



The do everything vacation Blog:

Creating a trip: It's time to plan

Yes, it's time to plan. I will be asking the group to get together and just throw thoughts and ideas against a wall. What will stick? I think that about five different families have plans, dreams, and ideas about this trip. What do they want to see the most? What is the agenda for food? Are there interests we might want to visit like Pompeii? What shows or insights have we encountered that changed our mind on places like Rome or Florence? Yes, it's time to plan.

Now, what do I think the plan should be? Two things are certain. One is that nothing is set in stone at this point. What I mean is that we all have expressed interest on meeting in Rome. When? Is it before or after the cruise? I would love to get a group jumping picture at the coliseum. Is it possible? Does anyone want to share a place in Rome? Is anyone else thinking of the Vatican or Venice? These are all on a board. It's pieces to be moved around before and after the cruise. What lines up together?

Secondly, the cruise begins on a Thursday. Typically, people take a week off of work to travel minimum. So, we could arrive way before Thursday and begin touring in Rome or another location like Pompeii. The Cruise returns on a Monday at 6am. That means we probably have a

week to return home. The cruise is the staple. I suppose the coliseum is a staple. I'm betting one way or another Pompeii is too. Yet, we all know there is so much more. This whole area between Venice to Barcelona and beyond is chalked full of stuff to see and do. That does not even include the stunning area between Switzerland and Italy.

So, I just want us all to consider what is the most important places to visit? Maybe even list the five best like Rome or Florence? From there we have side tracks to Pompeii and the Vatican. Is it the Trevi fountain in Rome? What is important in the other stops on the cruise? Well get into that in later meetings and blogs. This is the time to browse websites and pictures. We have watched a few movies like the Hallmark: Christmas in Rome. The Medici Series on Netflix. I meet people who have been to some of these places all the time. It's time to take some study and turn it into a soft plan.