



A MESSAGE OF CARE & COMFORT FROM OUR C.E.O ON COVID-19

YOUR JOURNEY TO AFRICA BEGINS HERE

We care about the wellbeing of all our customers our team and the world. These are unprecedented and uncertain times as the state of travel is on a major halt. However, together we can beat Covid-19 by practicing safety precautions and standards required to eliminate this novel virus. All our lives are interrupted but we hope our community will use this time to stay safe and more importantly do what matters and give you the most joy - there are always positives amid the chaos. Our thoughts and prayers are with the courageous front line workers risking their own lives to save ours. For real time alerts on travel advisories on every single country in the world please visit: step.state.gov Stay informed, vigilant, alert and pay attention to the marquees everywhere you go to protect yourself and your loved ones. "Let us raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. The event is in the hand of God." – Washington.

Here is an insightful exempt inspired by Alain de Botton: Let us attune to the needs of our inner selves. As a community of conscious travelers – whose awareness is about immersing ourselves into places that could deliver psychological virtues such as "calm" or "perspective," we hope you use this time and imagine the trips you have already taken. Eliminate the idea that we must always go to new places in order to feel and discover fresh and worthwhile things. There are already treasures inside of all of us waiting to be explored. We all have already accumulated sufficient number of awe-inspiring, calming and interesting experiences from our previous trips and this is a great moment to visit them. There are already psychological benefits to revisiting great memories especially the ones that give us the most joy.

But even more so the benefits on fears, resentments and hopes become easier to name; we grow less scared of the contents of our own minds – and less resentful, calmer and clearer about our direction. We start, in faltering steps, to know ourselves slightly better. Huge chunks of experience are still there in our heads, intact and vivid, just waiting for us to ask ourselves leading questions, such as: "Where did we go after we landed?" or "What was the first breakfast like?" Our experiences have not disappeared, just because they are no longer unfolding right in front of our eyes. We can remain in touch with so much of what made them pleasurable simply through the art of evocation. So, what is the traveler's mindset? Receptivity, appreciation and gratitude might be its chief characteristics. And, crucially, this mindset doesn't need to wait for a faraway journey to be deployed. We will – one day – recover our freedoms.

The world will be ours to roam in once more. But during our collective confinements, aside from the obvious inconveniences, we might come to cherish some of what is granted to us when we lose our customary liberties. It cannot be a coincidence that many of the world's greatest thinkers have spent unusual amounts of time alone in their rooms. Silence gives us an opportunity to appreciate a great deal of what we generally see without properly noticing; and to understand what we have felt but not yet adequately processed. We have at present not only been locked away; we have also been granted the privilege of being able to travel around a range of unfamiliar, sometimes daunting but essentially wondrous inner continents. Alain de Botton.

Sincerely,
Fatou Camara
Founder & CEO



**TRAILBLAZER
TRAVELZ**

Travel Specialists in Africa