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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.

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## Fun Facts From Around the World

**Iceland:** In 2012 a woman on a visit to Iceland added a new twist to the concept of "self-discovery" after taking part in a major mountain search operation for a lost tourist before realizing that she was the missing person everyone was looking for. Before getting back on her tour bus, the "missing" tourist had changed her clothes and "freshened up". Her fellow passengers did not recognize her as being the same woman.



## Bryan and Joel Recap Bryan's Recent Trip to the National Parks

Bryan touches on what it was like to fly right now (he flew into Montana and out of Las Vegas) and gives several tips to help anyone who may be considering a similar trip! Over 2 weeks, we visited 6 states, 7 national parks, 2 state parks, and 2 ghost towns. He drove 2,665 miles and took thousands of photos. This trip recharged his love of America and reminded him that we live in a truly beautiful country.

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**Announcing: Special Luxury Tahiti Cruise with Zoom Vacations on Paul Gaugin**

October 24-31, 2020

8 Days from \$4095 (waived single supplement)

Join Zoom Vacations small group this October (yes, October) in Tahiti on the 5 star, all-inclusive Paul Gaugin. In one wonderful week, you'll explore the best of the South Pacific, with stops in lush Huahine, beautiful Bora Bora, and postcard-perfect Moorea. Once you've made these islands your home—even if just for a week—they'll always be calling for you to return.

### Highlights

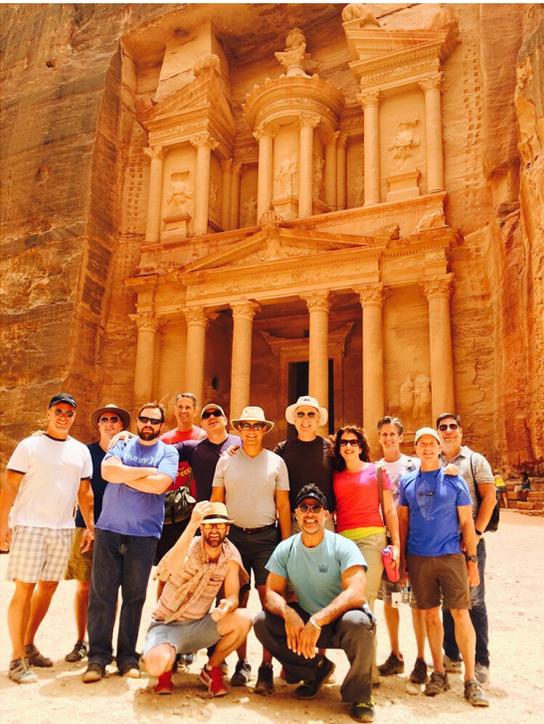
\* Spend a relaxing day on Motu Mahana, a private islet, complete with white-sand beaches, swaying palm trees, a barbecue lunch, drinks served in coconuts, and a floating lagoon bar.

\* Explore Bora Bora your way—visit our exclusive white-sand beach with volleyball, snorkeling, kayaking or paddleboarding, or opt for an optional four-wheel-drive safari, aquabike excursion, or glass bottom boat ride.

\* Enjoy an overnight in Moorea, giving you plenty of time to marvel at mountain peaks, lounge near blue lagoons, and sample the fresh, local cuisine.

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## Zooming with Joel

### What I Miss About Travel Right About Now

My last trip, domestic or international, was in February. For me that is a long time being home. As a self defined travel junkie I miss traveling a lot.

Sure, the comforts and amenities that come with a certain level of travel that Zoom Vacations offers are nice, but I have come to realize that what I miss most is traveling with like-minded people and sharing experiences and laughs.

What makes connecting with others while traveling together on a Zoom Vacations tour easy is that so much is thought out ahead of time so that our guests and I really focus on making friendships and building life long memories.

Sometimes this happens in the most unexpected ways. Let me explain. I am a pop culture junkie, my second addiction after travel. As a kid I would watch a lot to TV and dream about travel.

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## Zooming With Bryan

## Visiting the National Parks: Yellowstone and Grand Teton

Since Covid-19 has made many countries off-limits to United States of America travelers, many of us are looking into trips that we can take within the United States. It turns out that United States has quite a lot to offer. Who knew? From wine tasting to coastal beaches to our national parks, we certainly aren't at a lack for things to do here.

The travel bug had been biting hard, so recently I visited several USA national parks: part fun, part research for future Zoom Vacations tours. I started in Glacier National Park in Montana, then drove to Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton in Wyoming, the Salt Flats outside of Salt Lake City, Arches National Park, Dead Horse State Park, Capital Reef National Park, Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah, and Valley of Fire State Park in Nevada. It was quite an adventure!

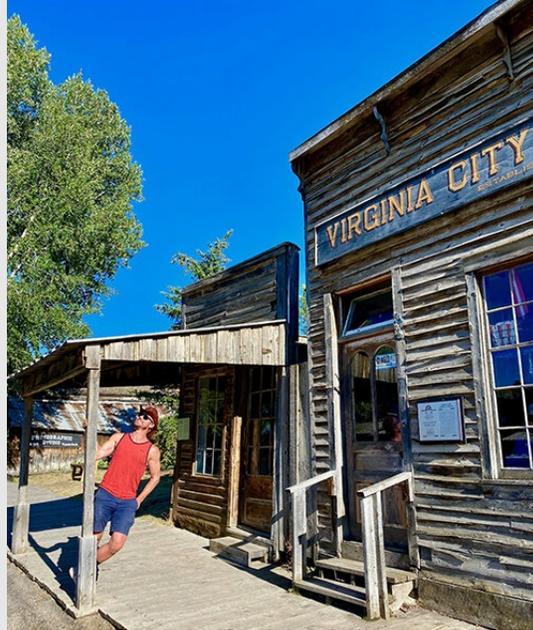
I learned so much from taking this trip, and as I know that a lot of people will be making similar trips in the future, I thought I would give you my tips for each of the destinations. It is pretty extensive, so I am going to break this up as part of a series.

If you are planning on going to several national parks within the year, you definitely want to get the year-long unlimited "America the Beautiful" national parks pass which is only \$80. With it, you can see more than 2000 natural, historic, and cultural sites within the US. You need to acquire the pass in advance, and it is good for one vehicle with four people. Also, all the national parks that we visited were open 24 hours a day. So, this is definitely a place where you want to wake up and experience sunrise and lesser crowds at the park. There isn't much to do in the evenings anyway, so it is the perfect "early to bed and early to rise" opportunity.

### *Yellowstone and Grand Teton*

To arrive at Yellowstone and/or Grand Teton, other than driving, there are several airport options. The furthest but least expensive is flying into Salt Lake City, about six hours away. The closest is Yellowstone Airport, just two miles from the Park. If you are planning on entering through the South entrance, Jackson Hole Airport in Jackson, WY is the nearest to Yellowstone, about 60 miles from the south entrance, located inside Grand Teton National Park.

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

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