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Welcome to this month's e-newsletter! Thank you for reading and for being part of the Zoom family, opening minds and hearts through travel while having an incredible time doing so.

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness," Mark Twain



A Message of Hope

One of our travelers sent us this message, originally from White Eagle, of the Hopi Indigenous People. We hope it gives you hope and solace during this time.

"This moment humanity is going through can now be seen as a portal and as a hole. The decision to fall into the hole or go through the portal is up to you.

If you repent of the problem and consume the news 24 hours a day, with little energy, nervous all the time, with pessimism, you will fall into the hole. But if you take this opportunity to look at yourself, rethink life and death, take care of yourself and others, you will cross the portal.

Take care of your homes, take care of your body. Connect with your spiritual House.

When you are taking care of yourselves, you are taking care of everything else. Do not lose the spiritual dimension of this crisis, have the eagle aspect, that from above, and see the whole; see more broadly.

Cooking With Zoom

Immune Boosting Power Drink

We make this great vitamin-packed juice drink every day at Zoom Vacations, and it really keeps us feeling healthy. We keep it simple and realistic, without a lot of complicated ingredients, so it is easy to do every day. The thing that makes the biggest difference is using fresh squeezed orange juice (not from concentrate) which can be purchased from most grocery stores.

This juice is healthy, easy, and economical, without the cleanup, expense, and hassle of using a juicer at home or buying juice from a local juicery. Also, for those of you who think that you do not like beet juice, try it in this recipe. We're pretty sure you will be surprised, and it is so good for you!

Recipe:

1 cup fresh squeezed orange juice
1/2 cup of beet juice
1 tsp tumeric (or 2 if you can handle it)
1/4 tsp of pepper
1 tsp ginger (note: if you are sensitive to spicy foods, use less, or just omit the ginger)

[Read more about the health benefits](#)



Zooming with Joel

Check back each month for this multi-part series where Joel will share his predictions of the future of travel!

Space May Become the Hottest Luxury Commodity

There is talk of added space being legislated into various sectors of our society, from restaurants to planes. So seating on planes will be less crowded. Currently we are seeing airlines “social spacing” passengers on flights, and it’s expected that this will continue for some time.

Airlines will add more Premium Economy seats to that cabin on planes. This will provide an ever-increasing area of revenue growth for the airlines, with passengers willing to pay more than economy but less than business for the luxury of more space and distancing on a plane.

Smaller and especially private group tours will be the norm. We will see many more people willing to pay for private and smaller group experiences, both for individualized care and to have larger control over the experience. Ironically, this has been a hallmark of Zoom Vacations since we started our company 18 years ago.

Travelers will be willing to pay a premium for highly curated, customized travel that incorporates the highest levels of attention-to-detail, especially details such as cleanliness and personal safety in general.



Previously crowded restaurants will place tables further apart from one another, and we will see additional sanitary practices as well.

Space is the new commodity. Space is luxury.

The Secret Gems of Our Destinations

Most people have heard about the main attractions that make destinations popular. What we would like to do is have a little fun telling you our favorite, surprising, less obvious things about various destinations.

For instance, many people would say their favorite thing about going to **Peru** is Machu Picchu. Yes, it is spectacular; however, there is something else about Peru that is truly great that most people may not realize. The food in Peru is incredible. You can see elements of Asian, African, Italian, French, and indigenous flavors in many of the dishes. Plus, so many wonderful things grow in Peru. There are literally hundreds of types of corn and potatoes, and if you like fish, well, no one does ceviche like Peru.

Rio de Janeiro is famous for its beautiful people and beautiful beaches. Something that a lot of people don't think about when they go to Rio is the outdoor art market in Ipanema. You can find some pretty incredible paintings for very little money, and it is easy to roll them up and bring them home with you.

In **Cambodia**, the main attraction is Angkor Wat, but something a lot of people rarely hear about in Cambodia is the charming town of Siem Reap, which is the town you fly into to visit Angkor Wat. It is so charming, with great little restaurants, fabulous hotels, fun bars, shopping, and vibrant nightlife.

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Zooming with Bryan

Staying Safe While Traveling

Something that has been very interesting to me throughout the Coronavirus pandemic is that there



are many people who are afraid to travel on a plane, which I understand, but those same people are taking Ubers, riding subways, and taking other modes of transportation.

Clearly, there is potentially a risk any time you leave your house and are in public and come in contact with other people, or for that matter, other surfaces beyond those that are in your home. As we move into this new normal, we are all going to need to balance keeping ourselves and everyone else safe, and living as normal a life as possible.

One of my travelers just had to take a flight and was discussing with me the ways in which he could protect himself during the entire experience. What became most interesting to me was that arguably what seemed to be the most dangerous part of his travel experience, was actually the Uber that he had to take from his house to the airport. Otherwise, he would have had to take a subway, which we both decided would have been even more potentially dangerous.

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