

# 2015 Stanford Family Adventures

STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY



# The buzz about *Stanford Family Adventures*



“Such an amazing experience! This was my first time to Europe and Stanford Family Adventures made everything so easy and such a blast!”

***Alyssa Mickelson, age 15,***  
**Tuscany Family Adventure, 2014**



“This was one of the best of the 20-plus Travel/Study trips I’ve been on. A joyful and memorable experience for both my granddaughter and myself.”

***Wendy Yager '59,***  
**Tanzania Family Adventure, 2013**



“What a treat! Stanford put together a fun family-friendly itinerary with wonderful guides. We feel so lucky to have had this adventure together.”

***Gretchen Wyatt '92,***  
**Mediterranean Family Adventure, 2014**



“Nature at its best, humans of all ages, creature comforts at their most comfortable and intellectual stimulation worthy of Stanford—who could ask for more?”

***Ann Hamilton,***  
**Galápagos Family Adventure, 2013**

Ready to **laugh, learn**  
and simply **love life**  
with your entire **family?**

Grab the kids (or the grandkids) and head out on an incredible adventure with Stanford! Our exciting lineup for 2015 includes destinations as diverse as Tanzania, the Galápagos Islands, the Aegean Sea, Montana and—new this year—New Year's Eve in St. Petersburg.

What sets Stanford Family Adventures apart? Our nimble and nutty Young Explorer leaders and witty and wise faculty leaders are fresh from the Farm, offering a uniquely “Stanford” experience for travelers from age 6 to 96. Read on and then take your pick of our 2015 Family Adventures.

You can also find more details about our Family Adventures online at [alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures](http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures). Or better yet, call us at (650) 725-1093—we'd be happy to talk with you about our programs.

Or if you can't join us on a 2015 Adventure, check out our Private Editions programs on page 18, which allow you to travel in groups of 10 or more anywhere, anytime.

Best wishes for a year filled  
with adventure,



Brett S. Thompson, '83  
Director, Stanford Travel/Study



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# Young Explorer Program!

## WHY DO KIDS LOVE STANFORD FAMILY ADVENTURES?

**K**IDS GIVE OUR FAMILY ADVENTURES an enthusiastic thumbs-up because each trip features our outrageously cool Young Explorer program! You'll be grouped with travelers your own age for awesome activities that are both educational and fun.

You'll get to channel some of your boundless energy playing games and doing craft activities in your Young Explorer group. You'll also challenge your mind during thought-provoking discussions and mind-bending games that promise to fuel your creativity and spark your inner genius.

And you can look forward to incredible kids-only adventures, tours and meals. By trip's end, you're sure to have several new FFLs (friends for life)!

Our Young Explorer leaders are pros at understanding and adapting to the personalities and interests of each Young Explorer, which means that *everyone* has a great time.

Plus our faculty leaders and local guides love kids! There are plenty of opportunities for kids to test the know-how of our expert guides during tours. Kids can also look forward to hanging with our faculty leaders during a special lecture prepared just for them.



*This is why kids love Stanford Family Adventures.*



"The Young Explorer leaders were all amazing! The Young Explorers program was my favorite part of the trip...it made learning fun in a way that was truly memorable. Best trip ever."

**Kathryn Hetzendorfer, age 12,  
China Family Adventure, 2012**

# Young Explorer Leader

**NOUN:** \yuhng ek-splôr'-ər lēd'-ər\  
A young explorer leader is a person who leads a group of young explorers on adventures.

- ▶ A recent Stanford grad and Stanford Sierra Camp counselor
- ▶ A razor-sharp, slightly silly, enthusiastic person who digs hanging out with families
- ▶ A kid aficionado—one who effortlessly creates an atmosphere of friendship and fun during hands-on educational activities and games (and for teens, plenty of hang-out time)
- ▶ A know-it-all for creative, age-appropriate, laughter-guaranteed programs

“A wonderful group of smart, engaged, interesting people in a gorgeous place with delicious food. My teenagers were in *heaven*.”

**Wendy Buffett,**  
Mediterranean  
Family Adventure, 2011

*How many kids to a leader?*



## Fun for the whole family!

After swapping stories of the day's tours, families are invited to get their “Bingo!” on during game night and face off against other clans in the Stanford Family Olympics. Make sure to bring your togas and get your blue-footed boobie impressions ready—you'll have ample opportunity to put them to use!

# Stanford Faculty Leaders

Learn from the experts! In addition to guided tours and site visits in the company of our expert local guides, enjoy the opportunity to interact with and hear lectures by Stanford faculty and scholars who are absolute masters at bringing our destinations to life.



"It is a particular privilege and joy to share my love of nature in a place of such remarkable beauty and historical significance."



"While lecturing on family trips, I have discovered that I often learn more from exchanges with the kids than I do from those with adults...kids continually ask, 'Why?'"



## Bob Siegel / Galápagos

Dr. Robert "Bob" Siegel, '76, MA '77, MD '90, is an avid traveler, photographer, Stanford Dish walker and self-proclaimed "dromomaniac." He is also a professor in the Stanford School of Medicine's department of microbiology and immunology, holds multiple appointments throughout the university and is the recipient of numerous teaching awards. Dr. Bob's courses cover a wide range of topics from virology to photography and from global health to Darwin. He has led multiple Stanford Travel/Study trips and credits his first Stanford Travel/Study trip to the Galápagos with teaching him to "see the world with new eyes." A true Stanford enthusiast, Dr. Bob was a founding member of Stanford's Ultimate Frisbee team and was the second Stanford Tree.

## Scott Pearson / Tanzania

Scott Pearson grew up in a small town in Wisconsin, where he dreamed of becoming a history professor. After a life-changing stint teaching with the Peace Corps in Nigeria, he dedicated his career to alleviating poverty in emerging economies by researching, teaching and advising about agricultural development. Since retiring as a Stanford professor 12 years ago, Scott has revived his childhood dream by teaching history to world travelers. Of the more than 40 trips he's led with Stanford over the years, he ranks his Family Adventures at the top.

“Science is exploration. I love unearthing parcels of new understanding and adding them to our bank of comprehension. Geologists are doubly fortunate in that their data collection often involves expeditions to the wilderness.”



## David Dinter / Montana

David Dinter, '82, MS '82, is a professor of geology at the University of Utah. He discovered the magnificent mountain scenery of the American West and became intrigued by its stratigraphic and structural history as an undergraduate at Stanford during a 10-week summer field geology course. His interest endured and, through years of research, went in the direction of the tectonic evolution and natural hazards of the western U.S. mountain ranges. He has taught summer field geology to undergraduates in this region for the last 15 years and eagerly anticipates the opportunity to explore and discuss with Stanford travelers the geologic stories behind the spectacular scenery of the Gallatin Mountains, Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness and nearby Yellowstone National Park.

“I think one of the best aspects of these trips is the opportunity to share information and experiences with other parents.”



## Ed Steidle / Aegean

Raised in Europe, Ed Steidle came to the States to pursue a degree in the ancient and medieval literatures of Europe and the Middle East. He joined the Stanford faculty in 1984. Ed believes that “travel is both the best and the most delightful way of learning about the world” and that the study of history is a close second. “The past,” he says, “prepares us for the future and, as has often been pointed out, those who fail to know the past are doomed to repeat its errors.” Sailing the Aegean Sea, the cradle of so many vibrant cultures and so rich in legendary sites, is a wonderful way of combining both approaches. Ed looks forward to getting everyone as fascinated by the Aegean’s fabulous past as he is.

“As a lecturer on these trips, I have the privilege of working with the kids as well as with their parents and relatives. Multi-generational learning is stimulating and magical.”



## Norman Naimark / St. Petersburg

Professor Norman Naimark, '66, MA '68, PhD '72, is the director of the Stanford Global Studies Division, as well as the Robert and Florence McDonnell Professor of Eastern European History and a senior fellow of both the Hoover Institution and the Freeman-Spogli Institute. A former director of Stanford’s Bing Overseas Studies Program and former chair of the history department, Professor Naimark is widely recognized by students and colleagues alike for his warmth, wit and dedication to the Stanford community. He is a veteran faculty leader of more than 20 past Travel/Study programs.

# Galápagos

## Take a Walk on the Wild Side

JUNE 22 TO 30, 2015

Experience the ultimate outdoor classroom cruising among the enchanted islands of the Galápagos aboard the intimate *Santa Cruz*. Visit six of the Galápagos volcanic islands, snorkeling with sea lions and mingling among some of the world's most unusual creatures as they amble about their native habitat.

**WAITLIST ONLY!**



**MONDAY, JUNE 22**

### **U.S. / Quito, Ecuador**

Depart the U.S. on flights bound for Ecuador. Upon our late-evening arrival in Quito, transfer to our hotel. *HILTON COLON*

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23**

### **Quito**

Walk the streets of colonial Quito, stopping at Independence Plaza, the Presidential Palace and the Monastery of San Francisco, one of the most impressive religious buildings in the New World. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner at our hotel. *HILTON COLON (B,L,D)*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

### **Quito / Baltra Island / Embark / North Seymour Island**

Transfer to the airport to board our flight to Baltra Island in the Galápagos. Upon embarking our ship, stop at North Seymour Island, a wonderful introduction to the islands and their wildlife and full of bird colonies (including blue-footed boobies, two species of frigate birds and swallow-tailed gulls), as well as sea lions and marine iguanas. *SANTA CRUZ (B,L,D)*

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25**

### **Isabela Island / Fernandina Island**

As we explore the coastline of Isabela Island by panga, our naturalist guide explains its dramatic geology. Rich in marine life this area is seasonally visited by green sea turtles and oceanic sun fish (mola mola). Weather permitting, snorkel along the cliffs. This afternoon explore the youngest island of the archipelago, Fernandina, which has no introduced mammals and thus boasts a very high density of marine iguanas, who share their space with sea lions, Sally light-

foot crabs, hawks, penguins and flightless cormorants. *SANTA CRUZ (B,L,D)*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26**

### **Isabela Island**

This morning land at Tagus Cove on the northwest side of Isabela Island—a cove that has provided a favorite anchorage for pirates and whalers over the centuries. Hike uphill to the rim of Darwin Crater, which is filled with salt water and offers dramatic views. After our walk, take a panga ride to spot local wildlife and perhaps find time to swim or snorkel. This afternoon

disembark at Urbina Bay and snorkel just off the beach to admire corals, shells and many other calcareous organisms that lie exposed above water. *SANTA CRUZ (B,L,D)*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**

### **Santa Cruz Island**

Disembark on Santa Cruz Island to visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and its giant tortoise pens, located in an impressive giant prickly-pear cactus forest that's home to many land birds. The research station is the headquarters of scientific investigation,



# GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS



## What's Included

5-night cruise aboard the *Santa Cruz*, 2 nights of hotel accommodations; 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 21)

## Group Size/Age

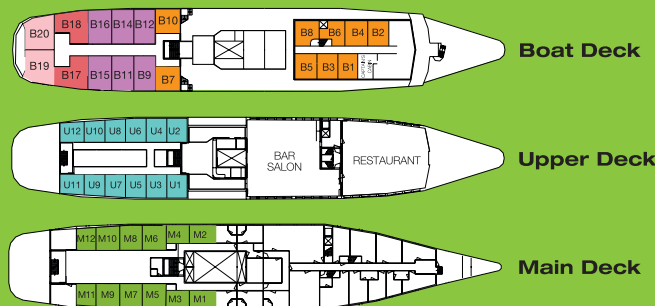
80 participants / minimum age: 6

## Program Cost\*

	Per Adult**	Per Child
Category 1	\$5,995	\$5,195
Category 2	\$6,295	\$5,495
Category 3	\$6,595	\$5,795
Category 4	\$6,895	\$6,085
Category 5	\$7,495	\$6,695
Category 6	\$8,195	\$7,395

\* Association non-members add \$200 per person.

\*\* Rates are per person and based on double occupancy. Limited single and triple occupancy cabins are available. Contact our office for more information.



# The Ship!

Our ship, the intimate, 237-foot-long *Santa Cruz*, offers accommodations in 43 outside cabins, each appointed with windows and ranging in size from 125 to 250 square feet. The ship features air conditioning throughout, an elegant dining room, sun deck with bar, Jacuzzi, library and observation deck. Go to our website for additional ship information and cabin descriptions.

**“This was amazing! The staff was great and the wildlife was out of this world! The best ever!”**

*Josh Marchand, age 11,  
Galápagos Family Adventure, 2013*



conservation and the National Park administration in the Galápagos. From here board buses for lunch in the cooler highlands, a completely different ecosystem of the island. This afternoon opt to hike, bike, kayak or explore an organic coffee plantation. *SANTA CRUZ (B,L,D)*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 28 Floreana Island

Near Post Office Bay, explore the north shore of Floreana Island and its narrow channels teeming with life. Following lunch and a siesta, travel by pangas and glass-bottom boat to volcanic Champion Islet, regarded as one of the best

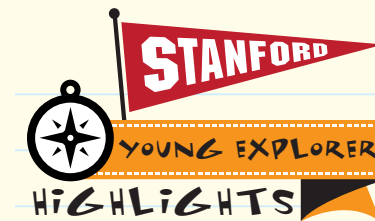
snorkeling spots in the archipelago. Continue to Cormorant Point, making a wet landing on the olivine-crystal beach for an easy walk to a brackish water lagoon where bird species such as greater flamingos, herons, sandpipers and others gather. *SANTA CRUZ (B,L,D)*

### MONDAY & TUESDAY, JUNE 29 & 30 San Cristóbal Island / Quito / U.S.

After breakfast, disembark our ship and transfer to the airport for our flight back to Quito, where we connect with overnight flights to the U.S., arriving home on Tuesday. (B)



Learn more: [alumni.stanford.edu/trip?galapagosfam2015](http://alumni.stanford.edu/trip?galapagosfam2015)



- ⊕ Watch in delight as marine iguanas spray salt from their nostrils
- ⊕ Sit face to face with a giant tortoise in the Santa Cruz Highlands
- ⊕ Learn the dances of the blue-footed boobies and waved albatrosses

# Tanzania

## Jambo Means Hello!

JULY 3 TO 15, 2015

Rekindle your spirit of exploration as a family with an exciting, thrill-of-a-lifetime safari in Tanzania. Begin in Arusha and continue to Tarangire National Park. Explore the Great Rift Valley, the Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti to observe thousands of fascinating creatures up close in their natural habitat.



**FRIDAY & SATURDAY,  
JULY 3 & 4**

### **U.S. / Arusha, Tanzania**

Depart the U.S. for Tanzania on overnight flights. Arrive in Arusha on Saturday and transfer to our lodge, located amid lush coffee plantations. LAKE DULUTI SERENA HOTEL

**SUNDAY, JULY 5**

### **Arusha National Park**

After a safari briefing, head to Arusha National Park for our first taste of wildlife viewing. The park's unique inhabitants and natural wonders include the exquisite colobus monkey as well

as the Momella Lakes, where great numbers of flamingo can be seen. Return to our lodge for our welcome dinner. LAKE DULUTI SERENA HOTEL (B,L,D)

**MONDAY & TUESDAY, JULY 6 & 7  
Tarangire National Park**

On Monday morning head to Tarangire National Park, a geologic landscape as diverse as the wildlife, with nine distinct vegetation zones ranging from grassland to woodland to scattered rocky hilltops. The Tarangire River attracts an abundance of wildlife, from elephant, lion, cheetah and

buffalo to a variety of colorful birds. On Tuesday, enjoy a full day of wildlife viewing in Tarangire National Park. TARANGIRE SAFARI LODGE (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8  
Great Rift Valley**

Depart Tarangire and head up the escarpment of the Great Rift Valley, where we take in the stunning views of Lake Manyara and the plains beyond. We arrive at our lodge around lunch time and have the afternoon at leisure to relax or go for a dip in the lodge's pool. LAKE MANYARA SERENA LODGE (B,L,D)

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**

### **Ngorongoro Conservation Area**

Drive across the Great Rift Valley escarpment and through the Ngorongoro Highlands. Visit a local school and meet with teachers and students to see firsthand what education is like in Tanzania—and perhaps play a quick game of soccer. Visit the home of Daniel Tewa, a local historian, storyteller and respected member of the Iraqw people, and his wife, a skilled artisan. NGORONGORO SERENA LODGE (B,L,D)

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**

### **Ngorongoro Crater**

Early this morning descend down onto the floor of the magnificent 102-square-mile wildlife haven of Ngorongoro Crater to observe an unforgettable spectacle: a teeming world of elephants, rhinoceroses, lions, hyenas, zebras and wildebeests living in harmony in this self-contained environment. Later, opt for a visit to a Maasai *boma*, a village of cow dung huts located not far from the crater rim. NGORONGORO SERENA LODGE (B,L,D)



**“Thirty minutes into Tarangire our daughter turns to me and says, ‘This is the best day of my life!’.”**

**Tom Rotkis, '69  
Tanzania Family Adventure, 2013**

**What's Included**

10 nights of lodge and camp accommodations; 1 day room on July 14; 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 9 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 21)

**Group Size/Age**

55 participants  
Minimum age: 6

**Program Cost\***

\$8,995 per adult, double or triple occupancy  
\$8,595 per child, double occupancy  
\$8,495 per child, triple occupancy  
\$9,995 per person, single occupancy

\* Association nonmembers add \$200 per person.



**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

**Serengeti National Park**

Stop at Olduvai Gorge, where major paleontological discoveries have helped to answer important questions about human evolution. Visit the Gorge Museum before continuing on to the great Serengeti, where we see wildebeests, zebras, gazelles, giraffes and many other species moving across the vast open spaces. SERENGETI NYUMBA CAMP (B,L,D)

**SUNDAY & MONDAY, JULY 12 & 13**

**Serengeti National Park**

Enjoy two full days of wildlife viewing in Serengeti National Park. At the end of each day enjoy the spectacular colors of an equatorial African sunset from the cozy comfort of our camp. On Monday evening, celebrate our last night in the Serengeti relaxing around the campfire and gazing up at the millions of stars overhead. SERENGETI NYUMBA CAMP (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

**TUESDAY, JULY 14**

**Serengeti National Park / Arusha / Depart for U.S.**

After a final morning of wildlife viewing in the Serengeti, fly back to Arusha for a festive farewell lunch. This afternoon shop or take a swim; a day room is available for showering or resting before we transfer to the airport for flights home. MOUNT MERU HOTEL—DAY ROOM (B,L)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15**

**Arrive U.S.**

Arrive back in the U.S. and connect to flights home.

**PEN PAL PROGRAM**

*What's it like to live in Tanzania? We can't think of a better way to teach kids about the world than to provide them with the opportunity to see foreign, faraway places through another's eyes. On this program kids can exchange letters with a Tanzanian pen pal in the months leading up to the trip and then meet their new friend when our group visits the pen pals' school during our Tanzania adventure.*



- ⊕ Spend three nights “in the wild” at our tented safari camp inside Serengeti National Park
- ⊕ Keep your eyes peeled for the “Big Five”: the lion, elephant, black rhinoceros, Cape buffalo and leopard
- ⊕ Swap stories with your Tanzanian pen pal on our visit to a local school

Learn more: [alumni.stanford.edu/trip?tanzania2015](http://alumni.stanford.edu/trip?tanzania2015)

# Montana

## Big Sky Country

JULY 5 TO 12, 2015



Located just south of Bozeman, Montana, on the Taylor fork of the Gallatin River near Yellowstone National Park, our home for this adventure is a real dude ranch that's been in operation since the 1800s. Enjoy a casual, relaxed atmosphere while soaking up the sprawling, unspoiled beauty of Big Sky country.



**SUNDAY, JULY 5**

### Home / Bozeman, Montana / Nine Quarter Circle Ranch

Depart from home on flights bound for Bozeman, Montana. Upon arrival, transfer to the Nine Quarter Circle Ranch, tucked away in a beautiful valley near the northwest corner of Yellowstone National Park and up 7,000 feet on the eastern slope of the Continental Divide. After settling in to one of the ranch's cozy log cabins, enjoy a welcome dinner tonight where we meet the Kelsey family, who have owned and

operated the ranch for the past 60 years. NINE QUARTER CIRCLE RANCH (D)

**MONDAY, JULY 6**

### Nine Quarter Circle Ranch

After a hearty breakfast, head to the barn for horse assignments and riding instruction from our wranglers. This afternoon dive into ranch activities such as horseback riding, hiking, swimming or fishing with the ranch's fly fishing guide. Perhaps a ranch hand will relate how the noble Chief Joseph, leader of the Nez Perce Nation, passed through these ranch lands during

the Nez Perce War in 1877 while attempting to reach Canada with a band of his people. NINE QUARTER CIRCLE RANCH (B,L,D)

**TUESDAY, JULY 7**

### Nine Quarter Circle Ranch

Today choose either a half-day or all-day guided horseback ride on a ranch-bred Appaloosa. Those who opt to stay close to the ranch can hike among the wildflowers or head to the trout-stocked pond for some fishing or to the swimming hole for a cooling dip. Share stories about the day's activities tonight over dinner and then gather in the lodge's trophy

room for board or card games, lounging in front of the big stone fireplace or participating in rousing activities for the whole family led by our Young Explorer Leaders. NINE QUARTER CIRCLE RANCH (B,L,D)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**

### Nine Quarter Circle Ranch

Today either spend the day rafting the Gallatin River, take a guided tour of Yellowstone National Park or hang back and enjoy life on the ranch with a day full of horseback riding, hiking or just relaxing with a book in a big outdoor chair. NINE QUARTER CIRCLE RANCH (B,L,D)

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**

### Nine Quarter Circle Ranch

Today the adults take an all-day guided horseback ride through Montana's high country while our Young Explorers travel up the Taylor Fork Valley to a game-filled picnic led by our intrepid Young Explorer Leaders and the ranch staff. Later today, play a game of volleyball or give hoeshoes a whirl. Tonight we take a hayride and do some star-gazing. NINE QUARTER CIRCLE RANCH (B,L,D)

UNITED STATES

MONTANA

•Bozeman

Nine Quarter  
Circle RanchYELLOWSTONE  
NATIONAL  
PARK

IDAHO

WYOMING

## “A wonderful three-generation travel experience!”

*Kim Michaud, '89*

Washington, D.C., Family Adventure, 2013

### What's Included

7 nights of accommodations; 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 21)

### Group Size/Age

60 participants  
Minimum age: 6

### Program Cost\*

\$3,995 per adult, double occupancy  
\$3,795 per child, double occupancy  
\$4,435 per person, single occupancy

\* Association nonmembers add \$200 per person.



TRUE WESTERN-STYLE COMFORT IN OUR OWN LOG CABIN... This family-oriented dude ranch offers genuine Out-West accommodations: log cabins featuring wood-hewn furniture and comfy quilts made right on the ranch. Cabins have from one to four bedrooms and each has its own private bathroom. Most cabins are heated by a wood-burning stove. Bring your laptop (if you must!) as there is wireless internet access in the main lodge, but you can put texting on a back burner—no cell phone service in these parts!

FRIDAY, JULY 10

### Nine Quarter Circle Ranch

Spend the morning horseback riding, swimming, hiking or casting about with the ranch's fly fishing guide. This afternoon, saddle up and ride with the whole family to an outdoor dinner on the ranch property. The ranch's hearty home-cooked spread and outdoor barbecue really hit the spot after a rollicking afternoon in the saddle.

NINE QUARTER CIRCLE RANCH (B,L,D)

a chance to shine in the Gymkhana (games on horseback) Family Rodeo—a fun activity for the whole family. After our farewell dinner, we'll kick up our heels at a square dance in the hayloft. NINE QUARTER CIRCLE RANCH (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 12

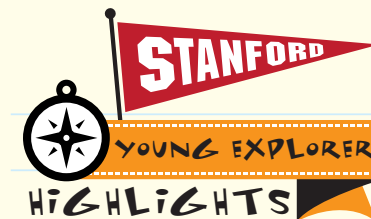
### Nine Quarter Circle Ranch

Bid farewell to the Kelsey family, our horses and wranglers. Depart for the Bozeman airport after breakfast for return flights home. (B)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

### Nine Quarter Circle Ranch

Today, our newly acquired horseback riding skills give us



- ⊕ Saddle up your horse and hit the trails on optional rides offered twice a day
- ⊕ Go fishing in the ranch's well-stocked trout pond or fly fish on the Gallatin River
- ⊕ Ride the rapids on an optional river-rafting excursion

Learn more: [alumni.stanford.edu/trip?montana2015](http://alumni.stanford.edu/trip?montana2015)

# Aegean

## Land of Gods and Heroes

JULY 15 TO 25, 2015

Uncover the past and present of this fabled region on our memorable voyage from Istanbul to Athens aboard the m/v *Tere Moana*. Visit the spectacular island of Santorini, the medieval walled city of Rhodes, the iconic island of Mykonos and other glorious sites of the classical world.



**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY,  
JULY 15 & 16**

### **U.S. / Istanbul, Turkey**

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Istanbul. Upon arrival, gather with fellow family adventurers for a welcome reception at our hotel. HILTON ISTANBUL HOTEL (7/16)

**FRIDAY, JULY 17**

### **Istanbul**

This morning take a cruise on the Bosphorus, the majestic strait that passes by some of the most scenic parts of Istanbul and links the continents of Europe and Asia. The strait is lined with

palaces, fortresses and old wooden summer homes that were built for the city's wealthiest residents during the Ottoman era. After lunch, visit Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque. HILTON ISTANBUL HOTEL (B,L)

**SATURDAY, JULY 18**

### **Istanbul / Embark**

Explore the resplendent Topkapı Palace, which was the primary residence of the Ottoman sultans for nearly 400 years. After lunch on our own, transfer to the *Tere Moana*. We'll have time to get settled in our staterooms before our ship sails. *TERE MOANA* (B,L,D)

**SUNDAY, JULY 19**

### **Canakkale / Ancient Troy**

Canakkale is the gateway for our visit to ancient Troy, site of the great battle recounted by Homer in the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*. The ancient city resounds with mythic names and events, including Ulysses, Achilles, Agamemnon, Paris, Hector, Helen and, of course, the infamous Trojan Horse. *TERE MOANA* (B,L,D)

**MONDAY, JULY 20**

### **Kusadasi / Ephesus**

Tour dazzling Kusadasi, which dates to prehistoric times, and continue to Ephesus, once home

to the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Proclaimed the capital of the Asian Province by Emperor Augustus in 27 B.C.E., Ephesus became one of the key settlements in the expansive Roman Empire. *TERE MOANA* (B,L,D)

**TUESDAY, JULY 21**

### **Rhodes**

Today explore the 3,000-year history of Rhodes. In antiquity, it was believed to be under the protection of Helios, the sun god, whose colossal statue at the mouth of the harbor was another of the Seven Wonders of the

Ancient World. On the Acropolis at Lindos, see the Great Stoa, the 4th-century Temple of Athena Lindia, the ancient theater and the ruins of the Temple of Dionysus. *TERE MOANA* (B,L,D)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22**

### **Santorini**

Sailing into the caldera of Santorini—which we do this morning—is an unforgettable experience. Adults visit Akrotiri, the “Pompeii of Greece,” with its well-preserved houses, squares and staircases that were covered under a thick blanket of pumice during the massive eruption of Santorini’s volcano



### What's Included

2 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations; 7 nights aboard the *Tere Moana*; 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 21)

### Group Size/Age

80 participants / Minimum age: 6

### Program Cost\*

	ADULT**	CHILD**
Category C	\$7,995	\$7,495
Category B	\$8,995	\$8,495
Category A	\$10,395	\$9,895

\*Association nonmembers add \$200 per person.

\*\*Rates are per person and based on double occupancy. Limited single and triple occupancy cabins are available. Contact our office for more information.



## Our Ship!

*Tere Moana* offers accommodations in 45 suites, each with sea views and elegantly furnished. Spacious public areas include a restaurant, elegant lounge, library, gym, outdoor grill and sun deck with Jacuzzi. Go to our website for additional ship information and cabin descriptions.

**“What a treat!  
We feel so lucky  
to have had  
this adventure  
together.”**

*Gretchen Wyatt, '92*  
**Mediterranean Family Adventure,  
2014**

in 1630 B.C.E. Kids explore a nearby volcanic island on their own private boat ride, then saddle up on donkeys to climb the steep cliffs to Santorini's main town. After lunch, explore independently or take an excursion to Oia, the most famous village on the island and one of the most photographed locations in all of Greece. *TERE MOANA* (B,L,D)

#### THURSDAY, JULY 23 Delos / Mykonos

Enjoy a walking tour on the island of Delos, the legendary birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Discover the entrance to the Sacred Way, an ancient boulevard flanked by the

ruins of statues and monuments; the Agora of the Competialists, a marketplace that dates to the Roman era; and the island's most famous monument, the Terrace of Lions. On the captivating island of Mykonos, enjoy free time in its main town, Chora, strolling its narrow cobbled streets and visiting the picturesque Alefkandra neighborhood with its charming whitewashed seaside houses dating from the mid-18th century. *TERE MOANA* (B,L,D)

#### FRIDAY, JULY 24 Athens

Upon arrival in Piraeus, travel to Athens to explore a vast array of

ancient and modern sites, including the Parthenon and the New Acropolis Museum. After lunch on our own, enjoy some free time to take in the sights of Athens. Return to our ship for a festive farewell dinner. *TERE MOANA* (B,D)

#### SATURDAY, JULY 25 Athens / Disembark / U.S.

Transfer to the Athens International Airport for return flights to the U.S. (B)



- ⊕ Dress up in a toga for family game night
- ⊕ Stroll through the winding streets and amid the soaring mosques of Istanbul, crossroads of the East and the West for millennia
- ⊕ Ride a donkey on the island of Santorini

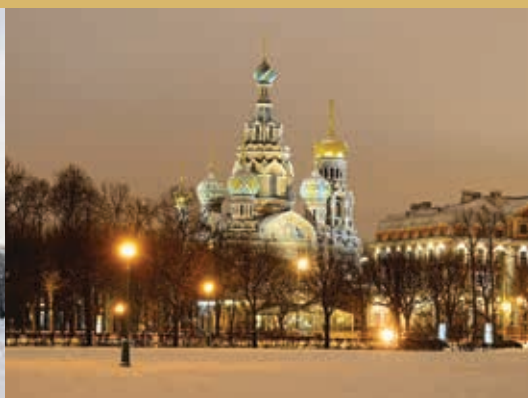
# St. Petersburg

## New Year's Eve in a Winter Wonderland

DECEMBER 26, 2015, TO JANUARY 3, 2016



Situated at the mouth of the Neva River, St. Petersburg, Russia, is strikingly beautiful in the wintertime, with snow and ice blanketing the city's historic buildings, streets and canals. This sparkling backdrop sets the stage for our adventure, where winter activities, historical excursions and cultural events take a starring role.



**SATURDAY & SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 26 & 27  
U.S. / St. Petersburg,  
Russia**

Depart the U.S. on flights bound for St. Petersburg. Arrive on Sunday and transfer to our hotel, located in the historic center of St. Petersburg and just minutes from the city's main attractions. Spend the afternoon at leisure before meeting fellow travelers at our welcome dinner.

ANGLETERRE HOTEL (D)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28  
St. Petersburg**

After breakfast at our hotel, begin our exploration of St. Petersburg. December in St. Petersburg is glorious—New Year's trees glisten all over town, the ballet and opera seasons are in full swing, and men and women crowd the theaters and restaurants, gathering by the fireside and making the most of the waning of the old year and the promise of the new. Today visit the Fortress of Peter and Paul, one of the first structures built in St. Petersburg, and the St. Petersburg Doll Museum to glimpse into the

culture of Russian childhood. This afternoon take part in a doll-making class and visit St. Isaac's Cathedral where we can climb 262 steps for a view of the city.

ANGLETERRE HOTELL (B,L,D)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29  
St. Petersburg**

On Nevsky Prospekt, often called the backbone of St. Petersburg, stroll by the Gostiny Dvor department store, the Eliseyev food emporium and the Kazansky Cathedral. Tour the world-class Hermitage Museum, which houses one of the largest museum collections in the world.

Enjoy lunch independently, then return to the Hermitage to view its Gold Room, which contains works from the 7th to the 1st centuries B.C.E. Enjoy a performance of *The Nutcracker* this evening at the Mariinsky Theater. ANGLETERRE HOTEL (B,D)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30  
St. Petersburg**

After breakfast, visit the Zoological Museum where more than 500,000 species are displayed, including dinosaur and mammoth skeletons, such as the nearly intact Berezovka mammoth, recovered in Siberia

in 1901. Visit the Kunstkamera (or Chamber of Curiosities) before returning to our hotel for some free time. End the day at the St. Petersburg Circus, one of the oldest circuses in the world.

ANGLETERRE HOTEL (B,L,D)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31  
St. Petersburg**

This morning, tour Yusupov Palace, whose ordinary exterior hides an opulent interior complete with a marble staircase, crystal chandeliers, gilded candelabras and magnificently painted ceilings. This afternoon relax or explore independently before our



## ST. PETERSBURG



“The beauty of St. Petersburg really surprised us.”

Kit, '60, and Peter, '60, Bedford  
Insider's St. Petersburg, 2013

### What's Included

7 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations; 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners; and all the Stanford extras (see page 21)

### Group Size/Age

40 participants  
Minimum age: 6

### Program Cost\*

\$7,295 per adult, double or triple occupancy  
\$6,895 per child, double or triple occupancy  
\$8,295 per person, single occupancy

\* Association nonmembers add \$200 per person.



New Year's Eve festivities. Adults opting to attend the Tsar's Ball (at additional expense) depart for the Catherine Palace this evening, while those not going to the Ball may revel at a special New Year's Eve celebration at a local restaurant that includes dinner and entertainment. ANGLETERRE HOTEL (B,L,D)

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 St. Petersburg

Drive to Shuvalovka Village after breakfast to experience life as it was in centuries past. Visit a craftsman's shop to learn how to decorate nesting dolls and clay

pots. Continue to Peterhof and tour Peter the Great's massive Grand Palace.

ANGLETERRE HOTEL (B,L,D)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 St. Petersburg / Pushkin

Spend an adventure-filled day in the town of Pushkin. Visit the Catherine Palace and learn about the history of the restored Amber Room, a highlight of the palace. Before lunch, bundle up and go dashing through the snow on a traditional horse-drawn sleigh. This afternoon tour Alexander Palace, built by Catherine the Great. Celebrate our journey

tonight at a farewell reception and dinner at a Russian *dacha* outside the city. ANGLETERRE HOTEL (B,L,D)

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 St. Petersburg / U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for independent flights back to the U.S. (B)



- ⊕ Bundle up for a sleigh ride with your family, and have fun channeling a Russian kid as you decorate your own Russian (or Matryoshka) nesting doll
- ⊕ Enjoy the St. Petersburg Circus and its acrobats, jugglers, high wire and animal acts—it's a favorite pastime of Russians
- ⊕ Attend *The Nutcracker* at the Mariinsky Theater

Learn more: [alumni.stanford.edu/trip?stpetersburgfam2015](http://alumni.stanford.edu/trip?stpetersburgfam2015)

# Private Editions

Custom Journeys from Stanford Travel/Study



## Trip planning checklist:

- ✓ Call cheerful staff at Stanford Travel/Study. *It's really happening!*
- ✓ Vote on destination with friends and family. *Rig the results—what they don't know won't hurt them.*
- ✓ Select trip dates that coincide with granddaughter's boyfriend's silent yoga retreat. *It's a shame he won't be able to join us...*
- ✓ Pick a luxury hotel. *It's important to pamper the daughter-in-law.*
- ✓ Select "outdoorsy" day for super-active kids. *Bonjour, quiet time.*
- ✓ Pepper Stanford faculty leader with questions. *I'm a student again!*
- ✓ Rest easy from takeoff to touchdown. *Travel/Study covered all of the details. I get to enjoy my family and our vacation.*



# Family Seminars

Got “kids” who aren’t exactly kids anymore? This year marks the first time we are offering a program geared specifically toward families traveling with children who have graduated from high school.

We’re pleased to announce our **Cuba Family Seminar, December 26, 2015, to January 2, 2016**. Cuba is a sophisticated destination that is perfect for families who have outgrown our regular Stanford Family Adventures but who still want to travel—and learn—together as a family. Learn more at: [alumni.stanford.edu/trip?cubafamily2015](http://alumni.stanford.edu/trip?cubafamily2015).

**Private Editions** are tailor-made, luxury educational adventures for groups of 10 or more. Enjoy everything you love about Stanford Travel/Study programs—and you get to select the dates, craft the guest list and create the itinerary! You don’t have time to trawl the Internet for restaurant ratings and hotel reviews. Let your Private Editions “travel architect” take care of the planning and the details to ensure you get the most out of your trip. The only questions you have to answer are who will join you and where will you go?

To learn more or to start planning your own Private Editions trip, contact Nick Mangini at **(650) 736-0585** or [mangini@stanford.edu](mailto:mangini@stanford.edu).



# So, Any Questions?

## What's in it for the kids?

Our family adventures are built from the ground up, keeping families traveling with children in mind. That means that everything, from the timing to the activities to the special events, is selected to enhance the overall experience for your entire family. Young Explorers Leaders—at least one for every 10 kids—are available throughout each trip, prepared with games, activities and lots of energy to keep kids engaged and entertained.

## Do adults have just as much fun as the kids?

Yes! There's something for everyone. You will spend most of your time on tours together as a family. On occasion the kids will go off adventuring with their counselors while grownups enjoy adults-only activities such as wine-tasting excursions, extended museum tours and elegant dinners. Plus, parents and grandparents can feed their brains as much (or as little) as they desire during lectures led by renowned Stanford faculty and scholars while kids meet in their Young Explorer groups.

## What are the accommodations like?

We strive to find the perfect balance between deluxe accommodations that cater to the needs of families and great locations that cater to the thrill of discovery. We select hotels, ships and camps that reflect the local flavor but still maintain a high level of comfort. We often find that a great location can

create a more memorable experience than a luxury suite and that a local restaurant can provide a cultural perspective that a hotel buffet cannot. Whether a safari lodge or an intimate cruise ship, our accommodations are ideal jumping-off points for exploring the world with your family.

## How active are these trips?

Get ready for fast-paced Family Adventures! Travelers should be in good health and physical condition. Schedules sometimes include long days with early wake-up calls and activities scheduled throughout the day (and sometimes into the evenings). Walking tours and hikes range from one to four miles, sometimes on uneven terrain. If this doesn't sound like enough activity for you, rest assured that most of our hotels and ships have fitness centers and/or exercise equipment. Visit our website for specific information about what to expect on each of our 2015 programs.

## What if we've never traveled with a group before?

You don't need to be a lover of group travel to enjoy traveling with Stanford. On our trips you are sure to forge friendships with a diverse group of families who are as intellectually curious as you are. You'll also be able to gain special access to the best guides and behind-the-scenes experiences that regular tourists never get to enjoy. Perhaps most importantly, our group sizes mean more friends for your kids. And that means more fun for everyone!



# We've Got You Covered!

## What makes a Family Adventure so stress-free and carefree?

From the moment you sign up until your return flight home, we take care of it all. We send you pre-departure information with everything you need to know, from visa and immunization requirements to what to pack and when to arrive. We even send you reading lists and books for you and the kids. Once the trip begins, our professional Stanford tour managers and savvy local guides are on hand 24/7 to handle all the details. You get to say goodbye to dealing with the many snafus that inevitably arise when you travel on your own. And what could be more hassle-free than having someone else take care of gratuities and entrance fees? With all of the "extras" covered, you and your family are free to kick back and enjoy yourselves and each other.

## Got some lingering questions? On the fence?

Call us! If you need more information, we're happy to answer your questions or put you in touch with a family that's traveled with us before. You can also check out detailed itineraries and find additional trip information on our website at: [alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures](http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures).



### Contact Us:

To reserve space or for more information:

Call : (650) 725-1093

Fax : (650) 725-8675

Email : [family-adventures@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:family-adventures@stanfordalumni.org)

Web : [alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures](http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures)



## What's included in every Stanford Family Adventure:

- Accommodations and meals with beverages as specified in each trip itinerary
- Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- All tours, internal flights and shore excursions as described in each trip itinerary
- Group airport transfers on the trip arrival and departure dates
- Port fees and embarkation taxes on our cruises
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational programs for adults; lecture series and Young Explorer program for kids
- Pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, selected books, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour managers to assist you throughout the trip

## What's NOT included:

- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included in each trip itinerary
- Independent and private transfers
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup activities

# Terms and Conditions

## Deposits, Payments and Cancellations

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space for each Family Adventure. Send your check or charge instructions with your completed reservation form to the address on the mailing panel or place your deposit online. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Child rates apply to children ages 18 and younger on the date the Adventure begins. Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a \$500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

## Insurance

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be provided to U.S. residents with their welcome materials. The product offered in this brochure includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within a specified window: 14 to 21 days of the date listed on the welcome letter, depending on your destination and state of residence.

## Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$200 more than the members' price. Families may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit [alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership](http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership) or call (650) 725-0692.

## Responsibility

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, *force majeure* or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is

reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that the ship's ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program prices are based on rates in effect in September 2014 and are subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.





# Reservation Form

## Participants

_____ HOST NAME		_____ BIRTH DATE	_____ STANFORD CLASS
_____ GUEST NAME		_____ RELATION TO HOST	_____ BIRTH DATE
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## Reservation and Deposit

Please reserve our places on the following 2015 Family Adventure(s):

- Galápagos JUNE 22 TO 30, 2015 (14386)
- Tanzania JULY 3 TO 15, 2015 (14391)
- Montana JULY 5 TO 12, 2015 (14392)
- Aegean JULY 15 TO 25, 2015 (14394)
- St. Petersburg DEC. 26, 2015, TO JAN. 3, 2016 (14438)

Here is our deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person).  
 Enclosed is my check (payable to "Stanford Alumni Association") or  
 Charge my deposit to my:  VISA  MasterCard  American Express

_____ CARD NUMBER	_____ EXPIRATION DATE
_____ AUTHORIZED CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE	_____ DATE

## Host Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY / STATE / ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOME / CELL / WORK PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL

DO ALL PARTICIPANTS LIVE AT THIS ADDRESS?  YES  NO (IF NOT, PLEASE ATTACH LIST OF ALL PARTICIPANTS' ADDRESSES)

## Terms and Conditions

I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the Family Adventures and agree to them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

## Room Preferences (PLEASE INDICATE WHICH FAMILY MEMBERS WILL ROOM TOGETHER):

NAMES	CATEGORY PREFERENCE (GALAPAGOS & AEGEAN ONLY)
1. _____ / _____ / _____	1ST CHOICE _____ 2ND CHOICE _____
2. _____ / _____ / _____	1ST CHOICE _____ 2ND CHOICE _____
3. _____ / _____ / _____	1ST CHOICE _____ 2ND CHOICE _____

Mail completed form to address on mail panel, or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at [alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures](http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/familyadventures).



# Stanford Family Adventures

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