



The do everything vacation Blog:

So, it begins: It's a plan

I was asked the other day about planning. How to execute a plan? This is my take on it. Before 33 yrs. old I existed. Once I went through divorce I swore to live. I plan, dream, and execute life. Not all plans work, but the direction does. We are going to Italy and Greece. What it looks like will be slightly different than I plan. Yet, we will go barring unforeseen calamity.

Here is the plan. First, a bunch of us dreamed. We talked and came up with ideas. We all watched seminars, movies, and trip shows. Then we talked some more. Those discussions created an idea. A plan that pushes us in a direction. Quite honestly, the Caribbean cruise set this in motion. That was fun. Some of the seminars gave us new perspective and ideas. Sure, you can go and have fun. Yet, with this type of trip, why not explore, plan, and then go?

In my mind a plan has formed. It's outrageous! It's can't happen this way. Well see about that. Will money be a factor? Maybe. Will time be a problem? Maybe. In my mind it's a once in a lifetime trip. Let's make it the best. Will friends come with us? I sure hope so, but it's tough to get people to agree. We all have different lives, dreams, and tendencies. I will try and form a group but it will be hard work to pull that off.

My itinerary is coming together. It's too big probably. I say think big and see what happens. I would start in London. I have things to see. There's Buckingham palace, Piccadilly square, Big Ben, and a trip around the Eye Fairs wheel (two-night stay). Then it's off too Dover to see the cliffs and take a boat to Paris. Stand at the Eifel tower, The Arch (Arc de Triomphe), Pont Alexandre III bridge, and the Louvre museum All within 4 kilometers (it's doable, 1-night stay). The there is Pisa, Rome, Athens, Pompeii, and Santorini. I want the river cruise too but I'm probably out of my head. Possibly it's a 12-day cruise. Then it's on a train to Venice and then home

Yet, it's about dreaming and thinking too big. Some of us will make it a small trip. Others might go big. In the end, a plan will evolve. I want a group jumping picture at the Roman coliseum. I want one dinner together on the Cruise. Before and after that is their trip. Their plan. Will it happen? In one form or another it will happen. The "how" will work itself out in time. Picard says "Engage" to explore on Star trek. "Engage!!"