



The do everything vacation Blog:

A new world: Let's try Again

Ok, let's try again! I love reviewing things and countdowns. I have 4 days until my first live running race in 40 years. Yeesh! We now have a cruise! It will be in 212 days. Oct 6th-19th. We begin by Flying to Athens. I love messing with travel. Why do it the conventional way. Besides it makes my wife nervous and that is fun. We just booked a flight to Athens that has a horrendous 8 hr. layover in Paris. Yet, we could walk out of the airport and visit a friend for a few hours and then return through customs. Will that work in the post covid world? I will check it out. Then we land at midnight in Athens. I hate arriving at night in a place I've never been. We plan on having the hotel arrange a cab.

Then I picked a hotel within a six-minute walk to the Acropolis in Athens. They are about 30 minutes from the Airport and cruise port. Seems like a win-win. Then we are on a cruise with Princess Regal for 7 days. Bring on Santorini, Kotor Montenegro, Sicily, and Naples Italy. Then we finish up in Barcelona Spain. Why stop there? I looked at Barcelona and was thrilled to see this interesting city. Yet, we are not that far from Paris and London. Oh, the pull to see the Eiffel

Tower and Buckingham Palace! I decided to drive my wife even more crazy. Let's take a tour of Barcelona that will drop us off at the Airport. Then we will fly to Paris. Let's stay there for a few days and then take the train to London. Now were having fun! I already book the return flight from London to home.

Let's get back to racing. I have big plans. A trainer in IFit said she started running in different cities all over the world. She thought that was thrilling. Yep, I'm doing that! Certainly, I'm running in Paris, London, and possibly Sicily. I plan on hiking up 1350 steps in Kotor. Oh, and I'll be running on the track atop the boat! Yet, I have to be reasonable. The wife isn't a runner. I do want to tour and shop. I want local food in every place. I heard that Santorini wine is delicious. The wife wants French pastry. I'm in on that. I look forward to trying a princess cruise. There has always been a desire to do that since the Love Boat show.

Now, let's be real. I'm trying to play the travel game in a post pandemic world. The Canadian government would have us locked down to eternity if it could. Yet, I see signs of relieve. Cruises have worked out a deal to return to Canada. The international pressure to open things up is immense. Economically Canada is in deep trouble between gas and inflation prices. I think I bought the cruise and flights at the right time. However, I do have bite marks from cancer scares and covid. October is a long way off for disaster to strike yet again. But here we go! Let's plan a trip!

