

e-newsletter



Greetings!

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

Be the First to Join a NEW Zoom Vacation!

We want you to be the first to know that next month we will be unveiling a few new upcoming trips!

- Gorilla Tracking Safari in Rwanda
- Morocco Imperial Cities,
- Ancient Iran.

These trips will be limited to a smaller number of guests than usual and are expected to sell out very quickly. So, be the first to express an interest in receiving more information about these trips by emailing:

joel@zoomvacations.com or
bryan@zoomvacations.com



A mother and baby gorilla encountered during our research trip in Rwanda

Featured Travelers

Jeremy and Steven from Chicago

In addition to providing gay group vacations and special events, Zoom Vacations also creates private vacation experiences for as few as 1 person to over a hundred. Jeremy and Steven had their hearts set on Italy, and hired Zoom Vacations to plan the perfect Italian



Jeremy and Steven in Rome

getaway. Jeremy spoke with us about his experience on the trip.

Zoom: How did you hear of Zoom Vacations?

Jeremy: We were referred by two different people, unrelated, Brian and Jim.

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Zooming with Joel



Enjoying entertainment in Cuba

Gay Marriage in Cuba May be Closer Than We Think

Cuba may be the next destination where gay marriage is legal, if President Castro's daughter has her way. She is the director of the Cuban National Center for Sex Education in Havana, and an activist for LGBT rights in Cuba.

Just a few weeks ago, Mariela Castro led Cuba's largest Gay Pride Parade thru the streets of Havana and called for an end to homophobia and transphobia. Alongside her was well known trans celebrity Candis Cayne. Last year Mariela Castro

officiated a same sex marriage ceremony and with the support of President Castro, continues to push legislators to make same sex marriage legal on the island.

So, while Cuba is a favorite honeymoon destination, it may soon be a gay marriage destination as well. Havana has a sizable LGBT community that is visible at the local gay beach, the best privately owned gastronomic paladares and night clubs. Join Zoom Vacations in Cuba over New Years before this country changes forever. Glimpses of these changes are already happening.

[Read about our tour to Cuba for New Years](#)

Destination & Travel Trivia Fact of the Month



Causa, a unique Peruvian potato dish

PERU

In Peru you can find more than 3800 varieties of potatoes. They differ in size, shape, color, skin, pulp, texture and taste, but all have their place in the Peruvian cuisine.

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A couple celebrates being together on Zoom Southern Africa

Top Five Gay Honeymoon Destinations

As marriage between same-gender couples becomes more and more widespread throughout the world, it is no surprise that my gay tour company, Zoom Vacations, is getting more and more requests from gay couples who are planning their honeymoons.

Planning a honeymoon for a gay couple has a few extra challenges that are usually not present with other couples. For starters, something we have noticed is that many people in the LGBT community are incredibly well-traveled, and probably more well-

traveled than the average straight person, although of course there are exceptions. Perhaps one of the reasons is that a lot of gay couples have been together sometimes for decades and instead of having children they have spent even more of the time traveling the world and connecting with people from around the globe.

This may make them more discerning as travelers and it makes them want something extra special when it comes time to take their honeymoon. They are clearly not going to a Sandals resort, and this brings me to my second big challenge: that the destination, tour guides, hotels, and all other venues or excursions need to be gay-friendly.

With both of these things in mind, here are my top five favorite locations for an LGBT honeymoon.

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At Zoom Vacations, we know that your time is valuable, and we thank you for sharing your time to hear from us. If you ever have a travel question or topic you would like to hear more about, please [let us know!](#)

Sincerely,

Your friends at Zoom Vacations

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