

## The do everything vacation Blog:

## Piecing it together: places

We have crossed a milestone: 29 months to go. I have a bad habit of booking trips far in advance. A few concerts are even a year away. It's seems nuts? I have begun to like this idea. It gives you time to save. I remember years ago, that concerts came month after month. I could not afford them all. Recently, I can afford it because they are so far in advance. It's the same with trips. Plan well and save. In the mean time there is life. Greece and Italy are not that far away. Were over half way. We are starting to plan a nutty trip to Scotland after this trip already.

It's about places. I love the cruise part. To pick the right boat is important. It will be home for two weeks. Yet, it's the places in-between that are the real goal. I want to see Italy. I want to stand in Athens. Past dreams will become a reality in about 29 months. We have crossed a threshold. It began I think with over 70 months. Now it's at 29. We are cruising towards this trip. I know the plan for the most part. People have been thinking about this trip. They have been planning too. Many are making extra plans before and after the cruise.

They are intrigued by stopping in London. They are intrigued by visiting extra places like Monte Carlo or Barcelona. We will most likely visit Venice and more of Rome. The boat price will affect the trip. So, will the plane fares. We will work hard to make it the best price and flight. Yet, flights will vary because of the extras people are planning. I love it that we can agree on a trip. This will be tough to pull off but we can do it. What we have in common will work. What are differences are will be the excursions and extras before and after the cruise part. I am so excited to see everyone's trip plans. Each of us will be very different.

Here is the cool part. No matter what, we will end up agreeing to meet in Rome. I feel it will be at least a day before. The whole group standing in front of the Roman Coliseum will be astounding. It's seems not real. It seems like a pipe dream. I do believe I will get a group hug at that spot. We will have a jumping picture. Yet, they is so much more. There is Athens, Pompeii, Santorini, and of course the Vatican and I'm not even Catholic. Venice? Barcelona? London? Who knows but I believe!