

BE AN ARMCHAIR ADVENTURE TRAVELER!

**Join the LOS GATOS-SARATOGA AAUW TRAVEL SECTION'S
2023-2024 Travel Series with Exciting Trips Around the World!
Meets at 7:30 pm via ZOOM.**

Enjoy the Programs from October 2023 through May 2024

Oct. 6, 2023—THE CROSSROADS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN presented by World Traveler Virginia Turner.

“Explore the tiny island of Malta with AAUW member Virginia Turner and her husband Drew Sullivan. Malta is located strategically almost exactly in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, both east/west and north/south. Its rich history goes back more than 6,000 years: megalithic temples which are older than the Pyramids of Egypt, spectacular cathedrals which trace their roots to the apostle Paul who was shipwrecked on his way to Rome, mansions of the Crusaders and the Knights of St. John who sent a “Maltese Falcon” to their French lords every year, underground rooms which track its heroic role in World War II for which the country was awarded the George Cross. Independent modern Malta brings together various cultures and peoples from the entire Mediterranean area.”

Nov. 3, 2023 – SAFARI TO INCREDIBLE BOTSWANA presented by photographer Mercury Freedom.

“We experienced the first days of our trip in a double-decker houseboat on the Chobe River where we went out each morning and evening in small boats to see and photograph the many animals that inhabit the land around the Chobe River. The photography was great and the food very good as it was during all of the trip. Moving on, we visited the Okavango Delta staying in tent platforms where we were served coffee at 5:00 am each morning to prepare us for our 6:00 am trip out in land rovers to visit the wild life. The second trip of the day always ended at twilight or dark, enabling us to see and photograph as much as possible. Our last stop was in the Kalahari Desert where we were again in tent platforms and would hunt for wild life each day in land rovers ,sometimes visiting water holes to see and photograph less seen animals there. To end this great trip, we spent two free days visiting Victoria Falls and the surrounding areas in Zimbabwe!”

Jan. 5, 2024 - VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA-A “BUCKET LIST” ADVENTURE presented by traveler Robert Torczyner.

“This presentation is a photographic record of a fascinating adventure in Viewnam (radically different than my draft board was offering to me in 1968) in October and November of 2019. My wife Janice and I journeyed in relative luxury starting in the Hanoi region, visiting the

Cambodian temples of Angkor, cruising down the Mekong River from Cambodia back to Vietnam on AMA Waterways Ama Dora and ending the trip in Ho Chi Minh City.”

Feb. 2, 2024 - FROM PORTUGAL TO MOROCCO presented by photographer Gary Marcos

“From the narrow winding streets of Lisbon to the bustling medinas of Marrakech, this will be a captivating photo presentation offering a glimpse into the charm of history and modernity found in Portugal and Morocco. Join us as we explore Lisbon, the Douro Valley where the delicious Port wine is made, the volcanic Azore Islands 1,200 miles west of Portugal, and on to Morocco and Casablanca, Marrakech and the blue city of Chefchaouen.”

Mar. 1, 2024 - JAPAN IS OPEN! presented by photographers George and Tamara Mednick

“After years of isolation due to Covid, tourism to Japan is alive again. But with the language barrier, independent travel there has always been daunting. We crafted a circular self-directed tour of the main island of Honshu (Dragonfly Island) using a range of interesting lodging options and non-reserved rail transfers. Careful planning resulted in a fascinating dive into the rich cultural, historical and religious experiences of this ancient island. The trip included the cities of Osaka, Koyasan, Okayama, Hisoshima, Kyoto, Takayama, Kanazawa, Toyko and more. The well-designed transportation and accommodations, interesting foods, reverent temples, and, most important, the well structured and polite social order combined to afford us a remarkable travel experience.”

Apr. 19, 2024 GORILLAS AND CHIMPS OF UGANDA - Presented by Nature photographer Scott Davis , the new owner of Cheeseman's Ecology Safaris.

Scott will enchant us with tales from his journeys to Uganda where he has led trips observing gorillas and chimpanzees. Hear accounts of adventures through the dense mountainous jungles, observing behaviors and reminiscent of the work by iconic primatologists Jane Goodall and Dian Fossey. We'll hear captivating stories of close encounters with chimpanzee families and the awe-inspiring moments of witnessing their daily routines or of trekking through the Bwindi impenetrable Forest to find the elusive mountain gorillas, observing their gentle nature as they navigate their leafy mountain domain.

May 3, 2024 - A MONTH IN THE ANTARCTIC: FROM ARGENTINA TO NEW ZEALAND VIA THE SOUTHERN OCEAN.– presented by photographers' Bunny Laden and Glen Gould.

“Find out what it is like to travel on the most advanced passenger ship, National Geographic Endurance. You'll learn about penguins, sea mammals, ice bergs, the Doomsday glacier, and what it is like to pass through pancake ice to rescue an injured fisherman.”

COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND GUESTS WELCOME!

7:30 pm on the First^t Friday of each month via Zoom

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Check with JoAn for Zoom Link