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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

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## Lessons of Hope from Around the World

Zoom Vacations' Joel Cabrera and Bryan Herb reflect on their travels, and how various countries around the world have overcome great challenges to create better lives for their people.

In this video, they discuss:

Rwanda  
Egypt  
South Africa

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Also, you will be guaranteed our current rates, so you can ***dream now, and travel soon!***

For those of you who are dreaming of a getaway,



visit our website to see tours from September 2020 through 2022.

At Zoom Vacations, we have always tried to create more than just the best vacation experiences for the LGBTQ+ community and straight allies. We are creating community, camaraderie, and a supportive brotherhood/sisterhood of likeminded travelers.

We hope that this email finds you safe and healthy, and if there is anything we can do to help you during this time, or if there is content you would like to see us create, please let us know. Our goal is to be a positive light for our community, both now and as we look to the future.

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## Cooking With Zoom

### Tasty Tapenade in Two Minutes

Bryan Herb shows you how to make a healthy, delicious, EASY artichoke and Green Olive tapenade, in less than two minutes. Great on sandwiches, salmon, and more!

#### Ingredients:

1/2 cup of marinated artichoke hearts

1/4 cup of green olives

1 clove of garlic

(optional) a few dashes of hot sauce

Place ingredients into a blender for a few seconds, then use as desired.



[Watch the video](#)



## Zooming with Joel

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

### Moving Forward as the World Reopens

Over the last couple of months the world may have largely stopped traveling but we at Zoom Vacations have not stopped working and preparing for future trips. We have been monitoring the situation, thinking very hard about what's happening, talking to hotels we work with,



comparing notes with other top level luxury travel professionals, and engaging with trusted suppliers near and far to understand how they and their home countries are preparing to welcome guests as travel resumes.

The good news is that as countries, airlines, and hotels around the world begin to reopen, and people get used to the idea of traveling with precautions, we are seeing slow but steady movement towards more travel. In addition, we are also hearing a renewed, but cautious, optimism about upcoming travel.

We all know that the rules of traveling for the foreseeable future will be somewhat different, but the reason that we travel will not change - to experience other cultures, see beautiful landscapes and iconic places, to relax and disconnect from our everyday life, and most importantly, to travel with likeminded guests that will be lifelong friends through shared experiences.

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## Zooming With Bryan

### Feeling the Urge to Travel? Watch this Show

Normally, I am not the biggest fan of watching TV, and I often do not feel like I have a lot of time for it. However, while in quarantine I have been watching a lot more than usual, and I stumbled upon a really great show, and one can perhaps satisfy your inner travel bug, at least a little.

My blog is not a movie or series review, but there is a specific reason why I am recommending this program now. If you have Amazon Prime I recommend watching "Made in Heaven".

"Made in Heaven" follows the lives of Tara and Karan, Delhi-based wedding planners. Tara is woman from the wrong side of the tracks who rises her way up into high society through marriage and Karan is a gay man living in a country with very conservative views and laws.

There are several reasons why I recommend this show to you now. The storyline is compelling, the acting is superb, and the whole production is very high budget. However, these are not the main reasons why I recommend it so highly. What I love about "Made in Heaven" is that it shows you a side of India many people do not see unless they visit India themselves.

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