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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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Featured Traveler: Lou, from Chicago

Lou and his husband Sam have been on a number of Zoom Vacations tours, and we are always excited when they are able to join us again, because they are so much fun to travel with. Lou took some time to chat with us about his recent Zoom Vacations tour to [China](#).

Zoom: You have been on a number of Zoom Vacations tours. What keeps you coming back?

Lou: What keeps us coming back, is the things that Zoom does that put it above other travel companies. Things like: surprising us with champagne atop The Great Wall, wonderful hotels, the attention given to my husband needing to be gluten-free, the worry-free,



seamless aspect of traveling, the great tour guides, knowing that Zoom will ensure that we hit all the highlights of any country we visit, meeting new friends, and the knowledge and friendliness of Bryan, and Joel.

Zoom: Based on our impressions from the news and other media, how was China similar and different than you expected?

Lou: My expectations of China was that there would be soldiers/police around, and likely a lot of security cameras, and there was in Beijing. However, in Shanghai, there still was security cameras, but the whole vibe of the people was more open-minded.

Zoom: What were some of the differences you notice between life in China, and life at home?

Lou: China has more people, more traffic, and more people of all ages publicly exercising. It was very difficult to access social media.

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Zoom China Photos

If you follow Zoom Vacations or Zoom's Joel Cabrera on social media, then you likely saw many photos from our tour to China last month. Since a picture speaks a thousand words, these images will give you a great idea of what the trip entailed.

On our tour, we visited Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Guilin, and Yangshuo, while enjoying some of the best hotels and restaurants in the country! Enjoy!

[See the photos](#)



Zooming with Bryan

Where to go Next: One Spot Stands Out

If there is one question or topic that I get asked about more than anything else, it is people asking me what my favorite place in the world is, or what is the main destination I think they should visit. My answer is pretty much always the same place. There are so many destinations around the world that I love and find rewarding and interesting, and truly, whatever destination you desire depends on what you are in the mood for at any given time. However, all of that being said, I always tell people that they should visit Peru now.

Peru has so much to offer, but there is a specific reason to visit it right now. Arguably and without question, Peru's main attraction and tourist draw is Machu Picchu. I have been going to Machu Picchu for the last 17 years, ever since we started



Zoom vacations, and I have seen it evolve, or perhaps better said, devolve over the years little by little.

More than any other destination, archaeological site, or world wonder, what I have noticed about Machu Picchu, is that every time I go back, there is less and less of the site that is accessible to tourists, and there are more and more regulations in place.

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Zooming with Joel

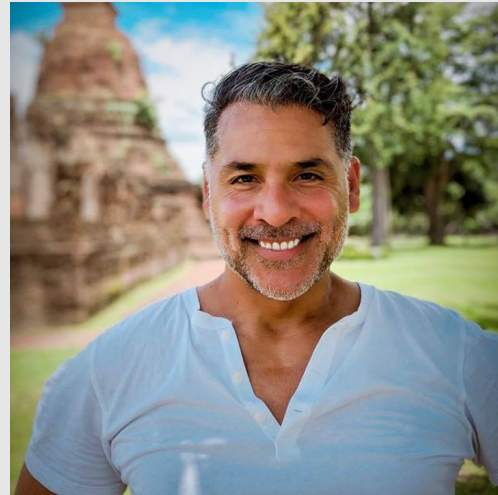
The Magic of Morocco

Greetings from Morocco where I am currently escorting [Zoom Morocco](#). I wanted to take a few minutes to share with you how excited I am to be here with Zoom guests in a country so full of natural beauty, personal acceptance, as well as cultural, geographic, religious, and culinary diversity.

I know that sounds like a mouthful but there is no easy way to describe Morocco. This is a place where one naturally feels comfortable and at ease despite what appears to be an exotic location. At first it's difficult to understand why. But then you realize that Morocco is a country that defies its geographic location. It sits on the continent of Africa. But culturally it's a mixture of a lot of Europe, a little of Africa and a fair amount of the Middle East. You see this diversity in the faces of its people. You hear it in the music, and you absolutely taste it in the food. Simply put, it is a feast for the senses.

Religiously, Morocco is Muslim. And generally this means the country is conservative. But once again the stereotypes are thrown out the window because the Moroccan people are very accepting. It is a place where our LGBT guests have not felt judged and in fact have been openly welcomed. There is good reason so many high profile gay personalities like Yves Saint Laurent, Malcolm Forbes, and Paul Boles lived all or part of their lives in Morocco. It's also a place where Jews feel so welcomed they come in droves to visit the ancient synagogues. Morocco's cultural diversity was recently declared by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity to be protected, and I couldn't agree more. It's a country that has to be experienced to be appreciated and I'm thrilled to be here and now doing just that.

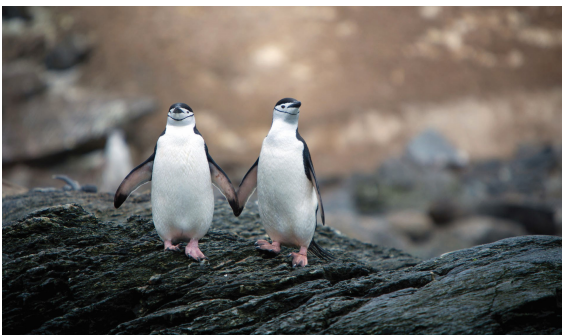
[Read about next year's tour to Morocco.](#)



Antarctica!

February 19-26, 2020

Did you know that Antarctica is melting three times as fast as a decade ago? A continent roughly the size of the United States and Mexico combined, [Antarctica](#) is indeed melting, and a recent study shows that the melting is speeding



up.

So, literally, the time to go to Antarctica is now! Zoom Vacations is bringing our gay group on Quark Expeditions' **new boat!** We wanted to bring a group in 2019, but our desired boat wasn't ready in time. Now, things are a go, and we have a limited number of cabins reserved. Once the ship is full, there is nothing we can do to accommodate last minute requests. So if you have always wanted to visit Antarctica, act now!

In the Antarctic, crossing the Drake Passage is first on the agenda. While most companies have you sail its sea-sickness inducing, notoriously rough waters, that isn't how we do things at Zoom Vacations. We take this wild card out of the equation, by flying over the Drake Passage.

We are currently holding the following cabins on this voyage.

Triple: \$9,995 Per person
SOLD OUT, Waitlist only

Veranda Suite: \$16,495 Per person (\$28,042 for single traveler)

Deluxe Suite: \$19,195 Per person (\$28,390 for single traveler)

Owners Suite: \$19,995 Per person (\$29,990 for single traveler) SOLD OUT, Waitlist only

[Read about our tour!](#)

Our Morocco Tour in Real Time

Zoom Vacations is currently on our tour to Morocco, including Casablanca, Tangier, Chefchaouen, Fez, Sahara Desert, Ouarzazate, and Marrakech

Follow Joel Cabrera and Zoom Vacations in real time in Morocco on social media. You will see tantalizing photos and videos of the region, and learn if this tour is right for you for 2020!

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