “fish-eyed goddess,” Meenakshi, in Madurai, and to the caves of Ajanta and Ellora, covered with frescoes and sculptures of Hindu gods and Jain saints.

**Cost:** from $11,995
Focus: Paris
MARCH 25 TO APRIL 2, 2017 (9 DAYS)

A moveable feast. Walk along the Rue des Martyrs with its boulangeries, pâtisseries and chocolateries, and enjoy a private wine-and-cheese tasting with the owners of a historic wine shop.

Garden variety. Stroll through the Luxembourg Gardens, explore the jardin of Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte, see Monet’s Giverny water lily paintings at the Musée de l’Orangerie and the Bois du Boulogne, location of the newly opened Fondation Louis Vuitton.

La bohème. With history professor Carolyn Lougee explore the neighborhoods of Saint-Germain-des-Prés and Montparnasse, the former haunts of such writers as Hemingway, Stein and Dos Passos; and Montmartre, favored by artists van Gogh, Matisse and Toulouse-Lautrec.

Footloose and fancy-free. Armed with a museum pass, metro pass and ample free time, pick a favorite part of Paris and go to town!

Cost: $6,795

Venice and the Veneto
APRIL 1 TO 10, 2017 (10 DAYS)

La Serenissima. Wander among the canals and twisting streets of this “most serene” city with history professor Bert Patenaude, MA ’79, PhD ’87. 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, where craftsmen have been engaged in the fine art of glass blowing and lace making since the 16th century. And watch the unique construction of a gondola 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: $7,995

China
APRIL 10 TO 23, 2017 (14 DAYS)

China 101. Enjoy an overview of this complex and immense country on our fast-paced program.

Greatest hits. From the Forbidden City and the Great Wall to the terra-cotta warriors of Xi’an and a performance by amazing Shanghai acrobats, we’ll combine visits to China’s most iconic sites and structures with remarkable cultural experiences.

In the know. Experience China in the company of Stanford faculty leader Andrew Andreasen, MA ’73, MA ’79, PhD ’81, who lived and worked in China for more than two decades.

Nature is the best muse. See the gorgeous, mist-shrouded karst peaks that line the Li River and have inspired poets and painters for centuries.

Forget the chow mein and chop suey. Savor real Chinese delicacies at local restaurants, including a special Beijing duck dinner and a banquet of traditional dumplings.

Cost: $7,395
Japan by Sea
APRIL 13 TO 26, 2017 (14 DAYS)

Permission to come aboard. The deluxe Caledonian Sky is the perfect base for our journey through this nation of many islands with Kathleen Stephens, a 35-year veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service and former ambassador to South Korea.

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

Feel the beat. Give taiko drumming a try at a workshop with world-famous Kodo drummers in their studio on remote Sado Island.

Opt in! Enrich our trip with a full menu of excursion options. Visit a peace memorial or an automobile factory, a giant Buddha statue or a tea plantation, or a Zen rock garden or a bamboo grove. During our optional pre- and post-trip extensions, check out contemporary Japanese architecture and/or stay at a traditional ryokan (Japanese-style inn).

COST: from $9,900

Aegean Voyage
APRIL 15 TO 23, 2017 (9 DAYS)

A classic time, a contemporary vessel. Sail to some of the Aegean’s most fascinating islands during the warm sunny days of April aboard the luxurious Crystal Esprit—where every suite has its own private butler!

Echoes of ancient gods and Greeks. In the company of classicist Marsh McCall, explore the history and culture of some of Greece’s most beautiful and lesser-known islands.

Quintessential Aegean. Visit tiny Delos, birthplace of Apollo, then kick back amid the iconic white-washed houses and windmills of Mykonos.

History in the making. Analyze the current political and economic relationships between Greece and the rest of the EU with political scientist Roberto D’Alimonte, and discuss the potential impact these contemporary issues could have on the EU’s future.

COST: from $10,995

Dutch Waterways
APRIL 19 TO 29, 2017 (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 brand-new 32-passenger barge, Magnifique II, for our exploration of the cities and countryside that inspired the Dutch masters.

Tilting at windmills. Led by history and international relations professor Bert Patenaude, MA ’79, PhD ’87, discover 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 in Amsterdam 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 $8,995
Focus: Berlin
MAY 3 TO 12, 2017 (10 DAYS)

Life is a cabaret. Learn from faculty leader Bob Hamrdla, who designed this program, about preand post-WWII and modern-day Berlin, and the hedonistic inter-War years of the Weimar Republic.

Museum spree! Explore Museum Island, set in the middle of the Spree River and home to five of the world’s top museums with collections that include 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 Glienicker Bridge, site of various Cold War spy exchanges.

The lives of others. Visit the Berlin Wall Memorial that extends along one mile of the former border between East and West Berlin and contains the last piece of the Wall, as well as historical remnants illustrating the trauma it inflicted on all Berliners.

COST: approx. $5,995

Italian Lakes Walk
MAY 3 TO 15, 2017 (13 DAYS)

North meets south. Join Professor Roberto D’Alimonte and walk expert Peter Watson on a springtime walk through the picturesque Italian Lakes region that takes us from the high alpine mountains in Italy’s Lombardy region to the sunny, temperate climes to the south.

By water and foot. Sail on stunning lakes and walk amid serene pastures and glorious mountain scenery. Several days offer two levels of walks.

Al dente. Enjoy dinner at fine restaurants and local trattorias, and laze at daily picnic lunches, sampling the local olive oils, breads, cheeses and wine.

Tutti io ama! As we journey from the Scaliger Castle in Sirmione and the rainbow-hued villas in Bellagio to the Renaissance canvases of Lorenzo Lotto, discover why everyone from the ancient Romans to actor George Clooney has chosen to hang out at this most sublime string of lakes.

COST: $9,995 SINGLE ACCOMMODATIONS: WAIT LIST ONLY

Napa Valley Wine Seminar
MAY 4 TO 8, 2017 (5 DAYS)

By invitation only. Through Stanford connections, visit several select wineries and meet with highly esteemed vintners to taste extraordinary wines not ordinarily available for sampling or purchase.

In good hands. Attend lectures by our seminar leader, Master of Wine James Cluer, who will share with us his extensive knowledge of and passion for wine, as well as daily group lectures by Stanford alumni rooted in the wine industry.

Go from mere imbiber to oenophile. Learn all about the art of making fine wines and also hear the fascinating histories of the wineries we visit.

Timing is everything. Enjoy tours of the grounds and sumptuous gourmet lunches and dinners at little-known wineries and vineyards at a time of year when the Napa Valley is at its loveliest.

COST: $4,495

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Venice to Paris on the Orient-Express

MAY 6 TO 17, 2017 (12 DAYS)

No mystery here. Glory in the golden age of train travel and one of the world’s most famous train routes with popular Travel/Study faculty leader Scott Pearson on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express. Each vintage carriage, dating to the 1920s and 1930s, has been lovingly restored to its former elegance and brings to life that era when traveling by rail was the epitome of luxury. Agatha Christie would approve!

A truly classic vacation. We’ll explore Venice, Budapest and Paris in style as we spend two nights on the Orient-Express and stay at storied five-star hotels in the capital cities the remaining nights.

Savor the journey. Rail travel is all about seeing the world at a slower pace. Sit back, relax and enjoy the finer details of deluxe train travel while watching the world go by.

COST: $15,995

Opus Mediterraneo

MAY 9 TO 17, 2017 (9 DAYS)

A voyage of note. Stop at historic ports along Italy’s west coast with faculty leader and former director of the Seattle Opera, Speight Jenkins, aboard the sleek, three-masted Le Ponant.

All things Puccini. Visit composer Giacomo Puccini’s birthplace in Lucca, then visit the villa where he lived in nearby Torre del Lago, which today is a museum run by one of his descendants.

Echoes of the ancients. Be awed by the well-preserved artifacts and ancient mosaics at the National Archaeological Museum of Naples, and stroll about Viterbo with its wealth of medieval churches and Renaissance art.

Opera live! Attend opera performances at the famed Teatro San Carlo in Naples and the Teatro dell’Opera di Roma in Rome. Kick it all off with a pre-trip tour to Milan that includes a performance at the world-renowned Teatro alla Scala.

COST: from $8,995

Bordeaux and Dordogne Walk

MAY 17 TO 29, 2017 (13 DAYS)

Good company in good country. Join Travel/Study favorite, Professor Ed Steidle, and local host Peter Watson on a walk through the delightful Dordogne in southwestern France and around the fabled wine region of Bordeaux to the west. Several days offer two levels of walks.

A French feast. Visit the vineyards of St-Émilion and Pomerol; savor the truffles, foie gras and confit de canard of the Périgord region; and, of course, taste the world-renowned wines of Bordeaux.

Castles and charming châteaux. Visit Castelnaud and Beynac castles and visualize the Hundred Years War when the French and English faced off across the valley; and stay in stylish, fairytale-like chateaux in Brantôme and along the Dordogne River.

COST: $9,695 SINGLE ACCOMMODATIONS: WAIT LIST ONLY
Alaska Expedition
JUNE 8 TO 16, 2017 (9 DAYS)

Into the wild by sea. Adventure into the dramatic beauty of Alaska, described by John Muir once as “unfinished Yosemite.” Our exclusive charter aboard the MV Alaskan Dream provides us with access to the lesser-explored parts of Alaska.

Hump(back) day! Spend the day in a kayak plying the waters of Frederick Sound, home to hundreds of photogenic humpback whales.

Natural bounty. Be amazed by the wildlife in Glacier Bay National Park, home to sea lions, mountain goats, whales, bears and more than 250 species of birds—and discuss Alaska’s natural resources with Professor Margot Gerritsen, PhD ’97, an expert on renewable and fossil energy production.

Sacred grounds. Admire the cultural traditions of the local indigenous people, the Tlingit, in Saginaw and enjoy a totem pole carving demonstration.

Cost: from approx. $7,995

Trans-Siberia by Rail
JUNE 16 TO JULY 2, 2017 (17 DAYS)

An epic journey. Traverse the great expanse of Russia aboard the comfortable and stylish Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express on an unforgettable 6,000-mile-long rail adventure.

Steppe up. Cross the steppes of Mongolia and learn all about nomadic life at the National History Museum in Ulaanbaatar.

Intangible cultural heritage. Near Ulan Ude, visit a village of Old Believers, a Siberian community that has preserved its traditions from the 17th century, and enjoy a concert of unique music.

Curtain up! Delve into Russian economic, domestic and international politics with political scientist Kathryn Stoner, a senior fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies.

Cost: from approx. $18,995

China Family Adventure
JUNE 24 TO JULY 5, 2017 (12 DAYS)

Best of the best. From the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square to the magical Shanghai acrobats and the terra-cotta warriors of Xi’an (a unique, massive underground memorial Emperor Qin conjured up when he was 13 years old), we’ll combine the highlights of China with remarkable cultural experiences.

Cultural immersion. On our family-fun-filled schedule, we’ll savor a hands-on cooking class in Guilin, attend a kung fu show with local children and meet with our kids’ Chinese pen pals in Xi’an.

Learning made fun. Adults enjoy lectures with popular faculty leader Ed Steidle while kids enjoy hands-on activities with Young Explorer Leaders.

Cost: $7,495 adults; $7,195 kids (ages 8–18)
Italian Riviera, Tuscany and Rome
JUNE 24 TO JULY 6, 2017 (13 DAYS)

La bella vita. Enjoy the “good life” as we explore the Italian Riviera and the pastoral Tuscan countryside with art history professor Wanda M. Corn.

Our very own castle. Stay at the 13th-century Castello di Gargonza as guests of the Guicciardini family, enjoying its age-old ambiance.

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 and the spirit of competition.

Hike and bike. Hike among the five rustic 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.

Heavenly gates. Gain after-hours admittance to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel.

Cost: approx. $8,995

Mediterranean Family Adventure
JUNE 27 TO JULY 8, 2017 (12 DAYS)

Lands of gods and heroes. It’s one thing to read about ancient Greece and Rome in school. It’s another to walk amid the temples dedicated to those very deities. We’ll do just that with faculty leader Norman Naimark during a cruise from Rome to Athens aboard the luxurious Sea Dream II.

Standing the test of time. Learn about Rome’s ancient and medieval history visiting its famous sites, and enjoy a private after-hours tour of the Sistine Chapel. 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.

Italy eternal. Walk the streets of Pompeii, buried in ash in 79 C.E., then explore the very-much-alive Italian towns of Sorrento, Amalfi and Taormina.

Cost: from approx. $10,595 adults; $10,095 kids (ages 6–18)

Galápagos Family Adventure
JULY 3 TO 12, 2017 (10 DAYS)

The ultimate outdoor classroom. Cruise among the “enchanted isles” aboard the Santa Cruz II, chartered exclusively for Stanford families and ideally suited for exploring the Galápagos archipelago.

Up close and personal. Embrace the magnificent ecosystem of the Galápagos by sitting face to face with giant tortoises and marine iguanas onshore, and in the clear waters offshore, snorkeling amid sea lions and manta rays.

A rocky history. Learn about the islands’ volcanic evolution and geology from expert naturalists on daily hikes across the lava-strewn landscapes.

Nature’s classroom. Adults learn about the unique Galápagos biology from Professor Bob Siegel, ’76, MA ’77, MD ’90, while kids spend time learning with our Young Explorer Leaders.

Cost: from approx. $7,495 adults; $6,995 kids (ages 6–18)
Galápagos Expedition
JULY 8 TO 18, 2017 (11 DAYS)

Become a wildlife paparazzi. Marvel at the 3,200-acre Mashpi Reserve in the Ecuadorian rain forest, and in the Galápagos Islands, venture within just a few feet of wild animals in their natural habitat. Mysteries of the ocean revealed. Professor Dmitry Petrov will discuss what’s happening at the genetic and molecular level when species evolve. Pick one or several modes of discovery! On the Ecuadorian mainland, hike, climb or ride a sky bike at Mashpi Lodge; in the Galápagos, snorkel right in the midst of the islands’ incredible marine life. High-style expedition travel. Luxuriate at our boutique hotel in Quito, be amazed by the elegance of Mashpi Lodge and take time to enjoy the many amenities of our expedition ship, La Pinta.

COST: $9,995

The Pantanal
JULY 14 TO 24, 2017 (11 DAYS)

South American safari. Discover the Pantanal, located in the heart of South America, the largest freshwater wetland in the world and a premier destination for wildlife viewing. Wet and wild. Explore the inundated Panatal plain alongside Professor Bill Durham, ‘71. This open marshland offers unobstructed views of an incredible collection of fascinating creatures—from capybaras to caimans, jabiru storks to giant anteaters, and howler monkeys to hyacinth macaws. In the spotlight. Home to the magnificent jaguar, the Pantanal area is one of the best places to catch sight of one of these stunning and powerful, yet elusive, animals in its natural habitat. Hey, dude. Stay over at a working cattle ranch and learn how agriculture and conservation have joined forces here to work hand in hand. In the jungle. Visit the Brazilian Amazon on an optional post-trip extension.

COST: approx. $8,495

Arctic Expedition
JULY 16 TO 26, 2017 (11 DAYS)

In the heart of the Arctic. Traveling with climate change expert and popular faculty leader Rob Dunbar, set out on a 900-mile-long flight, flying north from Yellowknife to uninhabited Somerset Island. Upon arrival, take a short walk across the tundra and a brief raft ride to our expedition-style lodgings set on a bluff at the edge of one of the world’s top beluga whale viewing sites. Surrounded! Venture out by ATV, raft, sea kayak and on foot to observe a wealth of sea and land creatures in their spectacular arctic environment—from bearded seals, loons and arctic terns to musk oxen, arctic foxes, and perhaps a polar bear or two. Belugas’ last resort. Within walking distance of our lodge, watch many hundreds to thousands of beluga whales socialize, calve and molt in the sheltered waters of narrow Cunningham Inlet during the five-week window the whales summer here.

COST: approx. $13,895
Dubrovnik to Rome
JULY 20 TO 31, 2017 (12 DAYS)
A dream voyage on a dream vessel with a dream faculty leader. Sail from Dubrovnik on the Adriatic coast for Rome on the all-suite Sea Dream I, being enlightened about our ports of call along the way by the dean of Stanford’s classics and history department, Richard Saller. Art, history and a volcano. Marvel at the gold and silver treasures in Dubrovnik’s cathedral, take note of the Roman and Venetian influences still visible in the medieval town of Kotor, and view Mt. Etna’s cone from the Sicilian town of Taormina. Cliff hangers. Wonder how the charming Italian towns of Amalfi and Ravello manage to stay on their steep perches and not fall into the sea. Roman holiday. End our Mediterranean sojourn with a walking tour in Rome that takes us to Piazza Navona, St. Peter’s Basilica, the Vatican Museum, the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon.
COST: from approx. $11,495

Southern Africa aboard Rovos Rail
JULY 20 TO AUGUST 3, 2017 (15 DAYS)
Colonial courtliness. Relive bygone eras when staying at Cape Town’s Mount Nelson Hotel and the stately Victoria Falls Hotel, and traveling aboard the Edwardian Rovos Rail luxury train. Dem bones. With biology professor Elizabeth Hadly, visit the Cradle of Humankind, a World Heritage site with fossils 3.5 million years old. Long walk to freedom. Visit Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 19 years. Dr. Livingstone, I presume. Cruise up the Zambezi River to Victoria Falls in the wake of the legendary Scottish missionary/explorer. Wild things. Go on safari in South Africa’s Kruger, Zimbabwe’s Hwange and Botswana’s Chobe national parks, and enjoy pre- and/or post-trip extensions to Namibia and the Okavango Delta.
COST: from approx. $11,995

The Baltics under Sail
JULY 28 TO AUGUST 9, 2017 (13 DAYS)
Uploaded to the Cloud. Sail around the Baltic Sea with faculty leader Herant Katchadourian from Denmark to Sweden aboard the elegant Sea Cloud II, stopping in Latvia, Estonia and Russia along the way. There ain’t nothing like a Dane. Visit the National Museum in Copenhagen to view its excellent exhibition laying out 340 years of Danish history. Hot cat on a tin roof. At Riga’s Cat House, gaze at the rooftop sculptures of angry cats with their tails defiantly turned toward the Town Hall! The sound of music. Attend a choir concert in Tallinn, birthplace of the Singing Revolution, during which Estonians protested their Soviet subjugation with massive singing demonstrations in the late 1980s. Post-trip extension to Helsinki, Finland.
COST: from approx. $7,990

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Alaska Family Adventure
JULY 29 TO AUGUST 6, 2017 (9 DAYS)
Glaciers, whales and bears, oh my! Explore Alaska’s Inside Passage amid some of the most spectacular scenery in North America accompanied by earth systems science professor Rob Jackson and a staff of expert naturalists. Aboard the nimble 62-passenger Sea Lion expedition ship, we wend our way through protected waters among tiny, spruce-carpeted islands and along the main coast.
Meet the locals. Watch for brown and black bears, bald eagles, orcas, sea lions and more as we cruise the tranquil waters. Gather on deck to watch humpback whales get their fill of krill in the waters of Frederick Sound, a prime feeding area.
Natural wonders. Spend an entire glorious day exploring the coves, fjords, tidewater glaciers and majestic mountains of Glacier Bay National Park.

COST: from approx. $7,995 adults; $7,495 kids (ages 6–18)

Costa Rica Family Seminar
AUGUST 11 TO 20, 2017 (10 DAYS)
Hands-on in the natural world. With faculty leader Barton “Buzz” Thompson, BA ’72, MBA ’76, JD ’76, get up close to Costa Rica’s amazing biodiversity—whether while whitewater rafting the Pacuare River, mountain biking near Arenal Volcano or zip-lining through the cloud forest treetops.
Learn from the locals. Hike through the rain forest with a Costa Rican biologist, ornithologist and ecologist and meet with scientists working in Costa Rica’s growing aeronautics industry.
Kick back and relax! There is plenty of time to relax on beautiful beaches…and get to know Costa Rica through its young craft beer movement.

Empty nest. Reconnect the family on this program designed specifically for grandparents and parents with children or grandkids who have graduated high school.

COST: approx. $5,995

Southwest England Walk
AUGUST 25 TO SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 (13 DAYS)
Rambling on. Walk through the woodlands and along the rugged coastline of southwestern England, exploring historical and literary sites with faculty leader Elaine Treharne and popular Travel/Study guides Peter Watson and Tony Morris. Uncover local history through the ancient tracks, buildings and ruins that have shaped lives and imaginations for generations.
Say cheese! In Somerset, hike to Cheddar Gorge following paths trod by Coleridge and Wordsworth as we head for the Bristol Channel. On the Cornish coast, explore scenic trails dotted with quaint fishing villages, Norman forts and Stone Age ruins.

All manner of manors. Enjoy chats with local experts each day, dine at vintage village taverns, and stay in charming inns and fine country manors.

COST: approx. $9,995
SINGLE ACCOMMODATIONS: WAIT LIST ONLY
Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia

AUGUST 27 TO SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 (17 DAYS)

Journey of discovery. Explore three of Europe’s oldest inhabited places with history and political science professor David Holloway. Meet representatives of local NGOs, journalists, entrepreneurs, students and religious leaders along the way.

A magic carpet ride. Join a curator-led tour of the new, spectacular Azerbaijan State Carpet Museum in Baku and meet with the museum director.

Eat, drink and be merry. Experience an authentic supra, or “Georgian Table,” a joyous amalgam of delicious food, hearty drinking rituals, endless toasts and traditional polyphonic singing.

Churchill’s brandy. Tour and taste at the factory of the Yerevan Brandy Company, where the quality so impressed Winston Churchill that he allegedly placed an order of 400 bottles annually.

Cost: approx. $9,300

Iceland Expedition

SEPTEMBER 1 TO 8, 2017 (8 DAYS)

Settle in. Unpack only once on this Icelandic adventure, thanks to our six-night stay in Reykjavik, the world’s northernmost capital.

Around the fabled Golden Circle. Alongside geologist Katharine Maher, stop at Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss Waterfall and Strokkur Geyser on this acclaimed route that offers a steady parade of geological highlights.

Step into the saga. Uncover Iceland’s fascinating history through an exploration of the island’s sagas and epic medieval tales of early settlers, and see how these literary traditions have shaped the country’s cultural identity through the ages.

If you can’t stand the heat... Sample local specialties such as “hot springs bread,” baked in the ground for 24 hours using geothermal heat!

Take a dip. Soak in the therapeutic waters of the world-famous Blue Lagoon, a mineral-rich geothermal spa located in a black lava field.

Cost: approx. $6,495

The Amazon and Machu Picchu

SEPTEMBER 5 TO 17, 2017 (13 DAYS)

An archaeology enthusiast’s dream. Hike among some of Peru’s most enigmatic ruins and learn from Professor John Rick about the ancient civilizations that created them.

The numbers are impressive. Marvel at the Amazon River, second-largest river in the world and the largest in water volume, carrying one-fifth of the world’s fresh water to the oceans and providing nutrients to the world’s most biodiverse rain forest.

High standards. Cruise aboard the custom-designed Aria Amazon that boasts five-star cabins and cuisine, and stay in top-rated hotels in Cuzco and near Machu Picchu.

Magical mystery tour. Enjoy this opportunity to explore the Incas’ 15th-century citadel of Machu Picchu, a remote, mystical, awe-inspiring gem.

Cost: approx. $11,995
Kashmir and Punjab
SEPTEMBER 6 TO 22, 2017 (17 DAYS)
Far pavilions. With professor Greg Watkins, BA ’85, PhD ’03, journey to the remote Kashmiri kingdom of Ladakh to see Buddhist monasteries, ancient palaces and spectacular scenery.
Corner the market. Explore the bazaar in Leh, once on the Asian Silk Route, where ethnic groups from all over Ladakh still come to trade, buy and sell jewelry, carved yak-horn items and produce.
Footsteps of the Dalai Lama. In Dharamsala, center of the Tibetan Government in Exile, visit the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives to see manuscripts smuggled out of Tibet during the Dalai Lama’s escape.
Sikh central. Visit the Punjab city of Chandigarh, renowned for its architecture and urban design, and Amritsar, home to adherents of the Sikh religion’s magnificent Golden Temple.
**COST:** approx. $10,995

Germany and the Reformation
SEPTEMBER 7 TO 17, 2017 (11 DAYS)
Lutherland. Mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with religious studies professor Barbara Pitkin on a journey that explores the schism in Catholic Europe and its vast effects on theology, science, art, politics and culture.
Get the word out. Visit the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz that displays two original Gutenberg bibles and a replica of Gutenberg’s famous press.
Organ donor. Tour Leipzig’s Bach House and Halle’s Händel House, and attend organ church concerts in Weimar and Eisenach.
Sacrilegious sketch. View the paintings and portraits of Lucas Cranach the Elder and Younger in Weimar and Wittenberg, including a rare depiction of the Last Supper, where the apostles are represented as leading reformers, including Martin Luther himself.
**COST:** approx. $6,995

Tanzania Field Seminar
SEPTEMBER 7 TO 23, 2017 (17 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.
Compare notes. Unlike any other Travel/Study trip, on a Field Seminar we travel alongside Stanford sophomores, learning from their presentations and sharing tales of the Farm.
Where we come from. Visit Olduvai Gorge, the paleoanthropological site where discoveries helped further the understanding of human evolution.
Spotting the “Big Five.” Search for the top five of Africa’s most iconic mammals—lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and Cape Buffalo—from open-air safari vehicles on daily game drives with expert guides.
Jump and shout! Visit a Maasai boma to witness daily life and learn about age-old tribal traditions.
**COST:** approx. $8,295
Alsace Hike  
SEPTEMBER 8 TO 16, 2017 (9 DAYS)

Mountain air. Join faculty leader Professor David Kennedy, ’63, and hike expert Peter Watson on this robust hike through the beautiful Vosges Mountains in northeastern France, a region that’s seen more than its share of political storms, winds of change, war and bloodshed.

Remember the fallen. In today’s serene Alsatian countryside, we can still trace past conflicts, from the medieval château of Haut-Koenigsbourg we visit, restored in the early 1900s by German Emperor Wilhelm II, to battlefield sites and trench remnants we pass that remain from France and Germany’s wars of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Celebrate the peace! As we hike from village to village, trekking up mountain trails and past endless rows of grapevines, we’ll picnic on the fresh, local food and wines of the Alsatian region and enjoy hearty French country cuisine in the evenings.

Cost: approx. $6,695

New England and Canadian Maritimes  
SEPTEMBER 18 TO 30, 2017 (13 DAYS)

A sailor’s life for me. With faculty leader Scott Pearson explore the picturesque waterways of the U.S. Northeast and Canadian Maritime Provinces and learn about the area’s rich nautical heritage. From our private balconies aboard the Pearl Mist, breathe in the crisp air of early autumn as the brilliant fall foliage passes by.

A fine collection. View the impressive collection of works showcased at the Portland Museum of Art, with a special focus on such American masters as Winslow Homer and Frederic Edwin Church.

A spirited young girl. Call at Green Gables Farm on Prince Edward Island, locale of Lucy Maud Montgomery’s beloved novel, Anne of Green Gables. A whale of a tale. Enjoy whale watching in the Saguenay Fjord, one of the most treasured whale watching spots in all of Canada.

Cost: from approx. $10,495

Himalayan Kingdoms  
OCTOBER 1 TO 16, 2017 (16 DAYS)

Cliffhanger. Hike to Taktsang Palphug Monastery, also known as Tiger’s Nest. This red-trimmed white temple clinging to the edge of a 10,000-foot-high cliff is a place so sacred that all Bhutanese try to visit it at least once in their lifetimes.

Enlightenment. Learn how environmental change affects the biodiversity of mammals in high-altitude regions from Elizabeth Hadly, professor of biology and of geological and environmental sciences.

Ain’t no mountain high enough. Take a flight-seeing tour through the Himalayas, passing within a mile of the southern face of Mt. Everest—one of the most spectacular plane rides one could ever take!

Rooftop of the world. Explore the Potala, former palace of the Dalai Lamas and join the procession of pilgrims at Lhasa’s holy Jokhang Temple, home to Tibet’s most revered image.

Cost: approx. $13,495
Everest Base Camp Trek  
OCTOBER 1 TO 21, 2017 (21 DAYS)  
A view from nearly the top. Join geophysicist Simon Klemperer on this 12-day trek—it’s one of the most rewarding journeys on earth.  
**Peak experiences!** Reach the trek’s maximum altitude at the summit of Kala Patthar (18,300’). An even greater high is stopping in at Everest Base Camp (17,500’) where climbing expeditions prepare for their summit attempts.  
**Steeped in local flavor.** Sleep in simple tea houses each night and hear about local Sherpa culture as we make our way from village to village.  
**The particulars.** Our itinerary is designed for gradual acclimatization so we take our time hiking each day. Yaks do the heavy lifting, letting us focus on taking in spectacular views of some of the world’s highest and most dramatic mountains.  
**Cost:** approx. $9,495

Iran for Women  
OCTOBER 3 TO 16, 2017 (14 DAYS)  
**Behind the veil.** Travel in the company of cultural anthropologist and Stanford visiting professor, Patricia Nabi, ’70, MA ’71, and get an inside look at what it’s like to be a woman living in Iran today. We’ll meet with female architects and female gallery owners and stay at a hotel designed by a woman.  
**Beyond the headlines.** Follow in the footsteps of scores of Stanford travelers who have uncovered the facts about this nation’s rich history, life in Iran in the present day, and the incredibly warm and hospitable Iranian people, some of whom we’ll have a chance to meet in the bustling squares and markets of Tehran, Shiraz and Isfahan.  
**Off the beaten track.** In Kashan, visit the lush Bagh-e Fin Persian garden and, nearby, the fascinating underground city of Noushabad, a three-level labyrinth of corridors, rooms, wells and reservoirs that dates back some 1,500 years.  
**Cost:** approx. $9,995

European Rivers  
OCTOBER 12 TO 26, 2017 (15 DAYS)  
**A scenic journey.** Cruise across Central Europe on the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers and transit the Main-Danube Canal aboard the intimate and elegant Royal Crown.  
**The Golden City.** Be dazzled by six centuries of exquisitely preserved architecture in fairy tale-like Prague. In the company of favorite faculty leader Bob Hamrdla, ’59, MA ’64, spend two full days exploring this fascinating and historic capital city.  
**Musical mélange.** Attend memorable musical events during our voyage, including performances in a historic residence by the Bamberg String Quartet and a children’s choir in Würzburg, plus a baroque organ concert near Miltenberg.  
**Mountains higher.** Ascend the Bernese Alps via Interlaken’s famous cog railway that goes to the foot of the Eiger North Wall then on through the mountain, and enjoy breathtaking views of the glacier world of the Jungfraujoch.  
**Cost:** from approx. $7,995
Food and Wine of Spain

OCTOBER 13 TO 22, 2017 (10 DAYS)

Harvest time in Rioja. Few times are more exciting for a winemaker than the fall harvest and crush. Visit the beautiful Spanish wine country during this productive season, and sample the wines that have put this region on the map.

Tapas! In Spain, tapas are more than just an accompaniment to wine or spirits, they’re a way of life. Sit back and savor this cultural culinary delight.

Architectural wonders. View some of Spain’s jaw-dropping feats of architecture, from the huge 1st-century aqueduct in Segovia to the Gehry-designed Marques de Riscal winery in Elciego.

A sense of place. Learn about the culture, history and literature of Spain from Professor Ed Steidle.

Under the radar. Through our special Stanford connections, visit off-the-beaten-path wineries and restaurants that are favorites with the locals.

COST: approx. $7,995

Papua New Guinea

OCTOBER 13 TO 27, 2017 (15 DAYS)

Twice the brain power. Travel aboard the Coral Discoverer in the company of husband and wife duo, professors Pamela Matson and Peter Vitousek, experts in the field of environment and sustainability.

Up close and personal. Snorkel or dive in one of the world’s richest and most diverse coral reef systems. Also cruise the Tufi Fjords, which feature 25 canyons with sheer basalt cliffs.

Bien there, done that. Travel up the mighty Sepik River to Bien, a small, colorful village populated by some of the greatest primitive artists in the world.

Two terrific add-ons. Pre-trip, travel to the Daintree rain forest and the Great Barrier Reef, or post-trip, stay at the Ambua Lodge in Papua New Guinea’s highlands.

COST: from $12,995

Sailing the Western Mediterranean

OCTOBER 17 TO 26, 2017 (10 DAYS)

A sailing ship par excellence! Traveling with popular faculty leader Scott Pearson aboard the majestic, three-masted sailing yacht, Le Ponant, drop anchor at a dazzling array of island and mainland ports of the Western Mediterranean.

A United Nations of islands. Discover the fascinating past and charming present of France’s Corsica, view remnants of many layers of history on Italy’s Sardinia, and stop at Menorca’s main town to see its unique mix of architectural styles and to experience firsthand why Spain’s Balearic Islands are so loved.

Mainland masterpieces. Plying the coasts of Spain, France and Italy, visit ancient Roman ruins, art museums, a Catalan monastery and Napoleon Bonaparte’s isle of exile—a cultural feast for the eyes and mind!

COST: from $8,295
Along the Mekong
OCTOBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2017
(16 DAYS)
A river runs through it. Cruise down the Mekong River with Martha Crenshaw, senior fellow at Stanford’s Center for International Security and Cooperation, and learn how vital this 2,700-mile-long river is to the people living along its shores.

Pak’ it all in! During our time in the charming and idyllic village of Luang Prabang, cruise up the Mekong River and visit the Pak Ou cave—a limestone cave that houses thousands of Buddha images.

Ancient and modern capitals. Explore the ancient capital, and now archaeological site, of Angkor Wat, which flourished for five centuries under the powerful Khmer kingdom. Comparatively, experience the bustle of modern Hanoi and marvel at its blend of contemporary and ancient architecture.

Touch of class. Our ship, Aqua Mekong, is the ideal cruising vessel for our river journey.

COST: approx. $12,495

Provence Seminar
OCTOBER 23 TO 30, 2017 (8 DAYS)

Come one, come all. Designed with solo travelers in mind, this seminar offers all Stanford travelers, whether traveling independently or with others, the opportunity to delight in the pleasures of the south of France at autumn’s end.

Give ‘em the Aix! Stroll the colorful streets of Aix-en-Provence, our home base for six wonderful nights. This delightful and historic city is a treasure trove of art, architecture, brasseries and bistro, open-air markets and thousands of fountains.

Make an impression. Trace the footsteps of Cezanne, van Gogh and Monet alongside European history professor Carolyn Lougee.

Giddyp! Visit a working ranch in the Camargue—France’s cowboy country—and watch a traditional Provençal bullfight during which young men try to pluck a cloth from between the horns of the bull, then vault safely over a wall of the arena.

COST: approx. $8,995 (single accommodations)

Unseen Japan
NOVEMBER 3 TO 16, 2017 (14 DAYS)

Hand-tailored. See fascinating sights that many tourists to Japan bypass on this special itinerary created just for Travel/Study.

An Island of art. Stay on Naoshima Island where we visit its modern art museums and marvel at its architecture and outdoor sculptures.

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

In the know. Delve into the foreign policy of Japan with East Asia expert Daniel Sneider, a former long-time foreign correspondent in Japan, Korea, and South and Southeast Asia.

Slow down. In the hot springs resort town of Beppu, stay overnight at a traditional Japanese inn.

Speed up. Experience the vitality of one of the most bustling cities in the world on an optional post-tour extension to Tokyo.

COST: in development
Tahiti to Easter Island
NOVEMBER 5 TO 24, 2017 (20 DAYS)
A winter escape awaits. Sail amid a tropical paradise replete with ocean breezes laden with the fragrance of island flowers, azure lagoons framed by palm-fanned beaches and warm smiles from friendly island inhabitants.
A crash course on island ecology? Don’t mind atoll! Learn from Professor Rob Dunbar and expert naturalists as we explore islands, atolls, reefs and archipelagos—both on land and under the sea.
Quench that thirst for adventure. Travel to remote places few visit: set foot on rugged Pitcairn Island, witness the amazing bird life of uninhabited Henderson and Ducie islands, and drop anchor at Easter Island to gape at the massive, centuries-old moai.
Resort cruising at its best. Enjoy an unparalleled travel experience cruising and relaxing in style aboard the all-suite Caledonian Sky.
COST: from approx. $19,980

Tanzania Family Adventure
DECEMBER 19 TO 30, 2017 (12 DAYS)
Status updates IRL. The bad news? There’s no cell reception in the Serengeti. The good news? Instead of checking their smartphones, parents and kids will be checking out elephants, giraffes, zebras and more from our open-roofed safari vehicles.
A for-real reality show. Unplug and spend quality time together viewing amazing wildlife in the pristine Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the legendary Serengeti.
This is camping? Enjoy star-filled nights of luxury camping in the Serengeti—the stuff that lifelong memories are made of.
Enlightening. Adults enjoy hearing lectures from Stanford faculty leader Tim Duane, ’82, MS ’83, PhD ’89, and kids get a taste of school life in Tanzania, meet their pen pals and hang out with their Young Explorer Leaders.
COST: approx. $9,495 adults; $8,995 kids (ages 6–18)

Cuba Family Seminar
DECEMBER 26, 2017, TO JANUARY 2, 2018 (8 DAYS)
Empty nest. Kids flown the coop? Why not take a vacation together—and what more unique place is there to explore together as a family than Cuba? This trip is specifically geared toward families with children who have graduated high school.
Auld lang syne. On New Year’s Eve, 1958, Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista fled Havana and a new chapter began in Cuba’s history. Explore Castro’s legacy with local historians and economists, and with Stanford faculty leader and former ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry, MA ’94.
Talk, look, listen. Opportunities abound to explore Havana’s rich and vibrant arts scene. Meet actors from a children’s theater, watch as young circus performers practice their routines and have lunch in an artist’s home.
COST: approx. $6,995
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### 2017 Travel Timeline

**DECEMBER 2016**
- Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia 12/29–1/17

**JANUARY 2017**
- Antarctica Expedition 1/5–1/26
- Burma 1/27–2/11
- Vietnam by Sea 1/31–2/15

**FEBRUARY 2017**
- The Nile 2/16–3/2
- Cuba by Sea 2/23–3/5
- Patagonia Expedition 2/25–3/10
- India: West Bengal 2/25–3/13

**MARCH 2017**
- Israel Past and Present 3/18–3/31
- Iran 3/21–4/5
- Exploring Havana 3/24–4/1
- India and Sri Lanka 3/24–4/7
- Focus: Paris 3/25–4/2

**APRIL 2017**
- Venice and the Veneto 4/1–4/10
- China 4/10–4/23
- Japan by Sea 4/13–4/26
- Aegean Voyage 4/15–4/23
- Dutch Waterways 4/19–4/29

**MAY 2017**
- Focus: Berlin 5/3–5/12
- Italian Lakes Walk 5/3–5/15
- Napa Valley Wine Seminar 5/4–5/8
- Venice to Paris on the Orient-Express 5/6–5/17
- Opus Mediterraneo 5/9–5/17
- Bordeaux and Dordogne Walk 5/17–5/29

**JUNE 2017**
- Alaska Expedition 6/8–6/16
- Trans-Siberia by Rail 6/16–7/2
- China Family Adventure 6/24–7/5
- Italian Riviera, Tuscany and Rome 6/24–7/6
- Mediterranean Family Adventure 6/27–7/8

**JULY 2017**
- Galápagos Family Adventure 7/3–7/12
- Galápagos Expedition 7/8–7/18
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- The Baltic under Sail 7/28–8/9
- Alaska Family Adventure 7/29–8/6

**AUGUST 2017**
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- Southwest England Walk 8/25–9/6
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- The Amazon and Machu Picchu 9/5–9/17
- Kashmir and Punjab 9/6–9/22
- Germany and the Reformation 9/7–9/17
- Tanzania Field Seminar 9/7–9/23
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- New England and the Canadian Maritimes 9/18–9/30

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- Everest Base Camp Trek 10/1–10/21
- Iran for Women 10/3–10/16
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- Papua New Guinea 10/13–10/27
- Sailing the Western Mediterranean 10/17–10/26
- Along the Mekong 10/17–11/1
- The World Less Known: Expedition by Private Jet 10/20–11/13
- Provence Seminar 10/23–10/30

**NOVEMBER 2017**
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