



The do everything vacation Blog:

Building the Trip: Here we go

Well, here we are. I will be taking many more trips yet; this cruise is special. About 6 years ago I decided to take a cruise and it rocked! Some people will say “oh you talk about cruises a lot.

How many have you been on?” The answer is one! However, I had planned two other cruises.

Cancer and Covid killed those trips. We had this massive trip to Italy planned. Bombed! We had an ambitious trip to Australia planned. Bombed! Princess cruises was gracious. They gave us our money back and gave us a credit. It was very nice of them. This last year I thought we lost that credit. It was time sensitive and we couldn’t make it work. Then the new year happened.

I let the whole thing go. Then Princess gave me an email asking if I wanted my credit still. My ears were perked once again. The wife showed me a cruise to the Mediterranean. And we were hooked yet again. Oh yes, it made me nervous. Would we get bombed once again? Well, as of today, the answer seems to be no. We leave today. All the planning has come together. I put work into this one. A two page of itinerary! There is plenty of rest time but we will be busy.

I do plan on running seven times on this trip. Why not run past the Eiffel tower? Why not run past Buckingham palace? Let's run around the Parthenon! I will also run around the deck of our cruise. On the flip side I will eat. Oh yes, I will! Let's hope that virus, cancer and a whole bunch of other things look distant as we do this. I know a boy who might die of cancer. I am broken for him. He does not get to do what we are about to do. I will take this trip with humility and sadness for those who can't. Yet, we will!

There is a saying in the fitness world. We get to run. We should be privileged to be able. So do it! I have pressed us a little on this trip. There will be interesting transfers in Naples and Barcelona. Will the cab be there at midnight in Athens? Did I give enough time for the bullet train to London and the cab to the train station? There are fun and tricky spots. Yet, we will eat in Paris. We will tour in London. The Jack the ripper tour will be the climatic finish! Will I make it up the 1350 stairs to a castle in Kotor? Oh, I will!

The point of this blog is to share in my fun. Yet, it also is to share in life. If you sit still, life might decide your done. There will be no time to travel or even live! Serve people now! Travel now! Haven't these whole last few years taught us to live? We are off! It is time! Here we go! It's your turn next or will you just live through me?

