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Cruising Tahiti & French Polynesia on Le Ponant
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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Cairo, Giza, Sakkara, Luxor, Edfu, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Abu Simbel
- Visit celebrated sites, including an up-close look at the paws of the Sphinx
- Explore the treasures of the West Bank of Luxor, site of the vast necropolis of ancient Thebes
- Spend three nights at the legendary Mena House, in the shadow of the pyramids
- Ring in the New Year with a festive Egyptian celebration aboard a privately chartered, luxury Nile riverboat
- See the immense temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari, and learn about the Aswan Dam project

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It
STUDY LEADER: To be announced
ACCOMMODATES: Up to 64 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.
PRICING: From $10,999 per person double occupancy / $12,599 single occupancy

NEW YEAR’S IN HAVANA: A FAMILY PROGRAM IN CUBA
DEC 27, 2018–JAN 1, 2019 | Family, Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Havana, Viñales
- Experience a variety of Cuban art, music, and dance with activities aimed at all ages
- Enjoy playing a baseball game with Cubans close to Hemingway’s favorite hang-out in Cojimar
- Dine at some of the most popular paladares, private restaurants run by Cuban entrepreneurs—often in family homes
- Learn about the nation’s history and economic structure, and discuss the reforms driving changes
- Learn how to salsa in a private class

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It
STUDY LEADER: Timothy Patrick McCarthy, Lecturer on History and Literature; Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School; Lecturer on Education
ACCOMMODATES: Up to 35 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.
PRICING: $4,995 child / $5,095 teen / $5,295 adult / +$1,140 single supplement
EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA ON LE BORÉAL

JAN 5–18, 2019 | Cruise

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Port Lockroy, Peterman Island, Lemaire Channel, Neko Harbor, Paradise Bay, Deception Island, Pendulum Cove, Half Moon Island, Weddell Sea

- Cruise for nine nights aboard the five-star *Le Boréal*
- Retrace the sea-lanes traveled by storied explorers Ernest Shackleton, Roald Amundsen, and Robert Falcon Scott as they sought the final frontier of the “White Continent”
- Join expert naturalists on Zodiac craft excursions to explore the intricate ecosystems and nuances of the abundant wildlife
- Spend two nights in Buenos Aires, including a tour of the vibrant, cosmopolitan city

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 3—A Little More to It

**STUDY LEADER:** Joyce Chaplin, James Duncan Phillips Professor of Early American History

**ACCOMMODATES:** Up to 200 guests. *This is a co-sponsored program.*

**PRICING:** From $11,945 per person double occupancy / $24,245 single occupancy

Cruising the Mekong River: Vietnam & Cambodia on Mekong Princess

JAN 14–27, 2019 | River

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Ho Chi Minh City, Ben Tre, Mekong Delta, Tra On, Can Tho, Thot Not, Gieng Island, Hong Ngu, Phnom Penh, Angkor Ban, Kampong Cham, Siem Reap, Angkor Wat

- Journey along one of Asia’s great waterways aboard an elegant 12-person riverboat whose small size and ultra-shallow draft allows access to villages and daily life along the river
- Begin in dynamic Ho Chi Minh City and end at the remarkable Khmer temples and monuments of legendary Angkor
- Marvel at floating villages, tour a family-owned orchard, visit a noodle factory and a coconut candy maker, and experiment with typical Vietnamese ingredients during a cooking demonstration

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 2—Low Key

**STUDY LEADER:** Susan Suleiman, C. Douglas Dillon Research Professor of the Civilization of France and Research Professor of Comparative Literature Emerita

**ACCOMMODATES:** Up to 24 guests. *This is a Harvard exclusive program.*

**PRICING:** From $8,995 per person double occupancy / $15,295 single occupancy
A CRUISE OF THE PANAMA CANAL & COSTA RICA ON LE CHAMPLAIN

FEB 2–10, 2019 | Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: San José, Puerto Caldera, Quepos, Isla Cébaco, Panama City, Colón, San Blas Islands

• Cruise on Le Champlain, with passage through the Panama Canal
• Take guided tours through the protected rainforest of Manuel Antonio National Park and Curú National Wildlife Refuge where you will see the rare scarlet macaw and spider monkey
• Enjoy opportunities for snorkeling and nature walks on Isla Cebaco
• Tour Panama City, highlighted by visits to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Casco Antiguo and the new Frank Gehry-designed Biodiversity Museum

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 180 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: From $5,515 per person double occupancy / $12,915 single occupancy

CUBA BY LAND & SEA ON LE PONANT

FEB 3–12, 2019 | Cruise, Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Cruise to Trinidad, Cienfuegos, and Santa Clara, with three nights in Havana

• Gain insight into the lasting influence of Spain, the glamorous landscape, Castro’s legacy, and the island’s emerging future
• Explore Havana’s vibrant spirit, iconic Malecón, and beautifully restored Old City
• See the historical center of Cienfuegos, settled in 1819
• Tour the colonial town of Trinidad and visit Santiago de Cuba’s San Pedro de la Roca castle
• Admire the misty Viñales Valley’s lush green tobacco fields, striking karst formations, and the azure sea

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADERS: Lizabeth Cohen, Dean of the Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Study and Howard Mumford Jones Professor of American Studies & Herrick Chapman, Professor of History and Director of Graduate Studies at NYU

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 60 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: From $7,595 per person double occupancy / $14,195 single occupancy
CRUISING TAHI T & FRENCH POLYNESIA ON WIND SPIR IT

FEB 5–15, 2019 | Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Pape’ete, Tahiti, Society Islands, Huahine, Bora Bora, Taha’a, Ra’iatea, Opunohu Bay, Mo’orea
• Aboard the five-star sailing ship Wind Spirit, cruise through Tahiti, French Polynesia, the Society Islands, and the Tuamotu Archipelago
• Explore majestic volcanic peaks rising from emerald-green jungles, chalk-white atolls, pristine beaches, and turquoise lagoons
• Kayak in the pristine lagoons surrounding the Society Islands and set out for a dolphin-watching expedition off the coast of Mo’orea accompanied by a marine biologist
• Tour the idyllic Bora Bora

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 2—Low Key

STUDY LEADER: David Armitage, Lloyd C. Blankfein Professor and Chair of the Department of History

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 148 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: Tentatively from $7,235 per person double occupancy / $14,135 single occupancy

BELIZE & GUATEMALA

FEB 25–MAR 5, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Caracol, Xunantunich, Tikal, Lake Atitlán, Santa Cruz, San Juan La Laguna, Antigua
• Experience breathtaking scenery, Maya archaeology, wildlife, Spanish colonial heritage, volcanoes, and vibrant indigenous culture
• Explore the superb ancient Maya sites of Caracol and Xunantunich in Belize
• Discover the majestic Maya ruins of Tikal
• Explore the beautiful Lake Atitlán, and visit indigenous open-air markets
• Conclude your trip in the graceful and charming colonial town of Antigua, a UNESCO World Heritage site

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 22 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $6,595 per person double occupancy / $7,855 single occupancy
COLOMBIA: FROM BOGOTÁ TO CARTAGENA
MAR 7–18, 2019 | Land

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Bogotá, San Agustín, Popayán, Pereira, Medellín, Cartagena
- Begin in the bustling Andean capital, Bogotá, with its fascinating mix of pre-Columbian, colonial, and contemporary architecture
- Discover San Agustín’s 5,000-year-old statues dotting the countryside
- Explore Popayán, one of the best-preserved colonial towns in Colombia
- Visit the market in Silvia where the indigenous Guambiano people gather each Tuesday
- Enjoy the lush coffee zone of Colombia’s interior
- Learn how Medellín used community beautification and engagement to fight poverty and violence
- End in Cartagena, a fortified colonial port city that radiates warmth and serenity

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 3—A Little More to It

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**ACCOMMODATES:** 10–20 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

**PRICING:** $6,995 per person double occupancy / $8,235 single occupancy

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TANZANIA MIGRATION SAFARI
MAR 11–20, 2019 | Land

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem, Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Highlands
- Experience the annual wildebeest migration, one of the world’s largest wildlife events
- Explore the eastern Serengeti’s untamed wilderness at a private nature refuge, including night drives by infrared spotlight, guided walks, and meetings with local Maasai people
- Enjoy full days of wildlife viewing with experienced guides in the Southern Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- Observe an integral part of Tanzania’s ecology in the Ngorongoro Highlands, where you will reside at Gibbs Farm, one of the oldest working farms in East Africa, which has been converted into an award-winning eco-lodge

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 3—A Little More to It

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**ACCOMMODATES:** 8–16 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

**PRICING:** $8,895 per person double occupancy / $9,695 single occupancy
THE PRIDE OF SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA & ZIMBABWE

MAR 14–30, 2019 | River, Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Johannesburg, Pretoria, Soweto, Skukuza, Cape Town, Kasane, Victoria Falls

- Experience the multicultural heritage of the Rainbow Nation, natural beauty, rich culture, and exotic wildlife of southern Africa
- Visit Nelson Mandela’s former home in Soweto
- View the “Big Five” from four-wheel drive safari vehicles
- Enjoy spectacular views from Table Mountain, spot African penguins at Boulders Beach, and tour Robben Island
- Cruise the Chobe River aboard Zambezi Queen while viewing game and fishing with naturalist guides
- End your journey at thundering Victoria Falls

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 4—Up for a Challenge

STUDY LEADER: Suzanne Preston Blier, Allen Whitehill Clowes Professor of Fine Arts and of African and African American Studies

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 24 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: From $10,245 per person double occupancy / $16,545 single occupancy
SPRING BREAK IN GREECE FOR STUDENTS & ALUMNI
MAR 15–23, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Athens, Nafplio, Olympia, Delphi

- Travel back through time to ancient Greece on this annual spring break favorite
- Explore Greece’s famous archaeological sites and museums, and immerse yourself in ancient history
- Supplement your journey with selected readings in translation from Homer, Pausanias, and even some modern texts
- Enjoy a unique opportunity for intergenerational interaction between Harvard alumni and students
- Take part in lively discussion and educational exchange from recounting Greek history and classical texts to shared Harvard experiences
- Students and alumni traveling together

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: Gregory Nagy, Francis Jones Professor of Classical Greek Literature and Professor of Comparative Literature; Director of the Center for Hellenic Studies

ACCOMMODATES: 16–25 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: To be announced

SPRING BREAK IN CAIRO, EGYPT, FOR STUDENTS & ALUMNI
MAR 15–23, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Pyramids & Sphinx of Giza, Egyptian Museum, Islamic Cairo, Old Cairo

- Explore the stunning pyramids of Giza
- Examine both the ancient and the contemporary through the respective lenses of a local Egyptologist and your Harvard study leader
- Revisit the rich historical and cultural heritage of Cairo, one of the greatest cities in the Arab world
- Meet local residents, fellow Harvard alumni, and special guests
- Students and alumni traveling together

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: 16–25 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $2,995 alumni / $2,695 graduate student / $1,995 Harvard College student / +$495 single supplement
ON THE ROAD TO CIVIL RIGHTS

MAR 16–24, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Jackson, Little Rock, Memphis, Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery

• Trace the history of the Civil Rights movement while visiting the major sites from Selma to Little Rock High School
• Meet some of the figures who were involved in the movement
• Explore the histories of Southern music and cuisine, some of the most powerful and inspired creations of which were born out of hardship and continue to evolve
• Revisit the great lessons learned from the Civil Rights struggles that mark our nation’s history

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 2—Low Key

STUDY LEADER: Timothy Patrick McCarthy, Lecturer on History and Literature; Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 25 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: To be announced

AMSTERDAM: FROM GOLDEN AGE CANALS TO DUTCH MASTERPIECES

MAR 29–APR 3, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Amsterdam, The Hague

• Immerse yourself in the richness of Amsterdam past and present
• Uncover countless layers of the city through visits to world-class museums, in-depth lectures, and walking tours of this historically significant city
• Revisit the city’s Golden Age of trade, science, and art
• Explore the modern and progressive world that lies along the city’s medieval canals and narrow, intricate streets
• Discover Amsterdam’s unique approach to social issues and politics, world-renowned diversity, and incomparable architecture

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 2—Low Key

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 30 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $2,995 per person double occupancy / $3,890 single occupancy
PRIVATE HOMES & GARDENS OF BERMUDA
APR 1–5, 2019  |  Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: St. George, Hamilton

• Sample the island’s warm hospitality as local hosts invite you into Bermuda’s elegant homes, finest museums, and cultural institutions
• Soak in the island’s famous relaxed vibe while discovering the fascinating shared history between Bermuda and the USA
• Explore graceful Georgian houses, manicured gardens, and sparkling turquoise waters
• View exotic native plants at Bermuda Botanical Gardens, enjoy a private cruise and lunch on a chartered yacht, and experience luxurious accommodations and superb cuisine throughout

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 2—Low Key

STUDY LEADER: Michael Weishan, Executive Director of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Suite Foundation

ACCOMMODATES: 15–20 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $3,695 per person double occupancy / $4,190 single occupancy

WESTERLY WINDS: CANARY ISLANDS, MOROCCO & IBERIA ON SEA SPIRIT
APR 5–18, 2019  |  Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Tenerife, Las Palmas, Arrecife, Funchal, Casablanca, Gibraltar, Cadiz, Lisbon

• Voyage from the Atlantic coast of Africa to Portugal’s capital city, Lisbon
• Encounter the legacy of medieval Moorish culture on both sides of the Strait of Gibraltar
• Experience the vibrant cultures of Morocco and southern Iberia
• Discover historic towns and lush gardens and spend a day on Madeira
• Explore Casablanca, Rabat, and Marrakech in Morocco
• Ascend Gibraltar’s legendary rock and see its famous tailless monkeys
• Step ashore in Cádiz for an excursion to Seville and Jerez

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: Michael McElroy, Gilbert Butler Professor of Environmental Studies; Continuing Education/Special Program Instructor

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 114 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: From $9,999 per person double occupancy / $11,999 single occupancy
**DUTCH WATERWAYS ON AMADEUS SILVER II**

APR 25–MAY 3, 2019  |  Cruise

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Amsterdam, Keukenhof Gardens, Hoorn, Kampen, Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges

- Experience the character and traditions of great Dutch and Flemish waterways during this comprehensive vaart (cruise)
- Visit lively Amsterdam; the medieval cities of Bruges, Ghent, and Antwerp; the charming and historic towns of Nijmegen and Hoorn; and the legendary blooming Keukenhof Gardens
- Interact with locals and experience daily life in the Low Countries
- Immerse yourself in a comprehensive and intimate travel experience at just the right pace

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 2—Low Key

**STUDY LEADER:** Peter Bol, Vice Provost for Advances in Learning; Continuing Education/Special Program Instructor; Charles H. Carswell Professor of East Asian Languages and Civilizations

**ACCOMMODATES:** Up to 160 guests. *This is a co-sponsored program.*

**PRICING:** Tentatively from $3,230 per person double occupancy

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**BEHIND THE SCENES AT CERN & ITER: CELEBRATING THE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES, CULTURE & CUISINE OF GENEVA & PROVENCE**

MAY 5–14, 2019  |  Land

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Geneva, Lausanne, Grenoble, Aix-en-Provence

- Visit the most critical centers for scientific research in Europe: the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) and the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)
- Enjoy luxurious accommodations and fine cuisine in Geneva and Provence
- Visit the United Nations office at Geneva
- See the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble
- Explore physics laboratories at Geneva University and a Swiss watchmaking shop
- Spend a relaxing day in the French countryside, with a visit to a Jean Nouvel-designed wine facility

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 2—Low Key

**STUDY LEADER:** Melissa Franklin, Mallinckrodt Professor of Physics

**ACCOMMODATES:** 20–25 guests. *This is a Harvard exclusive program.*

**PRICING:** $6,995 per person double occupancy / $8,590 single occupancy
JAPAN BY SEA: LAND OF THE RISING SUN ON CALEDONIAN SKY
MAY 5–19, 2019 | Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Kyoto, Nara, Naoshima, Miyajima, Hiroshima, Uwajima, Hagi, Gyeongju, Matsue, Kanazawa, Sado Island, Hakodate
- Venture to the tranquil historic centers of Uwajima, Hagi and Matsue, the cultured arts center of Kanazawa, the charming small islands of Naoshima, Miyajima, and Sado, and conclude on the northern island of Hokkaido
- Experience ancient traditions from sacred temples and shrines to celebrated gardens and castles to private cultural performances
- View modern art and architecture at cutting-edge museums, hear about a geisha’s life in Kyoto, visit a pearl farm in Uwajima, and take a taiko drum workshop with the Kodo Drummers

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It
STUDY LEADER: Werner Sollors, Henry B. and Anne M. Cabot Research Professor of English Literature
ACCOMMODATES: Up to 94 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.
PRICING: From $10,995 per person double occupancy / $18,795 single occupancy

JOURNEY THROUGH THE SOUTH CAUCASUS: AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA & ARMENIA
MAY 8–22, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Baku, Gobustan, Sheki, Signagi, Tbilisi, Mtskheta, Ananuri, Bolnisi, Dmanisi, Sakdrisi, Tserovani, Gori, Haghbhat, Yerevan, Echmiadzin, Khor Virap, Garni, Geghard
- Traverse three culturally diverse Caucasus countries, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia, located between the Caspian and Black Seas
- Discover Azerbaijan’s bold carpets and listen to its ancient songs
- Savor Georgia’s deep red wines, explore Mtskheta, and dive into fascinating museums and archaeological sites
- In Armenia, the world’s first Christian country, visit powerful stone churches from the first millennium and admire the country’s oldest art form, the sculpted stone khachkar crosses

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 4—Up for a Challenge
STUDY LEADER: Alexandra Vacroux, Executive Director of the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies
ACCOMMODATES: 10–30 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.
PRICING: $8,595 per person double occupancy / $10,020 single occupancy
POLAND: JEWISH HISTORY & CULTURE
MAY 11–21, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Warsaw, Łódź, Kraków, Oświęcim

- Meet the director of the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland, discuss current affairs with a journalist, interact with local community members, and visit the Manufaktura Museum
- Attend a festive Shabbat dinner at a local JCC
- Explore Kraków’s sites and history, including Schindler’s Factory, St. Mary’s Basilica, and Kazimierz
- Travel to infamous Auschwitz II-Birkenau and Auschwitz I, and visit Oświęcim Holocaust Center
- Meet with a professor of Jewish Studies at Jagiellonian University before a festive farewell dinner featuring Jewish klezmer music

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: Jay Harris, Dean of Undergraduate Education, Harvard College; Harry Austryn Wolfson Professor of Jewish Studies

ACCOMMODATES: 15–25 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $7,995 per person double occupancy / $10,295 single occupancy

VILLAGE LIFE IN DORDOGNE
MAY 16–24, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Bordeaux, Sarlat-la-Canéda, Rocamadour/Souillac, Les Eyzies-de-Tayac/L’Abri du Cap-Blanc, Lascaux IV/St-Amand-de-Coly, Rouffignac/La Madeleine, Beynac/Domme

- Experience the provincial character of the Dordogne in Sarlat-la-Canéda, France
- Stay in the family-owned Plaza Madeleine Hôtel, formerly a 19th-century townhouse
- Discover charming villages, medieval castles, and prehistoric treasures

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 2—Low Key

STUDY LEADER: Robert J. Kiely, Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker Professor of English Emeritus

ACCOMMODATES: 15–40 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: Tentatively from $4,595 per person double occupancy
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HMSC WILD AFRICA
MAY 20–JUN 3, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia

- In Botswana, see massive herds of buffalo, a high density of big cats, and close to one-third of the entire elephant population on the continent
- In the Khwai Concession, embark on a game drive in search of leopards, lions, giraffe, and wildebeest
- Journey to Zimbabwe’s northwest corner to see Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World
- Finish in the heart of Zambia’s remote and extensive South Luangwa National Park, abounding with vast herds of plains game and the predators that follow them

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 4—Up for a Challenge

STUDY LEADER: Zarin Machanda, Associate in the Department of Human Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University and Assistant Professor in Anthropology at Tufts University

ACCOMMODATES: 10–15 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $10,995 per person double occupancy / $11,945 single occupancy

Left: Baobab Trees, Madagascar (see page 30 for trip details)

SCIENCE & COOKING IN BASQUE COUNTRY: SAN SEBASTIÁN & BILBAO
MAY 24–31, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Bilbao, Mutriku, San Sebastián, Ordizia

- Visit the Basque Coast of Spain for this second trip based on the wildly popular Harvard Course: “Science and Cooking: From Haute Cuisine to the Science of Soft Matter”
- Explore San Sebastián’s and Bilbao’s cultural, culinary, and historical gems
- Meet legendary Basque chefs, artisan producers, and food movement leaders
- Enjoy insider access from Michelin-starred test kitchens to historic Basque homes
- Participate in a Science & Cooking salon in collaboration with the Basque Culinary Center
- Engage the senses via art, music, and science, as well as superb food and wine

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 2—Low Key

STUDY LEADER: Michael Brenner, Glover Professor of Applied Mathematics and Applied Physics

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 20 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $8,295 per person double occupancy / $9,990 single occupancy
CRUISING THE RIVIERAS OF ITALY, FRANCE & SPAIN ON LE BOUGAINVILLE

MAY 29–JUN 6, 2019 | Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Rome, Bonifacio, Florence, Pisa, Cinque Terre, Portofino, Monte Carlo, Nice, Marseille, Barcelona

- See Corsica’s fortified town of Bonifacio
- Discover Cinque Terre and the charming cliff-side Riomaggiore
- Explore the picturesque Italian Riviera village of Portofino
- Tour Monte Carlo, the epitome of Riviera chic, and explore charming Nice
- Take a walking tour of Aix-en-Provence to see the Mazarin District, old Aix, and the famous Cours Mirabeau
- Enjoy Carcassonne with a visit to the Musée des Beaux Arts

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: Daniel Donoghue, John P. Marquand Professor of English

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 184 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: Tentatively from $5,365 per person double occupancy

HMSC UGANDA SAFARI & PRIMATE TREKKING

MAY 31–JUN 13, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Murchison Falls National Park, Kibale National Park, Queen Elizabeth National Park, Bwindi National Park

- Experience the thrill of visiting with the mountain gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park and chimpanzee tracking in Kibale National Park
- Enjoy game drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park, with its wide array of wildlife, including the famous tree-climbing lions
- Take a boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel, spend three nights in Murchison Falls National Park, and view some of the thousands of bird species of Uganda
- This magnificent country is rewarding for the first-time traveler or a veteran of African safaris

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 4—Up for a Challenge

STUDY LEADERS: Elizabeth Ross, Founder and Executive Director of the Kasiisi Project & Richard Wrangham, Ruth B. Moore Professor of Biological Anthropology

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 12 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $14,995 per person double occupancy / Due to limited availability, no single occupancy available
MONGOLIA: LAND OF THE BLUE SKY
JUN 3–14, 2019  |  Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Ulaanbaatar, Hustain Nuruu National Park, Karakorum, Hongoryn Els Sand Dunes, Yol Valley National Park, Havtsgait Valley

• Discover the amazing scenery, endemic wildlife, ancient history, and cultural traditions of Mongolia on this adventure-packed journey
• Travel back in time to the land of Genghis Khan
• Witness the awe-inspiring natural beauty and well-preserved nomadic culture of one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world
• Visit magnificent natural wonders such as the Gobi Desert, and experience historical highlights such as the ruins of Karakorum, the 13th-century capital of the Mongol Empire

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 4—Up for a Challenge

STUDY LEADERS: Andrew Berry, Lecturer on Organismic and Evolutionary Biology & Naomi Pierce, Hessel Professor of Biology and Curator of Lepidoptera in the Museum of Comparative Zoology

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 15 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $7,995 per person double occupancy / $9,550 single occupancy

NORMANDY TO PARIS: COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY
JUN 4–13, 2019  |  River

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Paris, Deauville, Caen, Caudebec-en-Caux, Rouen, Les Andelys, Vernon, Conflans

• Arrive in France to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day with a special ceremony at one of the Normandy beaches on June 6, 2019
• Discover the moving Memorial Museum in Caen before boarding AmaLyra
• Cruise along the Seine, stopping at sites central to the lives of William the Conqueror, Richard the Lionheart, Joan of Arc, Claude Monet, and others
• Choose a tour of Compiègne, important in the history of both world wars, or follow in the footsteps of America’s founding fathers on a visit to the Château de Chantilly

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 2—Low Key

STUDY LEADER: Charles Maier, Leverett Saltonstall Professor of History

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 145 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: From $6,999 per person double occupancy / $8,399 single occupancy
WATERWAYS OF THE TSARS ON VOLGA DREAM
JUN 5–15, 2019  |  River

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Moscow, Uglich, Yaroslavl, Goritsy, Kizhy, Svirstroy, St. Petersburg

- During three days exploring Moscow, enter the Kremlin before public hours, go backstage at the Bolshoi, and discover the masterpieces in the Pushkin Museum and Tretyakov Galleries
- Cruise the mighty Volga River into the heartland of Russia, stepping ashore in Golden Ring towns few Americans have visited
- Call at Uglich to hear an a cappella choir inside a 15th-century church
- Visit medieval monasteries in Goritsy and explore the magical island of Kizhy
- Cross Europe’s largest freshwater lake to call at Svirstroy
- Visit a resident’s home and chat about village life

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 2—Low Key

**STUDY LEADER:** James Salzman, Jeremiah Smith, Jr., Visiting Professor of Law

**ACCOMMODATES:** Up to 100 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

**PRICING:** From $8,999 per person

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GATEWAY TO AUTHENTIC IRELAND
JUN 7–17, 2019  |  Land

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Dublin, Meath, Belfast, Sligo, Mayo, Roscommon, Connemara, Galway, County Clare, Dingle, Killarney, Shannon

- Behold beautiful landscapes and experience the warm welcome of the Irish people on this 10-day journey featuring many of Ireland’s most breathtaking sights
- Join a renowned local guide for a walking tour of Dublin City and get a private viewing of the Book of Kells
- Journey to Belfast, stopping along the way to take in the beautiful scenery of the Cooley Peninsula
- Visit Kylemore Abbey, the Jewel of the West
- See the fabled Cliffs of Moher and spend a day with a local expert exploring the Dingle Peninsula, including Inch Beach and the artisan Dingle Whiskey Distillery

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 2—Low Key

**STUDY LEADER:** Catherine McKenna, Margaret Brooks Robinson Professor of Celtic Languages and Literatures; Chair of the Department of Celtic Languages and Literatures

**ACCOMMODATES:** 8–24 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

**PRICING:** $5,995 per person double occupancy / $6,895 single occupancy
ENGLAND’S SUFFOLK COAST & ALDEBURGH MUSIC FESTIVAL

JUN 12–18, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: London, Aldeburgh, Bury St. Edmunds, Framlingham, Helmingham, Suffolk

- Explore England’s beautiful Suffolk coast, exploring historic manors and award-winning gardens, as well as out-of-the-way charms of coastal and market towns
- Cap each day with a world-class performance at Britain’s most important classical music festival in the seaside town of Aldeburgh
- Major British and European orchestras, quartets, and choirs will participate, with a dizzying array of music from the Renaissance to today

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 2—Low Key

STUDY LEADER: John Stewart, Senior Preceptor in Music Emeritus

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 24 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $4,995 per person double occupancy / $5,990 single occupancy

ARCTIC EXPEDITION: SPITSBERGEN AND SVALBARD ON L’AUSTRAL

JUN 14–24, 2019 | Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Hornsund, Burgerbutka, Samarin Glacier, Bellsund, Calypsobyen, Camp Miller, Woodfjorden, Makeoyane, Monaco Glacier, Raudfjorden, Smeerenburg, Ny-Alesund, Kongsfjorden, Kings Glacier

- Voyage through the otherworldly Arctic Circle on the exclusively chartered, five-star L’Austral
- Cruise the Arctic ice pack and search for polar bears
- See red sandstone mountains, lush green tundra, and awe-inspiring ice formations
- Enjoy expert-led excursions to diverse terrains where remarkable wildlife roam

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: Lisa Randall, Frank B. Baird, Jr., Professor of Science

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 240 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: Tentatively from $8,595 per person double occupancy
WHAT’S NEW? ACTIVITY LEVEL RATINGS

Some Harvard trips are suited for all ages and experience levels, while many are not. This guide provides a description of the particular capabilities and mindset appropriate for traveling on each trip, giving you, the traveler, a general understanding about the physical demands of each trip. Match the corresponding icons on each trip page to the descriptions below to help you select which program is right for you.

LEVEL 1: NOTHING TO IT
I’ve worked hard for a long time, so this vacation is about kicking my feet up and relaxing. I’m thrilled to see a beautiful part of the world, and I hope to do it with as little exertion as possible.

LEVEL 2: LOW KEY
I enjoy walking up to a couple of miles a day, but my pace is more stroll than scamper. I can get on and off a tour bus or boat, and standing for a period of time in a museum or historic site is about as much as I can handle.

LEVEL 3: A LITTLE MORE TO IT
My walking shoes are laced up tight and I’m ready to keep up with my traveling companions. I look forward to getting to know them on the drives and/or flights we’ll take between cities. I enjoy getting around in Zodiac rafts and 4x4 vehicles for short durations. A little mental and physical stimulation will do me good!

LEVEL 4: UP FOR A CHALLENGE
I’m looking for a jam-packed itinerary that allows me to experience everything this place has to offer. If that means changing hotels often, flying or enduring long drives between cities, walking more than three miles a day, or even climbing to high elevations, sign me up.

LEVEL 5: TAKE IT TO THE LIMIT
This is the trip of a lifetime, and I’ve trained my body for any challenge that could be thrown my way. Bring on the arduous treks, the rustic accommodations, and the extreme altitude—let’s go!

NOTE: While these are very basic descriptions, you can find out more about a trip’s specific rigors by visiting its corresponding web page at alumni.harvard.edu/travel/trips.
2019 TRIP HIGHLIGHTS
Full trip list appears on pages 2–3.
**HBS Kilimanjaro Trek**

**JUN 15–26, 2019 | Land**

- Conquer one of the Seven Summits, Mt. Kilimanjaro—the world’s tallest freestanding mountain
- Follow the Machame route as you ascend at a comfortable and acclimatizing pace
- Experience five different ecozones on a mystical journey, including traversing underneath Kilimanjaro’s southern ice field
- Summit the “Roof of Africa” at 19,341 feet after a rewarding six-day trek
- Receive in-depth preparation materials including training regimen and gear selection tips

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 5—Take It to the Limit

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**ACCOMMODATES:** 10–24 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

**PRICING:** $7,295 per person double occupancy / $7,790 single occupancy

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**Greece: A Family Odyssey On Running On Waves**

**JUN 20–29, 2019 | Family, Cruise**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Athens, Nauplio, Monemvasia, Gythion, Kalamata, Katakolon, Delphi

- Enjoy an enticing blend of diverse cultural influences, natural beauty, and archaeological treasures
- Embark on a seven-night cruise around the Peloponnese Peninsula
- Delve into treasures of antiquity at Epidaurus, the bygone citadel of Mycenae, and the rock of Monemvasia
- Explore the stalagmites and stalactites in the Diros Caves and swim in the clear waters of the Messinian Gulf
- Race on the track at the original Olympic Games site, learn the mysteries of Delphi, and cruise through the Corinth Canal back to Athens

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 3—A Little More to It

**STUDY LEADER:** Jonathan Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Professor of Religion and Society

**ACCOMMODATES:** 20–31 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

**PRICING:** From $7,995 per person double occupancy / $12,895 single occupancy / $500 reduction for children ages 7–18
CHINA FAMILY TOUR: IMPERIAL GRANDEUR, TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, GIANT PANDAS

JUN 21–JUL 3, 2019 | Family, Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Guilin, Yangshuo, Shanghai

• Learn about the Ming and Qing imperial dynasties with visits to the capital’s Forbidden City, Great Wall, and Summer Palace
• View first Chinese Emperor Qin Shi Huang’s 2,300-year-old terracotta warriors in Xian
• See giant pandas and cubs at the Chengdu Panda Breeding Center
• Cruise down the Li River as you explore the beauty of Guilin’s karst landscape and river life
• Experience the vibrancy of Shanghai, from the skyline of the Pudong Financial District to the colonial history of the French Concession and the historic Bund

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: R. Nicholas Burns, Roy and Barbara Goodman Family Professor of the Practice of Diplomacy and International Relations

ACCOMMODATES: 15–30 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: Adults: $6,595 per person double occupancy / $8,490 single occupancy / Child (under 17): $6,395

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HMSC GALÁPAGOS FAMILY ADVENTURE ON LA PINTA

JUN 23–JUL 2, 2019 | Family, Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Guayaquil, Santa Cruz Highlands, Bartolomé Island, Santiago Island, Darwin Bay, Genovesa Island, Quito, Otavalo, Andean Highlands

• Escape on this family trip aboard La Pinta and journey to the Galápagos and Ecuador’s Highlands
• Enjoy face-to-face encounters with Galápagos wildlife
• Savor Ecuador’s rich pre-Columbian, indigenous, and colonial heritage
• Leave enchanted by the unique landscapes of these islands, source of inspiration for Charles Darwin’s Origin of Species

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: Brian Farrell, Professor of Biology; Director of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 48 guests. Harvard exclusive up to 22 guests.

PRICING: Adults: From $8,995 per person double occupancy / $11,645 single occupancy / Teen: From $8,695 / Child: From $7,995
CHANGING TIDES: CRUISING THE BALTIC SEA COUNTRIES ON DUMONT D’URVILLE

JUN 23–JUL 2, 2019 | Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Copenhagen, Gdansk, Tallin, St. Petersburg, Helsinki, Visby, Stockholm

• Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic states aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star Dumont d’Urville
• Enjoy specially arranged presentations by former President Wałęsa and noted scholar Sergei N. Khrushchev, son of Nikita Khrushchev
• Tour the storied port city of Gdansk, including its historic Lenin Shipyard and Old Town
• Visit St. Petersburg’s world-renowned State Hermitage Museum and the impressive Peter and Paul Fortress

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: Richard Thomas, George Martin Lane Professor of the Classics

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 184 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: Tentatively from $7,110 per person double occupancy

TRANS-SIBERIAN BY PRIVATE TRAIN WITH THE NAADAM FESTIVAL

JUN 29–JUL 13, 2019 | Land, Rail

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Moscow, Kazan, Ekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk, Lake Baikal, Ulan Ude, Ulaanbaatar

• Board the luxury Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express train from Moscow to the middle of Siberia, ending in Mongolia’s capital city, Ulaanbaatar
• Admire some of the classic sites of 870-year-old Moscow, and stop in Tatar-influenced Kazan, Ekaterinburg, where the last czar fell, and Ulan Ude, capital of the Buryat Republic
• Trace the shores of Siberia’s grand Lake Baikal
• Experience the big sky and endless steppe of Mongolia and attend the remarkable Naadam Festival

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 4—Up for a Challenge

STUDY LEADER: Peter W. Galbraith, Former US Ambassador to Croatia

ACCOMMODATES: 15–30 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program. NOTE: the train will have other passengers and possibly other groups on board.

PRICING: From $16,295 per person double occupancy / $22,790 single occupancy
**ADRIATIC ODYSSEY: DUBROVNIK TO VENICE ON SEA CLOUD**

**JUN 30–JUL 8, 2019 | Cruise**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Dubrovnik, Hvar, Split, Pula, Ravenna, Venice

- Explore ancient towns and archaeological sites where many civilizations have left their mark
- Discover the walled city of Dubrovnik, Croatia
- Journey to Split, whose ancient Roman palace dates to the 4th century
- Visit Ascoli Piceno, once home to over 200 towers, of which almost 50 still stand
- See stunning towns, from Pula’s ancient Roman ruins to Ravenna’s radiant Byzantine and Roman mosaics
- Conclude in La Serenissima, where canals lead the way to ancient churches and palaces

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 3—A Little More to It

**STUDY LEADER:** Robert Darnton, Carl H. Pforzheimer University Professor Emeritus; University Librarian Emeritus

**ACCOMMODATES:** Up to 64 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

**PRICING:** From $9,999 per person double occupancy / $11,999 single occupancy

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**CRUISING ALASKA’S GLACIERS & THE INSIDE PASSAGE ON LE SOLÉAL**

**JUL 6–13, 2019 | Cruise**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Dawes Glacier, Point Adolphus, Inian Islands, Elfin Cove, LeConte Bay and Glacier

- Uncover Alaska’s arctic glaciers, towering mountains, and untouched coastlines
- Cruise for six nights from Juneau to Vancouver through the secluded coves and inlets of the Inside Passage
- Enjoy excursions to Tracy Arm Fjord, South Sawyer Glacier, and Misty Fjords National Monument
- Visit the historic and inviting fishing towns of Ketchikan, Petersburg, and Sitka
- Experience the unexpected—pods of whales, seals basking on icebergs, bald eagles—as you discover southeastern Alaska’s natural beauty

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 3—A Little More to It

**STUDY LEADER:** James Engell, Gurney Professor of English and Professor of Comparative Literature

**ACCOMMODATES:** Up to 220 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

**PRICING:** Tentatively from $4,520 per person
CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND ON LE CHAMPLAIN

JUL 31–AUG 8, 2019 | Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Reykjavik, Vigur Island, Isafjordur, Siglufjordur, Grímsey Island, Lake Myvatn, Seydisfjordur, Jokulsarlon, Heimaey Island, Surtsey Island

• Discover the ethereal beauty of Iceland aboard Le Champlain
• See Viking ruins and crystalline glaciers atop simmering volcanoes
• Cross the Arctic Circle on Grímsey Island
• Opportunities to view rare migrating birds, orcas, and humpback whales
• Included airfare and low air add-ons from select cities (limited availability, not guaranteed)

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: Fran Ulmer, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 184 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: Tentatively from $7,055 per person, double occupancy

INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE INCLUDED

QUINTESSENTIAL SOUTHERN AFRICA

AUG 22–SEP 3, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Cape Town, Chobe National Park, Victoria Falls, Sabi Sands Reserve, Kruger National Park

• Explore the political past, natural history, and beautiful art of Cape Town
• Visit Botswana, with its massive herds of buffalo and elephant, and high density of big cats
• Marvel at the power and beauty of Victoria Falls, then have an opportunity to track white rhino
• Journey to the famed Sabi Sands Reserve, part of Kruger National Park, for a safari in an amazingly wildlife-dense environment

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 4—Up for a Challenge

STUDY LEADER: Hopi Hoekstra, Alexander Agassiz Professor of Zoology in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, & Jim Mallet, Professor of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology in Residence

ACCOMMODATES: 13–18 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $12,495 per person double occupancy / $13,970 single occupancy

PRICING: Tentatively from $7,055 per person, double occupancy

INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE INCLUDED
**SCOTLAND’S ORKNEY & SHETLAND ISLANDS HIKING ADVENTURE**

**AUG 23–SEP 2, 2019 | Land**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Aberdeen, Skara Brae, South Mainland and Isle of Mousa, Fethaland, Unst, Eshaness, Ronas Hill and Lerwick

- Discover an amazing wealth of geological, archaeological, and natural sites on an active program featuring an abundance of wild flowers, birds, and marine wildlife
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites on Orkney, including Skara Brae, Maeshowe, and the Ring of Brodgar
- Hike to the Old Man of Hoy sea stack, Orkney
- Boat trip to Mousa and hiking to Mousa broch, Shetland
- Marvel at the spectacular cliffs of Eshaness, Shetland, that show the best section through the flank of an extinct volcano in the British Isles
- Explore Hermaness National Nature Reserve, the most northerly point of Britain

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 4—Up for a Challenge

**STUDY LEADER:** Daniel Smail, Frank B. Baird, Jr. Professor of History; Chair of the Department of History

**ACCOMMODATES:** 10–15 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

**PRICING:** $4,995 per person double occupancy / $5,750 single occupancy

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**HMSC MADAGASCAR: THE EIGHTH CONTINENT**

**SEP 3–16, 2019 | Land**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Antananarivo, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Amber Mountain National Park, Ankarana, Nosy Be

- Experience one of the most beautiful and fascinating places on Earth and the natural heritage that continues to flourish in its parks
- Explore three fascinating national parks featuring flora and fauna that exist nowhere else on Earth
- Search in the orchid-filled rainforest for the indri indri, the largest species of lemur; hike through the dramatic, eroded limestone towers known as “tsingy” in search of the crowned lemur and leaf-tailed gecko

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 4—Up for a Challenge

**STUDY LEADER:** James Costa, Research Associate of the Department of Entomology in the Museum of Comparative Zoology

**ACCOMMODATES:** Up to 17 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

**PRICING:** $7,995 per person double occupancy / $8,945 single occupancy
NATIONAL PARKS OF THE SOUTHWEST
SEP 4–13, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Phoenix, Sedona, Grand Canyon, Antelope Canyon, Colorado River, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, Las Vegas

- Dazzle your senses when you experience the jewels of the American Southwest, including the immense Grand Canyon
- Encounter the sandstone spires of Bryce Canyon National Park
- Marvel at the red-rock cliffs and chasms of Zion National Park
- Travel onto Navajo land to discover Upper Antelope Canyon

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: Shelly Lowe, Director of the Harvard University Native American Program

ACCOMMODATES: 12–24 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: Tentatively from $5,095 per person, air inclusive from Los Angeles, based on double occupancy

INSIDE THE RUSSIAN SPACE PROGRAM
SEP 6–13, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Moscow, Baikonur Cosmodrome

- Enter the once highly classified world of Russian space travel as a privileged guest
- Explore Star City, the premier training facility for cosmonauts and foreign astronauts heading for manned space flights
- Journey to the arid steppe of Kazakhstan and the remote desert launch site of Baikonur Cosmodrome
- Witness the manned launch of the Soyuz spacecraft on its way to relieve the crew of the International Space Station, enjoying unparalleled access to VIP viewing areas and briefing sessions

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: David Mindell, Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics and Professor of the History of Engineering and Manufacturing at MIT

ACCOMMODATES: 8–24 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: To be announced
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PARADORES & POUSADAS: HISTORIC LODGINGS OF SPAIN & PORTUGAL

SEP 7–21, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Lisbon, Evora, Carmona, Ronda, Úbeda, Madrid

- Journey across the Iberian Peninsula to Spain’s intimate paradores and Portugal’s pousadas: medieval monasteries, historic fortresses, and stately palaces
- Feel the spell of Iberia’s rich Roman and Moorish past—and the pull of its vibrant contemporary life
- Discover Merida’s Roman ruins, Seville’s romance, and Córdoba
- From charming Ronda, journey to Granada and see the Alhambra
- Explore medieval Toledo before a three-night stay in Madrid, visiting its Royal Palace, the Prado, and Plaza Mayor

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: 12–24 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: Tentatively from $5,978 per person, air inclusive from Boston or New York, based on double occupancy

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CRUISING THE ADRIATIC: THE BEST OF SLOVENIA & CROATIA ON QUEEN ELEGANZA

SEP 8–19, 2019 | Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Ljubljana, Portoroz, Rovinj, Pula, Zadar, Split, Hvar, Dubrovnik

- Marvel at the well-preserved Roman ruins of Emperor Diocletian’s palace at Split and Pula’s amphitheater and temple
- See Plitvice Lake National Park’s 16 lakes interconnected by a series of soaring waterfalls and splashing cascades
- Delve into the historic sights of Dubrovnik, “Pearl of the Adriatic”
- Visit Slovenia’s Lipica Stud Farm, breeding home of Vienna’s famous Lipizzaner performing horses
- Moor at or near town centers with easy walk-off access

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: 20–28 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: From $6,990 per person double occupancy / $11,690 single occupancy

Left: South Africa (see page 29 for trip details)
A CRUISE OF ANCIENT GREECE ON LE BOUGAINVILLE

SEP 12–20, 2019 | Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Athens, Meteora, Delos, Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini

• Take an unparalleled nine-day Aegean odyssey round trip from Athens aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star small ship Le Bougainville
• Visit extraordinary Meteora, where 24 Orthodox monasteries stand high atop natural sandstone pinnacles
• Walk through one of the most legendary sites in all of antiquity, the Palace of Minos at Knossos
• Visit islands steeped in myth and history
• Meet local residents during a specially arranged forum

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADERS: Ani Patel, Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study & Jennifer Burton, Professor of the Practice, Department of Drama & Dance, Tufts University

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 184 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: Tentatively from $5,265 per person double occupancy

VILLAGE LIFE AROUND THE ITALIAN LAKES

SEP 21–29, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Milan, Lake Como, Lake Maggiore, Borromean Islands, Stresa, Bellagio, Lake Orta, San Giulio Island

• Experience the essence of Italian life in the picturesque Lake District that has inspired poets, composers, artists, and philosophers
• Enjoy charming accommodations in the belle-époque Palace Hotel in the heart of Como
• Cruise by private boat on Lakes Como, Maggiore, and Orta
• Explore beautiful villages and artistic and architectural treasures on guided and self-directed tours
• Visit the Duomo and Teatro alla Scala in Milan, and see da Vinci’s The Last Supper
• Gain personal perspectives from local residents through enriching lectures and an exclusive forum

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 2—Low Key

STUDY LEADER: Sue Schopf, Continuing Education/Special Program Instructor, Division of Continuing Education

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 40 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: Tentatively from $4,595 per person, double occupancy
SICILY BY SAIL: VALLETTA TO CATANIA ON SEA CLOUD II

OCT 3–11, 2019 | Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Valletta, Noto, Porto Empedocle, Trapani, Segesta, Palermo, Catania

• Experience the thrill of sailing aboard Sea Cloud II as you visit ancient towns that were once centers of the Greco-Roman, Carthaginian, and Byzantine worlds
• Admire Syracuse’s cathedral, built on the ruins of the Temple of Athena
• Explore the capital city of Palermo, dotted with Baroque churches, Arab mosques, and Byzantine mosaics
• Enjoy an exclusive reception at Palazzo Beneventano in Syracuse

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADERS: Leo Damrosch, Ernest Bernbaum Research Professor of Literature Emeritus & Joyce Van Dyke, Lecturer, Harvard Extension School

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 80 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: From $8,999 per person double occupancy / $10,999 single occupancy

AZORES GETAWAY

OCT 11–14, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Sete Cidades, Furnas Lake, Sanguinho-Salto de Prego

• Hike in the volcanic crater of Sete Cidades and enjoy expansive views over the surrounding lakes
• Bathe in natural thermal pools in the midst of pure nature
• Savor a meal cooked in natural volcanic ovens
• Enjoy a world-class whale watching excursion to discover the marine wildlife of the Azores Islands, such as the resident sperm whales and dolphins

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 4—Up for a Challenge

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: To be announced. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $2,995 per person double occupancy / $3,890 single occupancy
HMSC DISCOVER ETHIOPIA

OCT 11–28, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Addis Ababa, Lake Tana, Gondar, Axum, Lalibela, Awassa, Arba Minch, Turmi, Jinka

• Discover Ethiopia’s natural beauty, welcoming people, and rich history
• Visit the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa for a briefing
• Fly north to the source of the Blue Nile, and watch its waters plunge at Tis Issat Falls
• Walk among gelada baboons in the Simien Mountains
• Explore Gondar, the nation’s 17th-century capital, and Axum, the center of the Queen of Sheba’s empire
• Marvel at the rock-hewn churches in Lalibela, still active places of worship
• Travel to the southern Omo region, where more than two dozen isolated, indigenous tribes live
• Experience rich wildlife in the Rift Valley Lakes and the coming of age bull jumping ceremony of the Hamer tribe

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 5—Take It to the Limit

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 14 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $9,995 per person double occupancy / $11,685 single occupancy

SILK ROAD IN CENTRAL ASIA (THE FIVE STANS)

OCT 10–28, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Almaty, Bishkek, Khujand, Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva, Ashgabat

• Visit five post-Soviet states: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan
• Witness a presentation of traditional Kazakh falcon hunting
• Enjoy a dinner of Kyrgyz delicacies with a special folk performance of selections from the Epic of Manas
• Discuss current political affairs with a guest from the U.S. Embassy in Uzbekistan
• Learn about the ongoing humanitarian projects of a local Tajik NGO
• Converse with professors and students at the Samarkand State Institute of Foreign Languages
• Participate in an exclusive meeting with the Senior Advisor for Bukhara’s Ark Museum

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 5—Take It to the Limit

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: 12–30 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $8,595 per person double occupancy / $9,890 single occupancy
EXPLORING THE WINE REGIONS OF BORDEAUX & RIOJA

OCT 12–20, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Bordeaux, St-Emilion, Medoc, Sauternes, San Sebastián, Basque Coast, Rioja

• Visit top producers in two of the world’s great wine regions at harvest
• Savor winery lunches in Pauillac, Sauternes and Rioja, and St-Emilion
• Enjoy a gourmet tapas (“pintxos”) tour in San Sebastián’s old town
• Try rare Bordeaux and Rioja wines in a special dinner at the restaurant with Europe’s most extensive wine cellar
• Stay at a boutique hotel in the village with Spain’s largest number of wineries
• End your journey at Venta Moncalvillo, the smallest village in the world to have a Michelin star

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 20 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $6,495 per person double occupancy / $7,390 single occupancy

PASSAGE ALONG THE DANUBE RIVER: VIENNA TO BLACK SEA ON AMADEUS QUEEN

OCT 12–24, 2019 | River

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Kalocsa, Vukovar, Belgrade, Lepenski Vir, Arbanasi, Carsium and Constanta, Fetesti, Bucharest

• Visit seven countries in the enchanting eastern Danube River Valley: Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania
• Cruise through the dramatic Iron Gates dividing the Carpathian Mountains and the Balkan Mountains
• Explore ancient archaeological treasures, including the ancient Roman ruins of Carsium and the Lepenski Vir excavation site
• Spend two nights in dynamic Bucharest after the cruise

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 2—Low Key

STUDY LEADER: Thomas W. Simons Jr., Visiting Scholar, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 135 guests. This is a co-sponsored program.

PRICING: Tentatively from $4,860 per person double occupancy
TRADE ROUTES OF COASTAL IBERIA ON _LE LYRIAL_

**OCT 13–21, 2019 | Cruise**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, Granada, Gibraltar, Seville, Portimão, Lisbon

- Explore the coastal jewels of the Iberian Peninsula between Barcelona, Spain, and Lisbon, Portugal, aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star _Le Lyrial_
- Discover historic and enchanting Seville, visit Portugal’s less-traveled Algarve region, and tour Spain’s regal city of Granada
- Stand on the Rock of Gibraltar to see the Pillars of Hercules spanning the Strait
- Call on the enchanting Balearic Island—Mallorca

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 3—A Little More to It

**STUDY LEADERS:** Harvey V. Fineberg, Professor Emeritus of Health Policy and Management & Mary Wilson, Adjunct Professor of Global Health and Population, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

**ACCOMMODATES:** Up to 220 guests. _This is a co-sponsored program._

**PRICING:** Tentatively from $5,165 per person double occupancy

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MYSTICAL INDIA

**OCT 13–29, 2019 | Land**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Delhi, Jaipur, Sanganer, Ranthambore, Kalakho, Abhaneri, Agra, Varanasi, Sarnath

- Experience mystical and spiritual India, which abounds with riches that invite personal exploration
- Visit both Old and New Delhi, then continue to the “pink city” of Jaipur and enjoy a home-hosted dinner with a local family
- Spend two nights at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve and search for elusive Bengal tigers and other wildlife on this former hunting ground
- Travel to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort
- Witness Hindu pilgrims perform their time-honored rites along the ghats leading to the sacred Ganges River

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 3—A Little More to It

**STUDY LEADER:** Emily O’Dell, editor for SHARIAsource at Harvard Law School

**ACCOMMODATES:** 12–24 guests. _This is a Harvard exclusive program._

**PRICING:** Tentatively from $6,087 per person, air inclusive from Boston, New York, or Washington, D.C., based on double occupancy

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**JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM**

**OCT 16–NOV 1, 2019 | Land**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:** Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Da Nang, Hoi An, Hue, Can Tho/Mekong Delta, Saigon

- Journey to a land of breathtaking natural beauty, abiding tradition, and profoundly hospitable people
- Experience Hanoi’s French accents and colonial architecture
- Visit Da Nang and walk through a local village nestled among rice paddies
- In Hoi An, an ancient market city now filled with canals and waterways, witness the contributions of international traders in this architecturally diverse and colorful village
- Conclude in Saigon with highlights including Reunification Palace, the former wartime headquarters, and the History Museum

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 3—A Little More to It

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced

**ACCOMMODATES:** 12–24 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

**PRICING:** Tentatively from $4,787 per person, air inclusive from Los Angeles, New York, or San Francisco, based on double occupancy

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**EXPLORING HAVANA, CUBA**

**OCT 17–21, 2019 | Land**

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Level 3—A Little More to It

**STUDY LEADER:** N/A

**ACCOMMODATES:** Up to 35 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

**PRICING:** $4,295 per person double occupancy / $5,185 single occupancy
MOROCCO IN THE FALL: A “MINI-GRAND” TOUR

FALL 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Rabat, Volubilis, Meknes, Fes, Mt. Toubkal National Park, Marrakech

- Begin in Rabat, wandering the narrow alleyways of the city’s medina
- Explore the extensive archaeological remains of Roman Volubilis, and the ancient Imperial City of Meknes
- Visit Fes, Morocco’s intellectual and spiritual capital
- Observe the ways of life of Berber tribesmen on a scenic visit to Mt. Toubkal National Park, and enjoy tea in a local home
- Conclude in Marrakech, where the city’s prime monuments, including the Bahia Palace of vizier Ba Ahmed and the necropolis of the Saadian Dynasty, await you

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: To be announced. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: To be announced

CULTURAL LEGACY OF PITTSBURGH, AMERICA’S STEEL TOWN

OCT 24–28, 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Pittsburgh, Laurel Highlands, Washington

- Tour the art and institutions that industrial giants like Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick, H.J. Heinz, and Andrew Mellon bestowed upon the city
- Discover Pittsburgh’s excellent contemporary museums housed in repurposed warehouses
- Drive through spectacular fall foliage to two of Frank Lloyd Wright’s masterworks: Falling Water and Kentuck Knob
- Peruse the private art collection at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort on a specially arranged visit

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 2—Low Key

STUDY LEADER: Alice Delana, Docent Emerita, Fogg Museum

ACCOMMODATES: 15–30 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: $3,999 per person double occupancy / $4,599 single occupancy
LEBANON & JORDAN: FROM CASTLES TO CARAVANS
FALL 2019 | Land

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Beirut, Byblos, Baalbek, Amman, Petra, Dead Sea

• Explore Byblos, the world’s oldest continuously inhabited site, and Baalbek, the ancient Phoenician city where Roman columns tower over the Bekaa Valley
• In cosmopolitan Amman, visit the Citadel, Umayyad Palace, and Jordan Archaeological Museum
• Meet with the U.S. embassy and prominent individuals in the fields of human and women’s rights, cultural preservation, and freedom of expression
• Drive to Petra along the King’s Highway, stopping at Mt. Nebo, where Moses is said to be buried, and Madaba with its exquisite mosaics
• Discover Petra, a city built over 2,000 years ago by the Nabateans, where temples and tombs are carved into pink sandstone cliffs

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: Joseph A. Greene, Deputy Director and Curator of the Harvard Semitic Museum

ACCOMMODATES: To be announced. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: To be announced

Left: Mallorca, Spain (see page 38 for trip details)
BUDAPEST & CENTRAL EUROPE ON GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS (WITH NEW YEAR’S IN VIENNA)

DEC 28, 2019–JAN 5, 2020 | Rail

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Budapest & Keszthely, Graz & Vienna, Cesky Krumlov & Prague, Kosice

- Enjoy the comfort and efficiency of your own private cabin on the Golden Eagle Danube Express luxury train
- Visit Budapest’s Royal Palace, the largest baroque palace in Hungary, used by Franz Josef of Austria
- Take a tour of the UNESCO-listed Old Town in Graz, Austria’s second-largest city
- Enjoy a romantic horse-drawn carriage ride over the Vienna cobblestones to a local palais on New Year’s Eve
- Attend a performance at the 19th century neo-Renaissance Prague National Theater
- Discover the beauty of Kosice, Slovakia, a European Capital of Culture in 2013

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: To be announced

ACCOMMODATES: 12–30 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: From $9,695 per person double occupancy / $12,595 single occupancy

NEW YEAR’S GALÁPAGOS ON ORIGIN

DEC 28, 2019–JAN 6, 2020 | Cruise

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Guayaquil, San Cristobal, Genovesa (Tower) Island, Las Bachas and Cerro Dragón, Fernandina Island and Isabela Island, Elisabeth Bay and Tagus Cove, Port Egas and Rábida Island, Santa Cruz (Charles Darwin Research Station)

- Ring in the New Year aboard the 20-passenger premium-class yacht, the 142-foot Origin
- Enjoy two guided shore excursions per day, led by an expert naturalist guide to experience the islands’ birds, reptiles, plants, and volcanic formations
- Venture out in a kayak or meander along stretches of secluded beaches, swim with playful sea lions, or snorkel among penguins and sea turtles
- Get up close to the shore life on Zodiac rides through mangroves and along the cliffs

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3—A Little More to It

STUDY LEADER: Janet Browne, Department Chair and Aramont Professor of the History of Science

ACCOMMODATES: Up to 20 guests. This is a Harvard exclusive program.

PRICING: To be announced
Terms & Conditions

The information below is a summary of general terms and conditions that apply to all travel programs developed by Harvard Alumni Travels for the Harvard Alumni Association ("HAA"). Each trip will also have program-specific terms and conditions that may vary depending on the tour operator. Harvard Alumni Travels partners with several different tour operators in order to offer a broad range of travel programs. Some travel programs are co-sponsored with other colleges and universities, or with other membership institutions such as museums and zoos. On co-sponsored programs, all travelers participate in the same activities and receive the same services.

PROGRAM RATES: Rates are listed as per person, double occupancy. Single rates or single supplements, where applicable, are also listed.

TOUR SIZE: Each tour is limited to a maximum number of participants on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to ensure a tour will operate, a minimum number of participants must be met. Should the minimum not be met, HAA reserves the right to cancel the program, levy a small group surcharge, and/or send the program without a Harvard study leader. HAA retains the right to add staff members and/or invited guests to any of our programs regardless of the stated group-size limitation.

PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS: Unless otherwise stated in the program-specific materials, all programs include: ground group transportation upon arrival/departure in country; all activities, excursions, entrance fees, accommodations, and meals per the detailed itinerary; services of local guide and tour manager throughout; all gratuities; luggage handling; welcome and farewell receptions/dinners; bottled water while touring; complete packet of pre-departure information; and limited Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance coverage.

PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS: Unless otherwise stated in the program-specific materials, all programs exclude: U.S. domestic and international airfare; passport and visa fees; airport departure taxes; baggage or trip cancellation insurance; optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour; excess baggage charges; medical expenses or immunizations; meals and beverages not specified in the program cost inclusions section; laundry, telephone, e-mail or fax charges, room service, and other items of a purely personal nature.

AIRFARE: The tour operator can assist travelers with air arrangements. Neither HAA nor the tour operator accepts any liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket. The air ticket, when issued, shall constitute a contract only between the passenger and the airline concerned.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT: Unless otherwise stated in the program-specific materials, a $1,000 per person deposit is required to reserve your space. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. The tour operator then will send payment terms along with a registration confirmation directly to the traveler. Credit cards may be accepted for deposits, but final payments must be made by check for most programs.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations must be made in writing to HAA and are subject to a nonrefundable administrative fee per person in the amount set forth in the program-specific materials (commonly between $200 and $1,000). Cancellation fees increase as the trip departure date approaches. Specific cancellation policies can be found in the program-specific materials.

INSURANCE: HAA highly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to cover unexpected trip interruptions, cancellations, and lost baggage. An application for trip cancellation insurance through HAA’s recommended provider, Ripcord Rescue Travel Insurance, will be provided by Harvard Alumni Travels upon confirmation.

The pre-existing medical conditions exclusion is waived if the insurance policy is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit. Neither HAA nor HAA’s tour operators, including all representatives, employees and agents, will take responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by a guest, or a guest’s dependents or traveling companions. This includes, without limitation, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, or damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money, and goods. As noted above, neither HAA nor its tour operators shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or for any other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL & EVACUATION INSURANCE: As a service to our travelers, HAA provides basic emergency medical evacuation insurance. This insurance, which is secondary to any insurance the traveler already may have, covers travelers during the program dates, including optional group extensions, but not for any independent travel plans. Travelers will receive detailed information on this coverage approximately 30 days prior to departure. Travelers who choose to purchase the Ripcord Rescue Travel Insurance plan described above will have additional insurance coverage.

WHAT TO EXPECT / PHYSICAL HEALTH: All participants must be in overall good health to participate in a Harvard Alumni Travels trip. All programs require physical independence and mobility: travelers must be able to embark or disembark motor coaches alone or with minimal assistance from a traveling companion and must be able to climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Please refer to the Activity Rating Chart (p. 22) for more information.

Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling any required equipment. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance must be disclosed in writing prior to booking so that HAA may evaluate whether the traveler’s participation is feasible. Participants with dietary restrictions also must make them known to HAA well before departure, otherwise HAA may not be able to accommodate them.

PREPARING FOR YOUR JOURNEY: You will be provided with comprehensive pre-departure travel information, including specific suggestions for packing, a recommended reading list, and amenities pack.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY, PROGRAM, STAFFING, AND COSTS: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of HAA and the tour operator. HAA reserves the right to change program dates, staff (including study leader), itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. HAA further reserves the right to cancel programs, levy a small group surcharge, and/or send a program without a study leader. Guests making deviations from the scheduled itinerary do so at their own expense. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect as of April 2018 and are subject to change.

RESPONSIBILITY: The tour operator, its owners and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurants, and other services connected with this tour. Such travel, accommodations, and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered or provided, and HAA and the tour operator, along with their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns, accept no liability thereof. Neither HAA nor the tour operator assumes liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Nor will HAA and the tour operator accept responsibility for losses, injury, damages, or expenses of any kind due to
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PERSONAL INFORMATION: HAA and the tour operator will not share travelers’ personal information with third parties or make it publicly available except as follows: Travelers’ names, degree(s), home city, and email addresses may be included in the tour participant list that is distributed to tour staff and participants prior to departure; and relevant information about travelers is shared with those contracted to provide tour services in the destination. Tour operators and their agents are prohibited from sharing or selling this information to other parties. Travelers may opt out of sharing their email addresses with others on the tour participant list.

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