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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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### Video Ambush: Joel in the Raw. From Surviving to Thriving.

In this video, Zoom Vacations founders, Joel Cabrera and Bryan Herb discuss how Joel is thriving during quarantine, when Bryan surprises him with a video ambush and interview.

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### Cooking With Zoom

#### Mediterranean Cod

Bryan Herb shows us a SIMPLE Mediterranean dish that can be made in less than ten minutes, using either cod or chicken.

#### Recipe:

- 4 pieces of frozen cod (or fresh cod or chicken)
- 1 can of tomato sauce
- 2 cans of stewed tomatoes (or 1 is ok)
- 1 chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup minced garlic
- 3 Tablespoons of fresh rosemary, or 2 of dried
- Salt and pepper to taste



Bake time: 375 for 30 minutes for fresh cod or chicken. 40-45 minutes for frozen.

[Click here to see and even faster recipe for this dish](#)



## Zooming with Joel

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

### Keeping you Safe While Traveling: Our Germaphobic Obsession Finally Comes in Handy

At Zoom Vacations, keeping our travelers and ourselves safe while seeing the world is nothing new. As confirmed germaphobes we've always taken extra steps to make sure that our Zoom guests are loaded with anti-bacterial gel, alcohol wipes and fresh bottles of water on each tour. In fact, some guests have told us that their leftover personalized anti bacterial gel bottle from a previous trip is coming in handy more than ever!

In addition, Zoom Vacations works with the best transportation companies and makes sure that vehicles are always clean throughout our journey. Plus Zoom Vacations tours have a built-in social distancing component in that our tours are private and any contact we come into with other persons outside our group is by design. Zoom Vacations chooses restaurants and hotels that adhere to the highest level of sanitation and cleanliness in any given location. These things have become a hallmark of the guest experience on every Zoom Vacations tour and will continue to be.

Nevertheless, we are updating our present protocols to require every transportation company to disinfect vehicles multiple times a day during a tour, stay at hotel properties and eat at restaurants which have a sanitation protocol in place to deal with the extra requirements needed during this time. In addition, we continue to consider different ways that we will keep you safe and comfortable. Our next trip is not until September, and the situation is evolving. So, as we get closer to that date we will have a clearer picture of what protocols will be most appropriate. Rest assured, your safety and comfort is our highest priority and we will have you covered. As traveling companions, you as guests and we as tour leaders escorting your tour, literally are in this together.



## Remember to Renew Your Global Entry BEFORE it Expires

Zoom Vacations' owner, Joel Cabrera discusses the need to renew your Global Entry membership before it expires. It is MUCH easier to renew



before it expires, than to start all over again.

[Watch the Video](#)



## Mental Health Half Hour Interview With Bryan Herb

### The Magic of Cape Town

In this interview for the mental health half hour, Zoom's Bryan Herb shares his tips for must-do experiences in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Mental Health Half Hour is a new social community for those that want to move forward rather than count the days until we move on during this difficult time.

[See the Video](#)

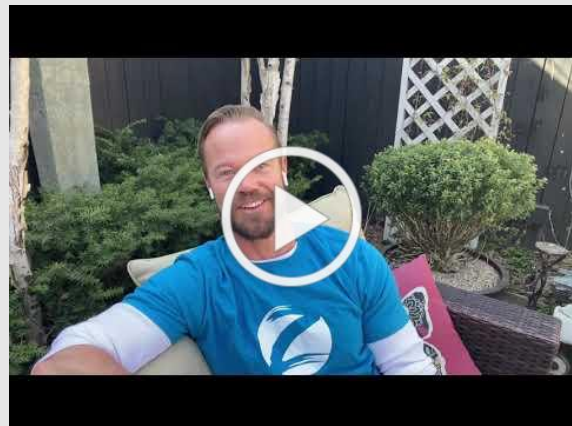
## Zooming With Bryan

### A Lesson on Compassion From an Unexpected Source

With everything that is going on in the world, I find myself thinking more than ever about the concepts of grace, selflessness and compassion. I guess that is why my favorite, most meaningful Zoom Vacations travel moment keeps popping into my mind. It took place in the holy city of Varanasi, in India. Let me put things into perspective.

Imagine you are walking up 8th avenue in Manhattan, and the buildings have been stripped of their facades, revealing coarse brick, mortar, and cinder block. Now give them all a nice coating of gray dust with an additional half inch of dust on the street, blurring any hint of lane lines. Fill 8th avenue full of people, none over 5 and a half feet tall, and add a cow or two every 50 feet, plus some stray dogs and goats. Small cars and larger trucks dart in every direction, as motorcycles and rickshaws dodge in and out of traffic, avoiding the crowds of pedestrians. All you hear is the honking of horns and the calling out of vendors selling fruit, crafts, dinner, and unidentifiable items from makeshift stalls that line the avenue.

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