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A look back on 2018 program highlights
Dear Princetonian,

In life we often look to the future, without reflecting on the past. Throughout my workdays, I often find myself entrenched in the details of educational travel programs two and three years away. For this project, PRINCETON JOURNEYS’ 2019 Travel Planner, it was a pleasure to simply slow down and reflect on the many magical moments and experiences that our travelers enjoyed during the past year.

In this issue, we look back on three recent tours to provide you with insider accounts of traveling with PRINCETON JOURNEYS. Read about the beautiful sunrise that travelers experienced over Angkor Wat in Cambodia during Sacred Sites of Southeast Asia; learn how another travel group paged through medieval masterpieces at Cambridge University’s magnificent Wren Library on Great Libraries of England; and enjoy tales of exploration during the Columbia and Snake Rivers Cruise: A Mini-Reunion Adventure with the classes of 1951, 1972 and 1976. In addition to the expertly planned itineraries, the unparalleled access to remote locations and the exceptional study leaders who travel with our groups, the best part of any journey is you, our Princeton alumni who revel in the camaraderie of traveling and learning together.

After reading stories of travels past, I invite you to join me and daydream of the unique experiences awaiting you in 2019: 17 adventures featuring “must-see” locations, knowledgeable and beloved study leaders and insider Princeton experiences. Highlights include Cuba X: Young Alumni, a journey specifically created for recent graduates; Cruising Croatia, an exclusive island-hopping adventure through the country’s natural splendors and complex history; and Seeking Happiness: The Kingdom of Bhutan, a journey to the last living Vajrayana Buddhist Kingdom on the planet.

Want to know more? The PRINCETON JOURNEYS team is always here to answer your questions and assist you in determining which program is best suited for your travel style. We hope you will join us for one of our journeys this year. In the meantime, best wishes for safe travels, continued curiosity and perpetual learning.

My best,

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Executive Manager
PRINCETON JOURNEYS
Sacred Sites of Southeast Asia
PRINCETON JOURNEYS Tours
the Beauty and Conscience of Southeast Asia

Great Libraries of England
PRINCETON JOURNEYS Takes Travelers on Encounters With Glorious Books and Their Keepers

Columbia and Snake Rivers Cruise
A Mini-Reunion Adventure
With the Classes of 1951, 1972 and 1976
In the humid pre-dawn, PRINCETON JOURNEYS travelers make their way along an immense exterior wall of Cambodia’s Angkor Wat. They are within earshot of monks chanting, followed by buzzing locusts, which soon have the upper hand. The group scales several dozen stone steps, emerging atop the 12th-century temple as a hazy sunrise breaks.

“It’s a cool view over the tree canopy that surrounds Angkor Wat, the same view someone would have seen 400 to 500 years ago,” says Bill Harwood ’79, who has traveled on six PRINCETON JOURNEYS. “We were free to walk around alone for more than 15 minutes. Having a space like that utterly to ourselves was truly remarkable. It was profound.”

Seth Masters ’81, who, with his wife Suzette, typically plan their own travel, agrees. “Our local guide positioned us so we were the first people to walk into the temple,” Masters says. “That among other things throughout our trip — the quiet time in the temple, dining at the home of the U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia, meeting significant players in humanitarian ventures — sound small, but they add up to feeling that you’re getting to see not just the surface of a country, but a bit beneath.”

In other words, this is lifelong-learning, Princeton-style.
Like all programs planned by PRINCETON JOURNEYS, “Vietnam and Cambodia: Sacred Sites of Southeast Asia” offered unparalleled access to the countries’ most remote areas, coupled with a study leader renowned in her field. This was a 12-day tour straddling late February and early March that kicked off in Hanoi. Study Leader Dora C. Y. Ching ’11, the associate director of Princeton’s Tang Center for East Asian Art, provided educational context during daily excursions.

The Vietnam portion of the journey included a stop at Hoa Lo prison, aka the Hanoi Hilton, where the late U.S. Senator John McCain was held captive during the Vietnam War, and a visit to Hoi An, a small, charming river town whose architecture escaped damage during the war.

Vietnam was also the setting for the first of the tour’s three lectures by Ching who provided insight into the history and geography of an area that is often inaccessible on traditional regional tours. “I wanted to both weave and tease apart a multi-dimensional web of connections across time and space in Southeast Asia,” she says. “If you go back in time, to the 9th to 10th century, the north of Vietnam was under Chinese rule and the south of Vietnam was Hindu under the Cham Kingdom. Fast forward to more modern times, and the south is still very different from the north.”

These divisions persist among the Vietnamese to this day. Says Ching, “I think America saw the Vietnam War as a war of political ideology, but it was really the south against the north.”

As a way to deepen understanding of Khmer culture and add more value to the trip, Ching took a smaller group to see the Roluos Temple Group, the miniature forefather of Angkor Wat, which dates back to 811.

“It’s the beginning of all the temple mountain construction for the Angkor region,” Ching explains. “Some people said it was their favorite because of its historic importance.”

A short plane ride brought the group forward to an especially dark period of 20th-century Cambodian history: the murderous Khmer Rouge and the Killing Fields in Phnom Penh.

“The current site is not a prepossessing monument,” Harwood says, referring to the Killing Fields, while noting that its time as a full-fledged historic memorial has not yet arrived. “There are still people from the Pol Pot regime in government, and no one wants conflict.” Yet the land itself retains its powerful horror. Says Harwood, “You can see pieces of bone and clothing in the dirt and a sign that reads, ‘This is the tree where they killed the babies.’”

The next day, the group faced a choice: Visit the Royal Palace, a gilded pagoda-style complex where the King of Cambodia resides, or to the Tuol Sleng Genocidal Museum, the site of a former notorious Khmer Rouge prison. “That’s where people were tortured and forced to sign confessions before they were taken to the Killing Fields,” Hudnut adds. “We saw some of the handwritten confessions and I got to meet a survivor, Chum Mey,” one of only 15 Cambodians who survived out of at least 12,000 killed at Tuol Sleng.

The visit to Tuol Sleng grew out of a request by Suzette Masters, a former board member of New York City’s Tenement Museum, which was a founding member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

“The amount of flexibility on this trip was amazing,” Seth says. “It really felt more personalized and well-tailored than you would normally expect to have in a group.”

Meeting the U.S. Ambassador in Phnom Phen and lunching at his house appeared on many travelers’ lists...
of favorite stops, including Seth’s. “If you focus on the things that people usually pay attention to — the itinerary — I would say 10 years from now, we may remember some of them, but the things that will really stick out were all the intangibles,” Seth Masters says. “It was meeting the person who runs the Lake Clinic. That’s a group of boats that are basically the health care system for increasing numbers of Cambodians” in isolated floating villages near Angkor Wat.

“We visited a water buffalo dairy farm and that was incredible,” Suzette says, referring to a side trip to Laos. “They’re renting water buffalo from local farmers, providing them with a new source of income. What’s distinctive about PRINCETON JOURNEYS is they find other ways into the culture and stimulate you intellectually.”

That, and the fact that “people were fantastic to travel with,” Seth says. “We made a lot of friends.”

In fact, a six-degrees-of-separation chart might be in order. Hudnut, who took this tour after meeting Bill and Nancy Harwood on a PRINCETON JOURNEYS tour of the Galápagos Islands, discovered that both her son and the Harwoods’ son had attended Colby College, and they knew each other. (“It turned out I had some connection to almost every single person on the trip,” Hudnut adds.)

Post-trip, mini-reunions and impromptu dinners happen up and down the East Coast, and text messages fly between new friends.

It should come as no surprise that the Harwoods, Hudnut and the Masters will meet up again next year on PRINCETON JOURNEYS’ tour of Bhutan.

Nor that they had suggested the country as a future PRINCETON JOURNEYS travel destination. “Seeking Happiness: The Kingdom of Bhutan” with Study Leader Jonathan Gold, Professor of Religion and Behrman Faculty Fellow, is planned for October 16-25, 2019.
PRINCETON JOURNEYS TAKES TRAVELERS ON ENCOUNTERS WITH GLORIOUS BOOKS AND THEIR KEEPERS.

Great Libraries of England

By Renée Olson
“A man came bounding towards us who was not our guide,” says Karen Nathan ’79, who with the rest of the tour group stood in the lobby of the British Library on the first day of the Great Libraries tour held June 15-24, 2018. “He was someone who worked at the library, English, and he pulled up his pant leg to show us his orange-and-black striped socks,” Nathan says.

As it turns out, this man is the offspring of a Princeton alumnus, who was there to kick off this bibliophiles’ tour of London, Canterbury, Cambridge and Oxford. “He proceeded to lead us in a rousing rendition of ‘Old Nassau,’” she adds. “All of the other patrons looked at us as though we were completely insane.”

The tour, whose “library crawl” nickname comes from Study Leader and beloved scholar John Fleming ’63, the Louis W. Fairchild ’24 Professor of English and Comparative Literature, offered 23 Princetonians and friends remarkable access to repositories that included the archives at Canterbury Cathedral, the Bodleian Library at Oxford and the Stratford Library overlooking Shakespeare’s Birthplace, as well as specialty bookshops serving free-flowing champagne. Orchestrated by PRINCETON JOURNEYS, in partnership with Fleming, the itinerary offered unparalleled access to England’s most highly regarded libraries and rarely seen collections.
“I could definitely rave about the trip,” says Randle Seymour ’93, a Houston-based teacher well-versed in Old English, among other obscure languages, and one of the convivial people on the tour, which included a Bosworth scholar and, for good measure, Princeton literature bibliographer John Logan ’66. “I certainly had more access to the rare book sites and the guides in each library than I would as just a tourist,” he says. “This journey was extraordinary in what we were able to see and the way it was all put together.”

Throughout the 10-day journey, Fleming, an expert on Chaucer and medieval European culture, provided the group with a few formal lectures as well as fun and interesting anecdotes shared in their many casual conversations.

“I talked a fair amount about the physical nature of books and the history of the library,” Fleming says. He posed this question to the group: “Why do you save books? The idea that you’re absolutely disinterested so you gather everything that you can? That’s pretty new, actually. Most early libraries had very specific purposes, such as collecting theological works.”

On the other hand, the tour also trafficked in ideas. “At Cambridge, we had a special seminar given to us by the team of scholars who for many years have been editing the complete works of Charles Darwin, a fantastic undertaking,” he says. “His correspondence was especially interesting: This was a man who wrote 20 letters a day or so. They had books, they had his books. They had other crucially seminal scientific tomes of the mid-19th century that would illuminate his.

Then you had the scholars who have been intimately working with this work, so they knew Charles Darwin the way I know my uncle, and that’s just fascinating.”

By all accounts, the Dickens Museum in London was a hit. “The house is marvelous,” says Nathan, who is also a librarian to a private collector of Ben Franklin material and a former student of Fleming’s at Princeton. “It’s where Dickens lived for a while. We had a special dinner there, but when I read on the itinerary that there would be an actor who read parts from ‘A Tale of Two Cities,’ I thought, ‘Oh dear, it’s going to be some man pontificating.’”

She was happily mistaken.

The role for the young actor Dominic Gerrard was to essentially impersonate Dickens, Fleming says. “Dickens had become famous in his own lifetime for his dramatic readings of his own works,” he says. “He was always trying to make a dime, and he would rent out theaters, and people would pay a certain amount of money to hear him read.”

Gerrard based his performance on the adaptation of “A Tale of Two Cities” that Dickens himself prepared as part of his readings, although he never actually performed it. The actor prepared by studying Dickens’ own copy of his adaptation.

“Cossetted by librarians” is the phrase Joan Fleming, John’s wife and his frequent companion on trips, used to describe the warm welcome the group received at the 17th-century, neoclassical Wren Library at Trinity College, Cambridge. At one point, Logan and Chuck Meyer ’70 were chatting over a Shakespeare First Folio when a man who had been standing on the other side
of the case asked if he could show them a book Logan had mentioned.

A minute later he was back with that book and a “gorgeous” illustrated copy of “The Confessions of William Henry Ireland.” (Ireland, as Logan later explained, was one of the “great exploiters of Bardolatry with his fabulous counterfeiting of documents and inventing of whole plays.”)

For the pièce de résistance — by now, about half of the PRINCETON JOURNEYS group had gathered around — he showed a book predating the “Confessions” by the great Shakespearean Edmond Malone in which he denounces Ireland’s forgeries and inventions. “But this wasn’t just any copy of Malone’s book,” Logan says. “It was the one that belonged to Ireland’s father, who had annotated it,” denouncing Malone’s denunciations.

The attentive man who brought out the books? That was the Wren’s recently appointed chief librarian, Nicolas Bell.

On the way out, Melinda Varian, one of the travelers, remarked to Logan, “That made my day,” she said. “The Wren Library was totally glorious.”

Time was also spent outside of libraries. A relaxing cruise on the River Cam by narrowboat from the village of Fen Ditton to that evening’s dinner spot is best described by Varian, who is a birder — and lively diarist.

“We were mostly in open fen areas, and we were frequently passed by rowers (and cyclists on the adjacent paths). I kept hoping for a Kingfisher, but we got a few nice birds that I was able to show to people, including a Grey Heron and a Common Moorhen. There were many Mallards, some rather mixed. Many of the Mute Swans had cygnets. It was very pleasant. When we got out in Cambridge at the base of Jesus Lock, we had to be careful where we stood along the path, as there were kayakers pulling their kayaks out of the water, racing around the lock, and plunging back into the water, stopping for no one.”

The tour itinerary also included a memorable stop at Britain’s largest rock concert venue, some 30 miles north of London.

As it happens, the site for iconic performances by Metallica, Queen, The Rolling Stones and Pink Floyd is also the sprawling estate of the English nobleman Edward Bulwer-Lytton, a good friend of Dickens and the author of “It was a dark and stormy night,” the oft-parodied opening line everyone knows, but few could identify as coming from Bulwer-Lytton’s 1830 novel “Paul Clifford.”

“Knebworth House is now run by his very hip great-great-grandson,” Fleming says making the connection. “It’s one of these Downton Abbey kind of places, where Bulwer-Lytton entertained all these famous people, including writers. It was fantastic.”

Lord Lytton “told us the whole history of his family,” Nathan says. What made it memorable? “It was a private day just for us. You’re not going to get the Lord himself to take you behind the scenes of the house if you are just on the public tour.”

Unless you’re traveling with PRINCETON JOURNEYS.
Columbia and Snake Rivers Cruise

A MINI-REUNION ADVENTURE WITH THE CLASSES OF 1951, 1972 AND 1976

By Renée Olson

In 1803, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark received their departure instructions from President Thomas Jefferson:

The object of your mission is to explore the Missouri River, & such principle stream of it, as, by its course and communication with the waters of the Pacific Ocean, whether the Columbia, Oregon, Colorado or any other river may offer the most direct & practicable water communication across the continent for the purpose of commerce.

Jim Robinson ’72 had a somewhat less game-changing, though still desirable mission in mind when he contacted PRINCETON JOURNEYS. Could the educational travel arm of Princeton’s Alumni Association organize a Class of 1972 reunion trip along the watery culmination of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Columbia and Snake Rivers, and provide learning opportunities to support it? The answer was yes. The travelers’ home base for one week would be a three-story cruise ship with some 50 staterooms. The Class of 1972 was soon joined by the Classes of 1951 and 1976,
plus PRINCETON JOURNEYS Study Leader James P. McClure, general editor of the Papers of Thomas Jefferson at Princeton University, who added interesting tidbits and stories to their discussions not necessarily found in books. They all set sail from Portland, Oregon, in early October 2017.

“There was something every day that boggled your mind,” says Helena Novakova ’72, who joined the trip from Miami, Florida. From a stop at a power plant to a visit to a salmon hatchery to learn about the species’ life cycle, every day of the journey had both a cultural and an historical point, she says. “But the main topic was the history of the expedition. I thought it was fascinating.”

McClure stood ready to illuminate the expedition and Jefferson’s role in it. “He was very good,” says Ronald Cracas ’51 of Cedar Grove, New Jersey. “That probably was one of the valuable parts of the trip. We had nightly meetings with him and regular meetings with him throughout the day,” where he discussed what Lewis and Clark experienced.

Most of the Columbia’s rapids are today calmed by a system of locks, Robinson says. “When Lewis and Clark took the Columbia River, it was very, very treacherous. What they saw and what we saw weren’t the same thing. Nonetheless, there’s a lot of history you can still see. You can recreate what they did.”

While the destination was a great draw for these travelers, the “mini-reunion” aspect was also a chance to relax with fellow classmates, optimally with cocktails, in a setting that’s more intimate than Reunions on campus. “You get 400 classmates back with wives and kids, and you don’t get a chance to visit,” Robinson says. “You’ll find your cadre of close friends and spend three days telling stories that I’m sure are more embellished than they would have been 40 years ago.”

The mini-reunion is the minimalist’s version of that. “This is so much more intimate,” says Robinson, an old hand at organizing mini-reunions for his class. “It’s a great way to stay connected to classmates. We plan two trips a year.”

Novakova is effusive about her fellow Class of 1972 classmates. “People are so nice and we get along so well,” she says. Speaking of Princetonians from the other classes: “They were wonderful. For every meal I sat at a different table.”

Asked whether the Class of 1951 mingled with the classes that trailed his by 20-odd years, Cracas answered, “Thoroughly.” Then he paused a beat. “You could hardly tell the difference.”

Bottom line: “Look, for me, PRINCETON JOURNEYS is a blessing,” Robinson says. “With this trip, all I had to do was sign people up, and PRINCETON JOURNEYS did everything else. I did nothing.”

Except for the hats.

For each of his class’ mini-reunions, Robinson enlists the help of an artist to draw a tiger in the trip’s setting. “For Santa Fe, he had him in cowboy boots,” Robinson says. “For Charleston, he had him underneath a palm tree with the flag of South Carolina.” Robinson gets the baseball caps manufactured and gives one to each member of his class. For the Columbia River trip, there are two tigers — think Lewis and Clark — in a canoe on the river, one with a telescope, the other with a paddle. This time, the orange caps went to everyone on the trip.

“Everybody in the Class of 1951 was so tickled to have these,” Robinson says.

Interested in organizing a mini-reunion for your class? Contact PRINCETON JOURNEYS at 609-258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.
If you’ve ever needed inspiration to pack your bags and take off for a far-flung vacation, these next few pages should take care of that.

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**MODERATE:** Programs considered “Moderate” involve walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations not handicapped accessible (i.e. no elevators, ramps or handrails). Participants can expect to walk up to three miles per day and be on one’s feet for up to three hours at a time.

**ACTIVE – PACE:** “Active – Pace” programs require participants to stand and walk for long periods (two to four hours) over rough terrain, such as dirt roads, gravel paths or sand. Programs that include multiple opportunities for activities more strenuous than walking, such as kayaking, vigorous walking on inclines or bicycling would carry this designation.

**ACTIVE – ENVIRONMENT:** Often, the climate in areas where our programs occur is extreme in terms of heat, cold, humidity or general air quality. In these cases, the trip designation would be “Active – Environment.” Some programs denoted as “Active – Environment” may also be in areas of high elevation up to 9,000 feet above sea level.

**CHALLENGING:** Programs designated as “Challenging” may include some sort of physical demands outside the normal scope of everyday activity, such as full-day hiking, biking or strenuous water sports. While most of these programs will not require previous experience in trekking or any such pursuit, all participants should be prepared for extended periods of aerobic activity. Programs will also be considered “Challenging” when prolonged physical activity, however mild or moderate, is undertaken in areas with elevations more than 9,000 feet above sea level or extreme heat and humidity conditions.
EGYPT: LAND OF THE PHARAOHS
ABOARD THE SUN BOAT III

DATES OF FIRST DEPARTURE: January 3–15, 2019

STUDY LEADER: Thomas Hare '75, William Sauter
LaPorte '28 Professor in Regional Studies and Professor
and Chair of Comparative Literature

DATES OF SECOND DEPARTURE: January 10–22, 2019

STUDY LEADER: Deborah Vischak, Assistant Professor
of Egyptian Art and Archaeology

Princeton Exclusive

COST: From $9,900 per person

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate

For all of recorded time, the mighty waters of Egypt’s Nile River have been the source of life-giving sustenance, cultural riches and mythic power. This trip will allow travelers to explore the glorious age of the Pharaohs with special access to the most exclusive sites in the region.

• Cruise aboard the intimate 18-cabin yacht Sun Boat III, chartered exclusively for PRINCETON JOURNEYS, viewing ancient temples and rural village life along the Nile’s scenic banks.
• Marvel at the only remaining ancient world wonder, the Great Pyramid of Khufu on the Giza plain.
• Explore the labyrinthine tombs in the Valley of the Kings at Thebes, with specially arranged access.
• Witness Old Cairo’s monuments and stroll through the Khan al-Khalili souks’ enticing byways, wafting with aromatic scents.
• Visit the iconic temples of Luxor, Karnak and Isis, and journey to the unique Djoser step pyramid at Saqqara.

CUBA X: YOUNG ALUMNI

STUDY LEADER: Jeremy Rosen '01, Assistant Professor of English, University of Utah

DATES: January 25–28, 2019

Princeton Exclusive

COST: $2,199 per person, double occupancy

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate

Travel on this exclusive trip specifically created for a younger demographic. Engage with both local Cuban people and leading intellectuals to experience the richness of this emerging destination.

• Stay in the heart of Old Havana with fabulous rooftop views of the city.
• Connect with local artists in their studios and meet with the leaders of impactful NGOs.
• Move to the rhythm of rumba and salsa and experience Havana’s vibrant nightlife.
• Explore Cuba’s countryside on an optional post-program extension.
PASSAGE THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL AND COSTA RICA ABOARD LE CHAMPLAIN

STUDY LEADER: Bonnie Bassler, Squibb Professor in Molecular Biology and Chair of the Department of Molecular Biology

DATES: February 2–10, 2019

COST: From $5,515 per person, double occupancy

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate

Voyage through the historic Panama Canal and to the rich rainforests of Costa Rica and Panama during this mid-winter retreat. Experience rainforest canopies, tropical sunsets, national park wildlife refuges and the lush beauty of this fertile landscape.

- Cruise on five-star Le Champlain with a daylight passage through the Panama Canal.
- Take the guided trail walks through the stunning Manuel Antonio National Park and Curú National Wildlife Refuge.
- Tour Panama City, highlighted by a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Casco Antiguo and the new Frank Gehry–designed Biodiversity Museum.
- Enjoy opportunities for swimming and snorkeling in the pristine waters of Isla Cébaco.

SAILING THE WINDWARD ISLANDS: GRENADA TO BARBADOS

STUDY LEADER: Anna Arabindan-Kesson, Assistant Professor of African American Art and Art of the Black Diaspora

DATES: March 5–12, 2019

COST: From $5,395 per person, double occupancy

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate

With a heritage older than the American Revolution, the Windward Islands offer breathtaking views, colorful gardens, historic sites and welcoming cultures. The Islands are a remote archipelago of volcanic peaks, white-sand beaches and lush gardens, a perfect respite from the depths of winter.

- Tour the Spice Island, Grenada, featuring historic Fort St. George.
- Enjoy swimming and snorkeling at the breathtaking Tobago Cays Marine Park and its nearly 1500 acres of coral reefs and lagoons.
- Visit the beautifully preserved Clément Plantation and Rum Distillery, where then-U.S. President George H.W. Bush and French President Francois Mitterand finalized the end of the Gulf War in 1991.
- Hike to a turtle hatchery in Bequia, Grenadines.
FLAVORS OF PARIS

STUDY LEADER: Steven Laurence Kaplan ’63, Professor of French Social History, Emeritus, Cornell University

DATES: April 10–15, 2019

Princeton Exclusive

COST: $4,995 per person, double occupancy

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate

Savor a delicious and delightful tour of Paris’ great bread bakeries where you will learn about the intricacies of breadmaking, while being immersed in Parisian culture.

• Dive into the world of French breads during a full day of bakery visits led by Steven Laurence Kaplan ’63, stepping into actual bake rooms to talk with each baker, touch the leavens and doughs, and learn about the factors that go into producing heavenly loaves.

• Enjoy luxury accommodations at the landmark 5-star Hôtel de Crillon.

• Meet a chocolatier for a private tour and tasting, enjoy French cheeses in a private shop, and participate in an exclusive wine tasting at a premier cellar.

• Explore authentic food markets, stopping to meet local merchants and learn about (and taste!) their specialty products.

THE HISTORIC RHINE: BASEL TO AMMSTERDAM

STUDY LEADER: Colonel (Ret.) Kevin Weddle ’03, Professor of Military Theory and Strategy, United States Army War College, and 2019 William L. Garwood Visiting Professor, Princeton University

DATES: May 6–19, 2019

COST: From $6,995 per person, double occupancy

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate

Explore ancient Roman heritage and 20th-century military history on this classic European river cruise.

• Spend 12 nights aboard the privately chartered Royal Crown, enjoying the scenic Rhine Gorge and historic castles of the Moselle.

• Enjoy carefully curated excursion options throughout the cruise, all included in the tour price, for small-group experiences and the opportunity to focus on what most interests you.

• Explore some of Europe’s best-preserved Roman ruins, including Augusta Raurica, Xanten and Kalkreise, where an epic battle between the Romans and Germanic tribes was fought.

• Visit important World War II sites, among them Ouvrage Schoenenbourg, a Maginot Line fortification; strategically critical Allied Rhine River crossings; and Arnhem, where the unsuccessful Operation Market Garden unfolded.
CELTIC LANDS: 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Dwight David Eisenhower II, American historian, and grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower

DATES: June 4–14, 2019

COST: From $7,510 per person, double occupancy

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate

Commemorate the 75th anniversary of the historic D-Day landings during this once-in-a-lifetime, nine-night Celtic Lands journey that takes you through exclusive tours of Normandy, London, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland.

- Cruise aboard the five-star small ship *Le Boréal* from England to France, Ireland, Wales, and Scotland, with guided excursions in each port of call.
- Walk the hallowed grounds of Omaha Beach and Utah Beach with Dwight David Eisenhower II and hear personal insights about his grandfather and “Operation Overlord,” the Allies’ code name for the military campaign that launched the D-Day airborne and amphibious invasion at Normandy.
- Join Allen Packwood, director of Churchill Archives Centre, for a discussion of the complexity of the D-Day operations and Sir Winston Churchill’s role in its undertaking.
- Extend your adventure with the optional London pre-cruise and Glasgow post-cruise programs.

ALASKA: A BACKCOUNTRY ADVENTURE

STUDY LEADER: Christopher Little, Climate Scientist, Atmospheric and Environmental Research

DATES: June 8–16, 2019

Princeton Exclusive

COST: $6,395 per adult, double occupancy; $5,495 per child

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Active – Pace

On this engaging nine-day adventure, enjoy the incredible wonders of the Alaska Range — including North America’s highest peak, Denali — plus the stunning coastline, massive glaciers and breathtaking waterways of Kenai Fjords National Park.

- Connect with nature on this active journey, which features guided hiking, kayaking, canoeing, and more.
- Stay in authentically Alaskan backcountry lodges.
- Feel the cool breezes and smell the saltwater during a marine wildlife and glacier viewing day cruise.
- Explore the rugged beauty of the 49th state.
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: CHILE & THE SKIES OF THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

STUDY LEADER: James Stone, Chair of Department of Astrophysical Sciences, Lyman Spitzer, Jr. Professor of Astrophysical Science and Professor of Applied & Computational Mathematics

DATES: June 25–July 6, 2019

Princeton Exclusive
COST: $10,795 per person, double occupancy

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Challenging

Princeton researchers have long been in the forefront of theoretical space exploration and PRINCETON JOURNEYS is excited to offer an exclusive opportunity to witness a total solar eclipse in the north of Chile, home to world-class astronomical observatories.

• Enjoy special access to the Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT) where Princeton is one of the leading collaborators; Paranal Observatory, site of the Very Large Telescope (VLT); and Las Campanas Observatory, the Magellan Project site.
• Sip on local vintages and dine in style at the Kingston Family Vineyards, founded and operated by a beloved Princeton family.
• Celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity at the eclipse viewing party directly along the path of totality.
• Explore the Atacama Desert’s extraordinary landscapes: volcanoes, evaporated salt lakes, hot springs and a host of animal life.

CRUISING CROATIA: THE LAND OF A THOUSAND ISLANDS

STUDY LEADER: Amb. Rick Barton, Lecturer of Public and International Affairs; Co-director, Scholars in the Nation’s Service Initiative, Woodrow Wilson School

DATES: July 8–16, 2019

Princeton Exclusive
COST: From $4,390 per person, double occupancy

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate

Take off on an island-hopping adventure to experience the crystal clear waters of the Adriatic Sea and the fairy tale towns along her shore, boasting one of the region’s richest troves of archaeological sites, dramatic architecture, unique cathedrals and ancient city centers that beg exploring.

• Marvel at the remarkably well-preserved Roman ruins of Diocletian’s Palace at Split and the seaside amphitheater and temple at Pula.
• Experience UNESCO designated Plitvice Lake National Park’s 16 lakes, interconnected by a series of soaring waterfalls and splashing cascades.
• Delve into the historic sights of Dubrovnik, known as the “Pearl of the Adriatic.”
• Swim in the pristine waters of the Kornati Archipelago.
INDONESIA: YOGYAKARTA TO BALI

STUDY LEADER: Michael Laffan, Professor of History
DATES: July 31–August 12, 2019
Princeton Exclusive
COST: $7,395 per person, double occupancy
ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate

Stretching more than 3,000 miles — from Sumatra, home to Southeast Asia’s largest lake and dense jungles — to Papua, Indonesia is a nation as varied as it is unique, with Hindu-Buddhist monuments, countless pristine beaches and natural wonders that grace an archipelago filled with mystique, nature and beauty.

• Explore the sacred Buddhist and Hindu temples of Borobudur and Prambanan.
• Learn about Indonesia’s diverse religious landscape and Islamic influence on the country.
• Trek in search of komodo dragons and snorkel in crystal clear waters in Komodo National Park.
• Indulge in profound relaxation on the beautiful beaches of Bali.

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

STUDY LEADER: Jessica Delgado, Assistant Professor of Religion
DATES: August 23–September 4, 2019
Princeton Exclusive
COST: $7,599 per person, double occupancy
ACTIVITY LEVEL: Active – Pace

For more than a millennium pilgrims have walked the Camino de Santiago, the “Way of Saint James,” to the shrine of the Apostle at Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain. To this very day the pilgrims’ motives have been as varied as their personalities: religious devotion, wanderlust, flight from the law, the spirit of adventure, cultural tourism. Set out on a series of selective hikes along this most famous of Europe’s walking trails.

• Walk in the footsteps of St. James, balancing hikes along the Camino with time to explore the art and architecture of medieval towns and some of Spain’s most impressive cathedrals.
• Begin in Pamplona, with stops in Laguardia, Burgos, León and Villafranca del Bierzo before culminating your journey in Santiago de Compostela, host to centuries of pilgrims.
• Taste the local wine and cuisine of Laguardia, historic capital of the famous Rioja Alavesa wine region.
• Hear Gregorian chants performed by the world-famous monks of Santo Domingo de Silos.
• Experience midday Mass at the magnificent Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.
SHE ROARS SANTA FE: WOMEN AND THE ARTS

STUDY LEADER: Martha A. Sandweiss, Professor of History and Director of the Princeton and Slavery Project

DATES: September 18–22, 2019
COST: $3,195 per person, double occupancy

Princeton Exclusive

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate

With a special focus on the role of women in the culture and history of Northern New Mexico, this journey highlights a beautiful area of cultural overlay, where the blend of Native, Hispanic and Anglo American peoples and traditions have created unique cuisine, architecture and traditions.

- Meet notable women who are leaders in the city’s exciting arts scene and connect with local Princetonians who will give an insider’s perspective of this fascinating area.
- Take a guided tour of the private home and studio of American Modernist Georgia O’Keeffe.
- Explore Museum Hill’s famed Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian and the Museum of International Folk Art.
- Enjoy an unforgettable dinner featuring Southwestern Native American cuisine from a local female chef, Native foods historian and photographer.

ANCIENT EMPIRES: ROME TO VALLETTA

STUDY LEADER: Andrew Feldherr, Professor and Chair of the Department of Classics

DATES: September 26–October 4, 2019
COST: From $5,065 per person

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate

Discover the intriguing mélange of cultures that flourished in the wake of ancient empires on this exclusively chartered cruise to the resplendent shores of mainland Italy, Sicily and Malta.

- Cruise for seven nights from Rome, Italy, to Valletta, Malta, aboard the five-star yacht, Le Bougainville.
- Gain insight into the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. that left the once sophisticated city of Pompeii under meters of ash and pumice.
- Enjoy time at leisure and soak up the sun on the breathtaking island of Capri.
- Discover Sicily’s storied town of Taormina, tour the legendary village of Syracuse and take an excursion to Agrigento’s majestic Valley of the Temples.
- Conclude your journey in Malta, the island nation where Saint Paul was shipwrecked.
SEEKING HAPPINESS: THE KINGDOM OF BHUTAN

STUDY LEADER: Jonathan Gold, Associate Professor of Religion and Behrman Faculty Fellow
DATES: October 16–25, 2019
Princeton Exclusive
COST: $7,995 per person, double occupancy
ACTIVITY LEVEL: Active – Pace

Nestled deep in the Himalayas, between the powers of India and Nepal, lies Bhutan — one of the most beautiful and isolated places on earth. Over the last 1200 years, the Buddha’s timeless teachings of wisdom and compassion have infused every aspect of society, and today Bhutan’s official development policy is known as “Gross National Happiness.” Join us on this exclusive delegation to discover the spiritual spaces and stunning natural landscapes of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

• Hike to Tiger’s Nest, the most revered pilgrimage site in the Himalayas.
• Explore off-the-beaten-path monasteries in the company of a true expert.
• An optional post-tour extension to Kathmandu, Nepal is available.

JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

STUDY LEADER: Denise Mauzerall, Professor of Environmental Engineering and Public and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School
DATES: December 7–20, 2019
COST: From $14,580 per person
ACTIVITY LEVEL: Active – Environment

Travel on the adventure of a lifetime where you will inhabit the vastness of Antarctica and discover the wonder of being in a location entirely pristine.

• See huge tabular icebergs floating in pools of turquoise blue melt water and mountains rising some 9,000 feet straight up from the sea.
• Watch raucous penguin behavior from courting to mating.
• Kayak among exotic wildlife.
• Descend from your ship, “parked’ in the ice, for the thrill of walking on a frozen sea.
• Join the ranks of the legendary explorers and depending on where your prior travels have taken you, join another illustrious and exclusive society — the “Seven Continent Club.”
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS ABOARD
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

STUDY LEADER: Coming Soon!
DATES: January 3–13, 2020
COST: TBD
ACTIVITY LEVEL: Active – Environment
Visit all eight unique islands and experience the majestic, unearthly ecosystem that can be found in only one place on this earth: the Galápagos. Animal life varies from island to island, but likely encounters include sea lions, fur seals, marine iguanas, sea turtles and penguins, as well as a wealth of bird life such as frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, Galápagos hawks, Darwin’s finches, Nazca boobies, storm petrels and short-eared owls.
• Come eye-to-eye with the famous giant tortoises roaming in the wild; encounter blue-footed boobies nesting along a trail; and marvel at courting, red-throated frigatebirds soaring overhead.
• Explore the vibrant sea — snorkeling and swimming daily with sea lions, sea turtles and penguins.
• Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and learn about the center’s conservation and sustainability projects.
• Hike past lava tubes and spatter cones and learn about the volcanic origin of this archipelago.

GALÁPAGOS

PERSIAN GULF CRUISE: OMAN, QATAR, ABU DHABI AND DUBAI ABOARD CRYSTAL ESPRIT

STUDY LEADER: Coming Soon!
DATES: January 7–17, 2020
COST: TBD
ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate
Explore Oman, Abu Dhabi, Qatar and Dubai as you cruise this thriving Arabian Gulf region in the comfort of the Crystal Esprit. The area is a fascinating crossroads of modernity and tradition in the Islamic world.
• Explore Dubai and Abu Dhabi’s modern architectural marvels: the Burj al Arab Hotel, Ski Dubai, the panoramic view from the 124th floor observation deck of the Burj Khalifa skyscraper and the Louvre Museum at Saadiyat Island.
• Appreciate Islam’s rich traditions at Doha’s Museum of Islamic Art, Abu Dhabi’s Sheikh Zayed Mosque, and Muscat’s Sultan Quaboos Grand Mosque.
• Participate in an educational program that focuses on the role of Islam in the social, political, cultural and economic development of these countries.
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PRINCETON JOURNEYS Terms & Conditions

Enrollment Eligibility
While PRINCETON JOURNEYS programs are designed primarily for undergraduate and graduate alumni of Princeton University, enrollment is open to all members of the Princeton community and any enthusiastic travelers seeking an educational travel experience. Registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

For selected programs, enrollment will be open to only Princeton alumni and their traveling companions for the first four weeks that the program brochure is available. During this period, non-alumni participants can be waitlisted for the program and enrolled after the four-week period, should spaces remain available.

PRINCETON JOURNEYS and its tour operators reserve the right to accept or decline any person at any time, or to require any participant to withdraw from a program at his or her own expense when such an action is determined by the operator or PRINCETON JOURNEYS to be in the best interest of the participant’s health and safety, or the general welfare of the other participants.

All participants are required to sign a statement of waiver and release; parents or legal guardians must sign these for travelers under the age of 18.

Program Rates
Unless otherwise stated, all rates listed on this site are per person based on double occupancy and do not include international airfare. Further details on program inclusions can be found in the individual program brochures on the PRINCETON JOURNEYS webpages or are also available upon request at 609-258-8686. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares (when applicable), and currency exchange rates in effect as of the date of brochure publication and are subject to change without notice.

Pre-Registration
In order to assure that you will not miss out on the opportunity to travel to the destinations that most interest you, we do offer pre-registration for those programs that do not yet have a brochure available. Pre-registration forms are available on each of the individual program web pages and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. If a brochure is already listed for a program, the “Download Brochure”) pre-registration is not possible; when making a deposit for these programs, your reservation will be confirmed (space permitting), and you will be subject to the cancellation policies set forth for each program.

Pre-registration does require a deposit. By depositing early, you will be assured a spot on the trip, provided it is not already sold out by the time your deposit is received by PRINCETON JOURNEYS and the minimum number of participants necessary to run the program register. However, your deposit will be fully refundable up to the time normal registration opens — that is, when the trip-specific marketing (print or electronic) is launched, normally eight to ten months prior to the program departure. If, for any reason, you wish to relinquish your spot prior to receiving the brochure, or within two weeks of the brochure being available, your deposit will be refunded with no penalty. After that time, your pre-registration deposit will become a fully-refundable deposit and will be subject to cancellation policies governed by the particular program in which you are enrolled.

Activity Level
All participants must be in good health to join and enjoy PRINCETON JOURNEYS programs. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time a reservation is made. Assistance cannot be expected or guaranteed; participants much make arrangements for their own assistance. Personal attendants traveling with special needs participants will be treated as any other participant and will be subject to the same first-come, first-served policies and program rates. By forwarding the deposit for pre-registration or registration in full, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other limitations that would create a hazard to him/herself or other travelers or would require adjustments to the program for other travelers.

Nearly all PRINCETON JOURNEYS programs involve walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs, and navigating areas that are not handicapped accessible. The following activity level ratings, found on our website, are provided to give prospective participants an idea of the pacing of our programs and the degree to which a program requires special skills, stamina, or acclimatization to altitude or weather conditions.

• Moderate: Programs considered “Moderate” involve walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations not handicapped accessible (i.e. no elevators, ramps, or handrails). Participants can expect to walk up to three miles per day and be on one’s feet for up to three hours at a time.

• Active – Pace: “Active – Pace” programs require participants to stand and walk for long periods (two to four hours) over rough terrain, such as dirt roads, gravel paths or sand. Programs that include multiple opportunities for activities more strenuous than walking, such as kayaking, vigorous walking on inclines, or bicycling would carry this designation.

• Active – Environment: Often, the climate in areas where our programs occur is extreme in terms of heat, cold, humidity, or general air quality. In these cases the trip designation will be “Active – Environment.” Some programs designated as “Active – Environment” may also be in areas of high elevation up to 9,000 feet above sea level.

• Challenging: Programs designated as “Challenging” may include some sort of physical demands outside the normal scope of everyday activity, such as full-day hiking, biking, or strenuous water sports. While most of these programs will not require previous experience in trekking or any such pursuit, all participants should be prepared for extended periods of aerobic activity. Programs will also be considered “Challenging” when prolonged physical activity, however mild or moderate, is undertaken in areas with elevations over 9,000 feet above sea level or extreme heat and humidity conditions.

Single Travelers
On all programs, a limited number of single spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. In most cases, a single supplement is charged. In cases when single travelers are willing to share a room/cabin with one another and a suitable pairing is possible, the single supplements will be waived.

Insurance
As a service to its travelers, the Office of Alumni Affairs of Princeton University automatically provides all PRINCETON JOURNEYS participants with basic medical, accident and evacuation coverage under a group emergency travel protection plan. This special event group policy, provided through Meyer and Associates as TripMate, Inc., underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, and purchased on behalf of each named traveler individually, is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. The policy (as of December 2015) covers basic services up to the maximum levels listed below:

• Accident and Sickness Medical Expenses up to $5,000
• Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation up to $200,000
• Accidental Death and Dismemberment up to $5,000

This insurance does not include benefits for participant cancellation. It is highly recommended that travelers supplement this basic protection with their own additional coverage, as well as trip cancellation/interruption or baggage coverage. Meyer and Associates, the company from whom PRINCETON JOURNEYS purchases the Emergency Assistance Policy, offer various travel and cancellation insurance plans for PRINCETON JOURNEYS travelers. More information can be found at: http://meyerandassoc.com/princetonjourneys.

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Cancellations and Refunds
All cancellations must be in writing to the Office of Alumni Affairs of Princeton University and will be subject to the cancellation policies set forth for the specific program by its operator. NOTE: Neither the Office of the Alumni Affairs of Princeton University nor the tour operators accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred in the purchase of a non-refundable ticket in connection with a tour.

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You recently traveled with PRINCETON JOURNEYS on “The Great American Southwest” as its Study Leader. What made this trip special for you in terms of sharing your knowledge with Princetonians?

The American Southwest is where my heart is. I’m passionate about the big vistas, the skies, the people, the history, the cultures. Many of our alums have explored far-flung parts of the world, but not traveled much in this part of the United States. It was a joy to share my favorite part of the country with them.

Why does the Southwest hold such a fascination for you?

The past is so visible there. Not just the deep geological past, but also the historical past. It’s a place where the imprint of the region’s Native American, Spanish and Mexican past is visible at every turn.

How did you develop the curriculum for your trip? How did you decide what you want to share with travelers on the trip?

I gave priority to places that can be hard to get to, sites where we could arrange access to special expertise, and events that happen only once a year. Alumni got the rare opportunity to attend both the annual feast day at Santa Ana Pueblo and Santa Fe’s annual Spanish Market. And they got to visit Los Alamos with an amazing guide who shared her experiences of growing up there while it was still a secret community.

A few sites were “musts.” I wanted to go to Acoma Pueblo, occupied for over 1,000 years on the top of a mesa west of Albuquerque, and to lead the group to Canyon de Chelly in the heart of the Navajo Nation. From there we were fortunate to meet with my student Madison Shorty ’19, whose father is a renowned Navajo silversmith and whose grandfather has been one of the leading traders on the Navajo reservation. Then we headed to Chaco Canyon, perhaps the greatest archeological site in North America, and a place very difficult to access across unpaved roads. We then ended up in Santa Fe, where people could enjoy museums, good restaurants and the culture of that extraordinary place.

Throughout the trip, we made a special effort to connect with our Native American alums from the region who could share their experiences with us.

How is traveling with PRINCETON JOURNEYS travelers different than teaching students?

Older alumni simply bring more experience to the conversations we had as we traveled around the Southwest. And, having heard from a few after the trip’s end, I can attest they keep reading the books on the reading list even after the class is over! It’s also a joy to be able to teach western history in the place it happened. That makes everything seem more vivid.

Martha A. Sandweiss, Professor of History, will be leading “She Roars Santa Fe: Women and the Arts” September 18-22, 2019.