



The do everything vacation Blog:

Building the Trip: Making all the pieces fit

Months ago, I offered my wife new sandals. She has some feet problems so walking is a problem. Yet, if we could make her feet comfy, it might help. She declined! However, this past week she relented and bought new sandals. She needed time to realize that we will be walking a bunch on our trip. That purchase solidified it for me that we will be traveling in October. For a while now, I just didn't believe it. From cancer to covid, the notion of traveling seemed a far-off dream. Yet, my wife buying sandals said to me: were going!

The princess cruise website has covid updates. Some countries are not letting the virus thing go. Yet, I was told that vaccine documentation was enough. I was on their website and I'm still not sure. It seems like short cruises require no testing if vaccinated. It also looks like we could get tested at the airport in Greece. I'm confused. We did get our third dose. Booster number one. Dunno if that is enough to not need a test. Well get tested in the airport or somewhere in Athens if needed.

With that said, clearly, we are going. The time is booked off. Our cat will be taken care of. I have bought the hotels, flights, and the cruise. The West Jet flight has been changed 4 times!

However, the last change gave us an option for a direct flight home from London. Yep! That's what I wanted for an extra 90 bucks. Anytime you can avoid Toronto or Vancouver is a bonus. I got all the passport stuff put into the Princess app. I shared our vaccine reports between all our phones. Just need to print the stuff off just in case. It's good to have hard copies.

I pulled out the Europe electric socket converters. Dusted off our flight battery changers. Will all those things work? I don't know they have been sitting in the closet for two years. Oh, now I'm back to the neck/ flight thing again. We bought extra leg room. Will it help? I have booked an excursion in Barcelona that will take us on a tour from the cruise port, around Barcelona, and eventually to the airport. I love that. The cab travel from Athens's airport to hotel will be set up and I can travel around Athens on the train pretty cheap while there. Looks like they have a three-day pass, perfect!

I still have a few loose ends to fix up. The train from Paris to London. Seems not too hard. Funny that it's more depending on the time you choose. I do want to arrive in London pretty early if possible. I will take the train from the Paris Airport to the hotel, I think. Best part is that our hotel is right at the Paris-Gare du Nord train station. Just walk across the street for the train to London. I'm smart that way.

We got this! I said that the last two times too! I have a tradition of bringing up the luggage early just to start the travel fever. Never say fever during a pandemic. Not sure how much on hand cash I want. It's just for tips and cabs. It's interesting that euros are different in each country but usable in all the countries. The big question is the boat. I just want to get on covid free.

