

Travel & Adventure – Spring 2020

Feb 7 - Richard Fuller - India - 1.3 BILLION Stories in the Sub - Continent

Visiting India has challenges. In Kolkata, Mother Teresa's Home for the Sick and Dying; Fort William, former HQ for British "Raj;" Bodh Gaya, where Buddha found Enlightenment; Benares, where Hindus bathe next to burning Ghats; Khajarah's Muslim-built erotic temples; Hardiwar, Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve, Delhi, Amritsar, Jaipur, Udaipur, Mumbai, & more.

Feb 14 - Ed Sherman - Greece - Renaissance Society's Incredible Vagabond

A Vagabond in Greece, on a journey of historical enlightenment. (This is a bookend to Ed's talk last fall on a Vagabond in Israel, and another presentation by Ed all about the Sinai Peninsula.)

Feb 21 - Marti Ikehara - Madagascar - off the East Coast of Africa

Of course we saw Lemurs! And chameleons, and birds galore! Traveling with a guide who was formerly a reptile zookeeper, our small birding group (one van) traveled throughout Madagascar for three weeks in November 2018, exploring the fourth-largest island in the world.

Feb 28 - Chris & Julia Smith - Hiking in Germany: Castles, Caves, and Kegs

Chris and Julia Smith joined an international group of hikers in Bavaria, stopping on the way for a beer. They also explored Munich, Nuremberg, and Salzburg, including a stop at Oktoberfest. You will enjoy this visual journey through German cities and the beautiful grune countryside!

Mar 6 - Jeanne Hastings - South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana

March 2019 Best of Africa Tour with Vantage Travel. Included 18 safaris and 7 cultural discovery events. In Botswana she visited Chobe National Park and cruised the Chobe River. In Zimbabwe she visited Hwange Park & stayed in a tent camp. She toured Victoria Falls & stayed in Victoria Falls Hotel. In South Africa she visited Kruger Nat. Park & toured Cape Town.

Mar 13 - Bob Parker - Greece & Turkey - in The Footsteps of Paul

In the 1st century of the Christian era, a recently recruited Jewish Pharisee named Saul decided to leave Judea to traveled Greece & Turkey. How did he travel there? What did he find? Last June Bob & Veronica Parker retraced Paul's footsteps. You will experience the fascinating history of the early Church, as people attempted to overcome challenges.

Mar 20 - Howard Koons - Namibia & Botswana

Having a friend who joined the Peace Corps for the 2nd time, this time in Botswana, Howard's wife Marlene and he promised to visit. Summer 2018 they rented a camping vehicle in Windhoek, Namibia, drove around 2 wks, then entered Botswana, meeting the friend near the capital, Gaborone. Mostly camping in national parks, Howard's video will share the experience.

Mar 27 - Karun Yee - Bhutan & Nepal, in the Himalayas

Karen will be presenting some historical facts about these fabled lands in the world's highest mountain range, and beautiful photos of her holiday. She will include a YouTube video of the trek up-country to see the Tiger's Nest Monastery.

Apr 3 - - - [spring break] - - - - - - - - - - -

Apr 10 - Dorene Clement & Bud Getty - From Manx Cats to Belgian Chocolates

Fall 2019, Bud and Dorene visited the Isle of Man and Belgium. On the Isle, they saw the famous Manx cats, native 4-to-6-horned Loaghtan sheep, and "long tails" (we call them rats), plus ancient Tynwald Parliament & Laxey Wheel. In Belgium, they visited Bruges World Heritage site, with museums, art & architecture, and superb Belgian chocolates.

Apr 17 - Judy Scheible - Running the Grand Canyon

River rafting two weeks for more than 200 miles through Grand Canyon is a trip like no other. Besides the river's thrilling rapids, there were challenging hikes up side canyons, stunning views every moment, Native Americans, and curious wildlife -- and up-close views of geological strata that reveal the natural history of the American Southwest.

Apr 24 - Rod Sorenson - Cruising to Antarctica - in a SAILBOAT

Antarctica...a different way ! Two brothers and four Germans rented an ocean-going sailboat in Argentina and sailed across Drake's Passage, south to Antarctica, spending 6 weeks exploring Palmer Land & Ellsworth Land, going as far as Amundsen Sea in West Antarctica. Exotic birds and sea critters, whales, ever-present penguins. The circle of life on display.

May 1 - Donn Miller - Cruising Panama & Caribbean

A cruise ship from Los Angeles and down Central America, where we stopped in three Central American countries. The day in the Panama Canal was full of amazing activity. Then we had a day in Columbia and Aruba and, finally, Florida. This was our best cruise. The life on board ship was as excellent as our tours on shore.