

2024/2025 Armchair Adventure Travel Program

Sponsored by Los Gatos Saratoga AAUW and the Los Gatos Saratoga Camera Club
Programs are usually scheduled on the 1st Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

October 4, 2024. "The Best of Italy". George and Tamar Mednick are returning friends of our AAUW Travel section. They have presented many wonderful travel programs. In this program, we will explore Piedmont, Tuscany and some hidden gems of Italy. George and Tamar will present a photo tour of their recent trip to rural and unspoiled regions of Italy. The presentation will explore small towns in the Piedmont, Tuscany and Umbria regions of Italy, and the municipal state of San Marino.

We will also revisit especially memorable sites from previous trips to Italy that the tourist crowds never find. Pour a glass of Barolo, and join us!



November 1, 2024. "A Brazilian Wildlife Adventure". Mercury Freedom is returning to present his trip to Pantanal Brazil. We will see many interesting critters, including Jaguars, Giant River Otters, Cayman, amazing birds, including Jabaru Storks and Kingfishers galore! In addition, Mercury will share a little about the Brazilian Cowboys, along with some amazing photos.

January 3, 2025. "A Tropical Winter Adventure". Airdrie Kincaid will present her trip from Panama to Barbados. You will visit a birding jungle lodge in Panama and take a cruise on a 312-passenger ship from Panama City through the Panama Canal to the Bocas del Toro and San Blas islands in Panama. You will visit Cartegena, Columbia, and then, after a day at sea, you will join the US Lighthouse Society tour to visit the islands of Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire, Saint Lucia, Mayreau and Mopion in the Grenadines, Tobago, and Barbados.



February 7, 2025, "China in Focus". Harlan Crowder will present a photographic journey through China that will feature three main locations: **Wuzhen**, the ancient and charming water town on the Yangtze River, known as the Venice of the East; **Haungshan**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its spectacular soaring granite peaks and stunning vistas; and **Shanghai**; the megacity that is a jumbled mix of twenty-first century modernism and colonial French culture and architecture.



March 7, 2025. "Bhutan". Join us as photographer and world traveler Tim Meadows presents his tour of Bhutan. Bhutan has been consistently ranked as one of the happiest places in the world. Experience the beauty of the people and countryside, and learn a bit about the cultural heritage. We'll also experience some fun activities like river rafting and archery.

April 4, 2025. "A Night Tour of Yosemite and the Eastern Sierras".

Join night photographer, Rick Whitacre, on a nighttime journey through Yosemite National Park and the Eastern Sierras. Rick will share locations and details of some of his favorite images.



For more information and for Zoom Links to the programs please contact Laurie Lindsey (lauriellindsey@gmail.com) or Airdrie Kincaid (airdrie@att.net).

We hope you will join us!

Airdrie and Laurie