



## **The do everything vacation Blog:**

### **Trip planning: Back to dreaming**

If I had unlimited money, I would travel a lot. Probably many of us would. Yet, if I was rich would that be the best way to travel? To me, the best part of travel is the anticipation. It does not happen all the time. We plan and we save. I know a guy who has been to a place over and over about 25 times. He loves it. It's his happy place. Yet, I wonder if he is stuck. The world offers many flavors. There is so much to see and experience. We love staying in this little place called Waterton, Alberta, Canada. Yet, about every 5 years we change it up. Why? It's because anticipation of the unknown is worth something.

It's the same with rich people and going to the same place. To have it easy and familiar is not travel. A summer home is just extending your current home. People will argue that its different. That the anticipation of going to a familiar place is the best. Yet, humans were made to travel. The nomad in us is real. The exploration of the universe is within us. Why do humans dare to climb cliffs? Why do they put themselves in harms way in space? How many people have died on the seas trying to explore? It is how travel was designed. To break the mold!

Hear me out! My dentist is interested in my travel plans. Is that his job to know his client? Sure, but he asked me if I could plan his trip. He has heard what I do. I dream big. Yet, I begin by spreading the net wide. Dreaming of being in different lands. I am 57 and I am a blue-collar

worker. Most of us don't travel. To me, it would not matter if I was rich. I would still want to explore the world. Going to the same place over and over does not fuel my desires. What has different places done for my soul? It's shown me that different cultures exist in a different way. That we can do things differently and it works just fine. Why do so many people get stuck in a rut? They want change to mix things up. Yet, they are at a lose how? Travel is the key.

I know people that have gone on a sabbatical. Just get away. Some famous movies depict characters in distant lands encountering strange things. Change is so scary because you just don't know "if" it will work. I know you dream. I also know most people say one day I will. At 57 how many trips do I really have left. I will contend it is one. The next one! Recently, a few of my childhood stars have passed away. Some of them are not that much older than me. That shocked me. Yet, each of those people helped me dream of distant lands. At times we just need to get away!

I love working out on IFit. They run and walk in distant lands. I want to stand where they have been. Quite a few of the people on the program have done that very thing. I have about 10 places on my list. I want to stand there. In-fact I have run in a few places already. What a thrill it was. Yet, those trips had unknowns. I assumed quite a bit. I loved experiencing Greece, France, and England. They were the same and different. I want to experience more of Europe including Ireland, Scotland, and Australia. There are a bunch of Caribbean islands I want to stand on.

It's nice to own a summer cabin. It's nice to just stay home and have a nice yard. Yet, deep down we were meant to explore. To travel to distant lands. I know it's true. Just go somewhere and then reflect. It is intoxicating because we were meant to do it. even if you believe you don't care about travel. I know that deep down you do. My wife is one of those people but she always posts

pics from the places we have been. Why? It's because deep down she loves it. It made her feel more alive than she knows. That's why dreams are so good. They push us to go to crazy places. To do life in crazy ways. Why not plan on it!