Travel Planner

A PROGRAM OF THE STANFORD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2017 upcoming trips
2018 sneak peek
Whom will you meet?

From the centuries-old teahouses of Kyoto to the palm-studded islands of Polynesia and from the Maasai villages of the Serengeti to the Amazon rain forest, 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 2018.
What sets a Travel/Study trip apart from the rest? Well, a lot of things, actually—but it’s our expert faculty leaders who make a Travel/Study expedition truly a trip like no other. With unique expertise in the regions and topics you’ll explore, these Stanford scholars offer an experience that is miles away from your typical vacation.

Who’s joining us this year? Check out four of the esteemed Stanford scholars leading Travel/Study trips this year.

“I love how Travel/Study serves for alumni as a ‘portable Stanford,’ keeping them connected with the university and with the delights of lifelong learning, while treating field sites as a classroom. It confirms for all of us the joys of experiential learning.”

Bill Durham, ’71
Bing Professor in Human Biology, Emeritus (Active); Senior Fellow at the Woods Institute for the Environment

Bill Durham is a human ecologist who focuses on indigenous resource management, human health and conservation issues in the tropics. His current research efforts are focused on evolution and conservation in the Galápagos, and on ecotourism for poverty alleviation and self-determination among indigenous and local peoples. He is co-director of the Osa-Golfito Initiative at the Woods Institute, helping Costa Ricans to develop a sustainability plan for the southern region of the country.

2017 TRIPS
Tanzania Field Seminar; The Pantanal

2018 TRIPS
Galápagos Field Seminar
During my diplomatic career I witnessed the extraordinary transformation of Asia and of U.S.-Asia relations. I look forward to our 2017 journeys as the right trips at the right time to experience the rich complexities of Asia’s cultures and traditions; identify the economic, security and environmental issues now on the agenda; and consider the U.S. ‘rebalance’ to Asia under a new U.S. president.”

Carolyn Lougee
Frances and Charles Field Professor in History, Emerita; Bass University Fellow in Undergraduate Education

Carolyn Lougee has taught European history at Stanford since 1973. Her research specialty is early modern France, so she particularly enjoys introducing travelers to the extraordinary beauties of Paris and the diversity of the French provinces—which she has had the opportunity to do over the course of more than 30 Travel/Study trips. Her research interests include the historical roots of cultural practices and built environments, as well as Europeans’ current struggles to adapt longstanding ways of thinking and acting to unprecedented, fast-changing economic and social challenges.

2017 TRIPS
Focus: Paris; Provence Seminar

Rob Dunbar
W.M. Keck Professor of Earth Sciences; Senior Fellow at the Woods Institute for the Environment

Rob Dunbar’s research interests span glaciology, oceanography, ecology and climate change. He heads a research group that works on past and present changes in the oceans and polar regions and teaches field classes focusing on the intersection of human enterprise with nature in mountain belts and coastal zones around the globe. In 2016, he was awarded an international lifetime achievement medal for Excellence in Antarctic Research. He engages in interdisciplinary studies of global change in collaboration with environmental scientists, economists, lawyers and policy specialists.

2017 TRIPS
Arctic Expedition; Tahiti to Easter Island

Kathleen Stephens
William J. Perry Distinguished Fellow at the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center

Kathleen Stephens is a former American diplomat whose assignments included U.S. Charge in India (2014–2015) and U.S. Ambassador to Korea (2008–2011). She was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia (2005–2007) and Acting Undersecretary of State for Public Affairs (2012). Earlier assignments included serving on the White House National Security staff and abroad in China, Yugoslavia and Northern Ireland. She was senior fellow at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University from 2011 to 2012. She teaches U.S. foreign policy at Stanford and is writing a book on U.S.-Korean relations.

2017 TRIPS
Japan by Sea

“Stanford trips bring together curious, energetic travelers intent on looking beyond surfaces to underlying meanings. Even if they haven’t thought about Europe or history since their days in ‘Western Civ,’ they understand that the sites we visit, the customs we observe, the political issues we hear of have been shaped over long centuries by values and aspirations that persisted across time.”

“Teaching in the field is far more effective than classroom education—and it’s even better when we are all learning together in a wildly remote part of the planet. I try to engage our current students this way as much as possible but I have also come to realize that Stanford alumni come alive in nature in ways that create exceptionally productive and memorable experiences.”
Chart your course.

EUROPE AND TURKEY
- Aegean Voyage APR ’17
- Alsace Hike SEP ’17
- The Baltic under Sail JUL ’17
- Bordeaux and Dordogne Walk MAY ’17
- Dubrovnik to Rome JUL ’17
- Dutch Waterways* APR ’17
- European Rivers OCT ’17
- Focus: Berlin MAY ’17
- Focus: Paris MAR ’17
- Food and Wine of Spain OCT ’17
- Germany and the Reformation SEP ’17
- Greenland to Iceland JUN ’18
- Iceland: Fire and Ice SEP ’17
- Italian Lakes Walk* MAY ’17
- Italian Riviera, Tuscany and Rome JUN ’17
- Mediterranean Family Adventure JUN ’17
- Opus Mediterraneo MAY ’17

THE MIDDLE EAST AND EGYPT
- Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia AUG ’17
- Iran for Women OCT ’17
- The Nile FEB ’18

ASIA AND THE FAR EAST
- Along the Mekong OCT ’17
- China Family Adventure JUN ’17
- Everest Base Camp Trek OCT ’17
- Himalayan Kingdoms OCT ’17
- India and Sri Lanka MAR ’17
- Japan by Sea APR ’17
- Kashmir and Punjab SEP ’17
- Trans-Siberia by Rail JUN ’17
- Unseen Japan* NOV ’17
- Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia JAN ’18
- Wonders of China APR ’17

AROUND THE WORLD
- The World Less Known OCT ’17

* Trips indicated with an asterisk are not included in this issue due to their wait-list status. Visit our website for more information.
NORTH AMERICA
Alaska Expedition JUN ’17
Alaska Family Adventure JUL ’17
Arctic Expedition JUL ’17
Canadian Heli-Hiking JUL ’18
The Canadian Maritimes SEP ’17
Columbia and Snake Rivers SEP ’18
Great Northwest Passage AUG ’18
Greenland to Iceland JUN ’18
Napa Valley Wine Seminar MAY ’17

MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
Costa Rica Family Seminar AUG ’17
Cuba by Sea MAR ’18
Cuba Family Seminar DEC ’17
Exploring Havana MAR ’17

SOUTH AMERICA AND THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS
Amazon and Machu Picchu* SEP ’17
Galápagos Expedition JUL ’17
Galápagos Expedition JUL ’18
Galápagos Family Adventure JUL ’17
Galápagos Field Seminar SEP ’18
The Pantanal JUL ’17
Peru Family Seminar JUN ’18

THE SOUTH PACIFIC, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
New Zealand JAN ’18
Papua New Guinea OCT ’17
Tahiti to Easter Island NOV ’17

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

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For a listing of trips by date, go to page 31.
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? A map guide.**
- 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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**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 at all!** 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 $19,980
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

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.

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

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 explore 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
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

Focus: Berlin  
MAY 3 TO 12, 2017 (10 DAYS)

Life is a cabaret. Learn from Bob Hamrdla, ‘59, MA ‘64, who designed this program, about pre- and 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 Glienicke 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: $6,095

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
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)

“Gripping” and “poignant.” These words have been used to describe the compositions of the Denning Family Provostial Professor in Music at Stanford, Jonathan Berger, who will provide us with fascinating lectures throughout our trip and during the optional pre-tour in Milan.

Theater-hop. Attend a performance of the San Carlo Winds Quintet at the Teatro di Corte di Palazzo Reale in Naples and a private recital celebrating the works of Puccini and Rigoletto at the Opera Nice Cote d’Azur.

From Tosca to Turandot. Visit composer Giacomo Puccini’s birthplace in Lucca, then stop at the villa where he lived in nearby Torre del Lago.

Echoes of the ancients. View the well-preserved artifacts of the National Archaeological Museum of Naples and stroll around Viterbo with its wealth of medieval buildings, churches and Renaissance art.

COST: from $8,995 NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

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 $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. All that glitters. Tour the historic Kremlin just off Moscow’s Red Square and be dazzled by the vast collection of treasures at the Armory Museum. COST: from $19,995

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. Nature is the best muse. See the gorgeous, mist-shrouded karst peaks that line the Li River and that have inspired poets and painters for centuries. 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:** $8,995

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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 SeaDream 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., and explore the very-much-alive Italian towns of Sorrento, Amalfi and Taormina.

**COST:** from $10,695 adults; $10,195 kids (ages 6–18)

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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 $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 ‘n wild. Explore the inundated Pantanal 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.

Saddle up! 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: $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: $13,995
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 SeaDream 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 $11,795

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 and 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 $11,895

The Baltic 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 $8,990
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 $7,995 adults; $7,495 kids (ages 8–18)

Costa Rica Family Seminar
AUGUST 11 TO 20, 2017 (10 DAYS)
Hands-on in the natural world. With faculty leader Barton “Buzz” Thompson, BA ’73, 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.
Perk up! Start your day with a cup of Costa Rican coffee, and learn how the beans, considered to be among the best in the world, go from crop to cup.
Empty nest. Reconnect the family on this program designed specifically for grandparents and parents with children or grandkids who have graduated high school.

Cost: $5,995

Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia
AUGUST 29 TO SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 (15 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: $9,195
Iceland: Fire and Ice
SEPTEMBER 1 TO 8, 2017 (8 DAYS)

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

Around the fabled Golden Circle. Alongside assistant professor Kate Maher—an expert in geothermal energy—stop at Thingvellir National Park, the Gulfoss waterfall and Strokkur Geyser on this acclaimed route that offers us a steady stream of dramatic and stunning geological highlights.

Heart of ice. Take a guided tour deep inside Langjökull glacier via a carved-out tunnel to view the brightly illuminated blue ice of an ice cave.

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 relaxing therapeutic waters of the world-famous Blue Lagoon, a mineral-rich geothermal spa set amid fields of black lava.

Cost: $6,695

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: $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.

Musical pipe dreams. Tour Leipzig’s Bach House and Halle’s Handel House, and attend organ church concerts in Weimar and Eisenach.

Sacrilegious sketch. View the paintings and portraits of Lucas Cranachs the Elder and Younger in Weimar in Wittenberg, where panels of the Younger’s Last Supper depict leading Protestant reformers, including Martin Luther, in place of traditional biblical figures.

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: $8,295

Alsace Hike
SEPTEMBER 8 TO 16, 2017 (9 DAYS)

Mountain air. Join American Pulitzer Prize-winning historian 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, picnic on the fresh, local food and wines of the Alsatian region and enjoy hearty French country cuisine in the evenings.

COST: $6,695

The 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, the Canadian Maritime Provinces and the St. Lawrence River, from our private balconies aboard the intimate Pearl Mist.

A fine collection. View the impressive artworks housed at the Portland Museum of Art that include paintings by such American masters as Winslow Homer, Andrew Wyeth and Frederic Edwin Church.

Carriage rides for all. Travel back in time in Acadia National Park during a private carriage ride on the motor vehicle-free paths created by philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The world is my oyster. Take a culinary walking tour of Charlottetown’s historic downtown, and meet with a Nobel Laureate climatologist at the University of Prince Edward Island.

COST: from $10,695
Himalayan Kingdoms
OCTOBER 1 TO 16, 2017 (16 DAYS)

Ciffhanger. 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 15-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 (17,688”) 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: $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 Nabti, ‘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 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: $9,995
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

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Wonders of 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

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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
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 $7,995

Food and Wine of Spain
OCTOBER 13 TO 23, 2017 (11 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: $7,995

Papua New Guinea
OCTOBER 13 TO 27, 2017 (15 DAYS)

A Stanford triumvirate. Travel aboard the Coral Discoverer in the company of three Stanford faculty leaders: the husband-and-wife duo of professors Pamela Matson and Peter Vitousek, experts in the field of environment and sustainability, and James Sheehan, a professor of history.

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 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 Napoleonic 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: $12,595

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 bistroes, 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.

Giddyup! 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
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 dugong at Easter Island to gaze 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 $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:** $9,595 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
A singular journey by private jet

October 20 to November 13, 2017

Join us on an epic journey to the other side of the world aboard our fully customized, private Boeing 757 with flat-bed seats. Visit nine extraordinary, off-the-beaten-path destinations with faculty leaders Judith Goldstein and Abbas Milani; they’ll provide us with a deeper understanding of the common cultural connections among these distinct nations and also the different paths each is taking toward modernity.

2018 Sneak Peek

In this issue we’re announcing a handful of our 2018 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 2018 trips in our spring issue.

Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia
JANUARY 2018 (19 DAYS)

Tried and true. A Travel/Study favorite for more than 20 years, our popular introduction to this trio of Southeast Asian countries includes meetings with ambassadors and non-profit organizations.

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 the Buddhist monks—a tradition in Laos, where nearly all males spend at least some time in a monastery.

Unleash your inner archaeologist. Spend two full days exploring the jungle-covered temples of Cambodia’s iconic Angkor Wat, ancient capital of the Khmer kingdom.

COST: in development
New Zealand
JANUARY 6 TO 19, 2018 (14 DAYS)
By air and rail. Flying aboard our private Convair 580 jet-prop for four legs of our trip, we’ll eliminate some long drives and have more time to view New Zealand’s amazing natural resources. Enjoy one of the world’s top train trips aboard the TranzAlpine, traveling across the Southern Alps from the west coast to Christchurch on the east coast. “Eighth Wonder of the World.” Be awed by the sheer beauty of Milford Sound after flying in a light aircraft to take in panoramic, bird’s-eye views of the region’s alpine scenery and lush rain forests.
No whining for oenophiles! Sample New Zealand wines throughout our trip, including at a wine-paired dinner in the town of Blenheim, home to more than 70 wineries and boutique breweries.
A pair of perfect program bookends. Enjoy an optional pre-trip extension in Queenstown or an optional post-trip excursion to the Bay of Islands.
COST: in development

The Nile
FEBRUARY 22 TO MARCH 8, 2018 (15 DAYS)
Welcome back. Return to stable and hospitable Egypt and enjoy exclusive tours with Stanford scholars to historical and cultural sites not open to the public, including two of Cairo’s major mosques, Ibn Tulun and Sultan Hassan.
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 approx. $12,395

Cuba by Sea
MARCH 26 TO APRIL 5, 2018 (10 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 port town of Cienfuegos for a walking tour with local preservationists of historic landmarks and visits with students and teachers of the arts.
Hasta la victoria, siempre! Uncover the robust history of Cuba while discussing topics ranging from pirates and revolutions to current U.S.-Cuban relations and while exploring Havana’s Old Town.
Religiosity. Delve into the belief systems of Santería and other Afro-Cuban religions with practitioners in Trinidad, a World Heritage site.
Think green. Walking the 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 approx. $12,395
**Wild and Ancient Britain**

**MAY 9 TO 24, 2018 (16 DAYS)**

**Dramatic lands, rich histories.** Cruise the narrow channels of the frigid Celtic, Irish and North seas aboard the 110-passenger *Ocean Adventurer*, exploring sites that have been home to people for millennia, from Stone Age dwellers and Celtic tribes to Saxon invaders and Norman conquerors.

**Larger than life.** Visit Giant’s Causeway with its 40,000 interlocking black basalt columns that, legend says, was laid by the Irish giant, Fionn mac Cumhaill (aka Finn MacCool).

**Solitary sanctuaries.** Skellig Michael. Iona. Fair Isle. St. Kilda island group. Explore these remote, mere wisps of islands where pilgrims of long ago sought out security, serenity and the sacred.

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

**Cost:** from approx. $10,980

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**Peru Family Seminar**

**JUNE 21 TO JULY 1, 2018 (11 DAYS)**

**Amazon prime.** Explore the legendary rain forest and rivers of the Amazon amid the comforts of the custom-designed *Amazon Discovery* that boasts five-star suites and cuisine, and stay in top-rated hotels in Cusco and at the foot of Machu Picchu.

**Land of the lost.** Wander through one of the Americas’ most important archaeological sites—Machu Picchu, a mystical, awe-inspiring, 15th-century citadel nearly 8,000 feet above sea level.

**Peruse history.** Visit Lima’s Larco Museum that features more than 5,000 years of pre-Columbian Peruvian history, and travel to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, the spiritual core of the Incan Empire.

**Kids flown the coop?** Vacation together on this trip designed specifically for families with post-high school children in their late teens or older.

**Cost:** from approx. $7,495

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**Greenland to Iceland**

**JUNE 24 TO JULY 8, 2018 (15 DAYS)**

**Fara i viking!** “To go on an expedition!”…visit millennia-old Norse sites and thriving local villages such as Narsaq in Greenland, and be awed by the craggy, glaciated walls of Prins Christian Sund as viewed from our ship, *Hebridean Sky*, and *Zodiacs.*

**The untamed North.** Travel above the Arctic Circle where icebergs and tundra host magnificent arctic wildlife. Polar bears, humpback whales, musk oxen, seals, walruses and reindeer are among the many species we may spot in the sea and on land.

**Birds of a feather.** Spot puffins, arctic terns, eider ducks and rare ivory gulls on the off-shore islands and amid the rocky pinnacles of Iceland that are a seasonal home to thousands of nesting seabirds.

**The fabled Golden Circle.** From Iceland’s capital city, Reykjavík, travel to Thingvellir National Park, the Gullfoss waterfall and the Geysir Center.

**Cost:** from approx. $12,980
Galápagos Expedition

**JULY 1 TO 10, 2018 (10 DAYS)**

**Nature at your fingertips.** Marvel at the biodiversity of the 3,200-acre Mashpi Reserve, and, as we sail amid the Galápagos Islands, 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.** Learn from expert naturalists about marine ecosystems, such as the nutrient-rich Humboldt Current that attracts a mind-blowing array of aquatic diversity.

**High above land, beneath the sea!** At Mashpi Reserve, hike, climb or ride a sky bike in the heart of the rain forest; in the Galápagos, snorkel or kayak surrounded by incredible marine life.

**Relax and unwind.** 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*, in the Galápagos.

**Cost:** In development

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Canadian Heli-Hiking

**JULY 17 TO 25, 2018 (9 DAYS)**

**It’s a bird, it’s a plane, it’s a HELICOPTER!** Fly by helicopter to breathtaking locales in British Columbia’s Purcell Mountains, exploring vast areas of high-country terrain that, at one time, only the most hardy of adventurers could access.

**Lodge to lodge.** Kick back and relax in idyllic mountain hideaways, indulging in gourmet meals. Stay three nights each at the cozy, yet luxurious, Bobbie Burns Lodge and Bugaboo Lodge.

**Cliff-hanging highway!** Scale Mt. Nimbus by way of the world’s longest via ferrata (or “iron road”) that includes a suspension bridge hung between two spires 2,000 feet above a valley floor.

**All levels welcome.** Our hikes and excursions, led by expert wilderness guides, offer a variety of ability and endurance levels—take your pick!

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

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Great Northwest Passage

**AUGUST 21 TO SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 (18 DAYS)**

**Birthplace of bergs.** Marvel at Ilulissat Icefjord, where 90% of the north Atlantic’s icebergs originate.

**Brr!** Visit the peaceful hamlet of Aujuittuq (“place that never thaws”), located 715 miles above the Arctic Circle, and meet some of the 165 people that inhabit the land.

**Ghosts of passages past.** Land on Beechey Island and visit three graves that mark Sir Joseph Franklin’s ill-fated attempted crossing of the Northwest Passage in the 1840s with his crew of 128 men—all of whom perished, including Franklin.

**Profuse arctic wildlife? Bank on it.** Marvel at Bank Island’s diverse population of snow geese, caribou, polar bears and thousands of musk ox.

**A happening place!** See the wetlands of Bathurst Island where caribou calve and polar bears migrate.

**Cost:** In development
Columbia and Snake Rivers
SEPTEMBER 9 TO 16, 2018 (8 DAYS)

Gorge-ous scenery. Cruise the entire length of the magnificent Columbia River Gorge aboard the 62-passenger Sea Lion, gaining a fresh perspective on the Booneville Lock and Dam, Beacon Rock and Multnomah Falls—Oregon’s tallest.

The corps of discovery. Trace the path of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery to Fort Clatsop near Astoria where the explorers hunkered down, and where the Columbia empties into the Pacific.

Savor the flavor. Taste award-winning wines at a local vineyard on the Gorge, sample fresh fruit from a family farm in Hood River and sip hand-crafted Oregon beer. It’s harvest time!

Let loose on the Palouse. By kayak or landing craft, traverse the calm waters of the Palouse River surrounded by basalt cliffs, then visit Palouse Falls that plunges 198 feet into the pool below.

COST: from approx. $6,995

Galápagos Field Seminar
SEPTEMBER 9 TO 22, 2018 (14 DAYS)

One of a kind. In Travel/Study’s 50th anniversary year, enjoy this exclusive itinerary that allows us to explore 10 islands in the Galápagos archipelago.

Back to the classroom. Pre-departure, attend a three-day workshop on the Stanford campus with Professor Bill Durham, ’71, and the Stanford sophomores participating in the program.

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.

On September 15, 1835…the HMS Beagle arrived in the Galápagos. Unlike Darwin’s visit, we’ll cruise in comfort aboard our expedition ship, La Pinta, ideal for sailing amid the Galápagos Islands.

COST: in development

Seychelles and Madagascar
OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 6, 2018 (18 DAYS)

Stroll an atoll. Spend two full days exploring the magnificent Aldabra Atoll, a World Heritage site that has remained largely untouched by humans and is home to thousands of giant Aldabra tortoises.

Say…shells! Cruising the Seychelles archipelago’s crystalline waters aboard the Silver Discoverer, roam its sugar-white sand beaches and snorkel and dive amid rainbow-hued fish, manta rays, spinner dolphins, and green and hawksbill turtles.

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- 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
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- 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
- The Pantanal 7/14–7/24
- Arctic Expedition 7/16–7/26
- Dubrovnik to Rome 7/20–7/31
- Southern Africa aboard Rovos Rail 7/20–8/3
- The Baltic under Sail 7/28–8/9
- Alaska Family Adventure 7/29–8/6

AUGUST 2017
- Costa Rica Family Seminar 8/1–8/20
- Southwest England Walk* 8/25–9/6
- Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia 8/29–9/12

SEPTEMBER 2017
- Iceland: Fire and Ice 9/1–9/8
- The Amazon and Machu Picchu* 9/4–9/17
- Kashmir and Punjab 9/6–9/22
- Germany and the Reformation 9/7–9/17
- Tanzania Field Seminar 9/7–9/23
- Alsace Hike 9/8–9/16
- The Canadian Maritimes 9/18–9/30

OCTOBER 2017
- Himalayan Kingdoms 10/1–10/16
- Everest Base Camp Trek 10/1–10/21
- Iran for Women 10/3–10/16
- European Rivers 10/12–10/26
- Food and Wine of Spain 10/13–10/23
- Papua New Guinea Expedition 10/13–10/27
- Sailing the Western Mediterranean 10/17–10/26
- Along the Mekong 10/17–11/1
- Provence Seminar 10/23–10/30

NOVEMBER 2017
- Unseen Japan* 11/4–11/17
- Tahiti to Easter Island 11/5–11/24

WINTER 2017/2018
- Tanzania Family Adventure 12/19–12/30
- Cuba Family Seminar 12/26–1/2
- Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia TBD
- New Zealand 1/6–1/19
- The Nile 2/22–3/8

SPRING 2018
- Cuba by Sea 3/26–4/5
- Wild and Ancient Britain 5/9–5/24

SUMMER 2018
- Peru Family Seminar 6/21–7/1
- Greenland to Iceland 7/1–7/10
- Galápagos Expedition 7/17–7/25
- Great Northwest Passage 8/21–9/7

FALL 2018
- Columbia and Snake Rivers 9/9–9/16
- Galápagos Field Seminar 9/9–9/22
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