



The do everything vacation Blog:

Let's get to work: Fun flying

This is the fun part. So many planning questions to be addressed. I just took a quick look at flights to Venice. They are allowing bookings up to the end of January so far. I knew that but I wanted to see the prices. We probably can't start booking flights until after May or June this year. After our cancer scare, I am not that willing to book flights early. However, with flight insurance maybe I would but it's expensive. BTW the flights to Venice are around 1400 per person. It's around a 16-hr. travel time.

My flight to Australia is helping me work on this trip too. Of course, electric outlets are different all over the world. Why uniform these things? Australia needs an adapter and converter for my North American plug and electric equipment. Italy will too. When I went to Egypt I forgot and had to borrow one to charge my camera. That was not smart. The voltage is double in Australia. Just make sure you check these things off before you travel.

It's my understanding that a travel visa is not required by Canadians traveling to Italy or Greece. We should not need this. In Australia I needed a travel visa. Do this at-least 6 months

ahead. If there is any trouble you need time to fix it. There is usually a small fee like 20 dollars. Egypt was nervous. We were told to buy a visa at the Cairo airport upon arrival. It was sold at a kiosk with your gum and smokes. That was weird. Australia, I did it on-line and they approved it within seconds. New Zealand I needed to download an app and pay the fee. It too was approved within seconds. I need the app and my phone to enter their country. The Australia visa is attached to my passport in the system. I think were fine for the Italy trip but I'll confirm it.

Another cool thing is flight time. The Australia flight time is 22 hrs. How to entertain yourself for that long. Yes, we will try to sleep. Good luck! We bought electronic device battery chargers for 30 dollars. This will work well so I am told. I also bought an inflatable neck brace for sleep. I'll let you know if it works well. My wife is using the plush bean bag one. It's just a good thing to check over the little things like converters, travel visa (different than your passport), and electric converters and adaptors.

Finally, make a money list. We need money in New Zealand and Australia. What is the rate? How much will you need. I made a list of bus and ferry fares for Sydney. I made a list to tips to give like tours and room service. I also have a loose itinerary with three free days. It's helpful to adjust plans. Plus, I took the first day off after the long flight. Who knows how we will feel? I know the bus routes and ferry times. I will print off all itineraries and maps. I tend to keep them in order of days there to remind me. We are prepared as we can be for this flight fun.