



## **The do everything vacation Blog:**

*A new world: Planning and Dreaming*

We are in a holding pattern. Yep, I missed last months blog. There is so little to do right now. We are dreaming of what could be. The amount of misinformation is ridicules. Where are we masked (still?). Are there long line-ups in or out of airplanes? Are we free in other countries? These are certainly things I don't want to think about. Yet, we are thinking about it. The trip is still on. The wife is working overtime to get the right amount of time off. I have a ton. The daughter and I are planning a spending money savings schedule. There are still things to plan and dream about.

Our WestJet flight going to Athens cancelled. They dropped Wednesdays (the only day of the week we were going). Fine! We were forced to extend our time in Athens by a day, darn!

Actually, that was perfect. It's what I wanted. Now we get a small taste of Athens, Paris, and London for two days each. I wish I had that much time in Barcelona but the wife does not have the time off. We squeezed this in for her as it is.

I still have some unknowns. I guess they have baggage kiosks in Barcelona. It's good but how do we get to them and can I place it close to the Picasso Museum and the train to the airport? How hard will it be traveling in one country to another when you're not from either? Spanish to French as an English speaking person? I suspect it's easy but I have no clue. I am a planner. Do I buy hop on/off tickets now or later? Where to book a room in Paris and London? Don't care that much about price. Location is probably the most important. A few unknowns.

I want to be flexible in this thing. I will have a time map made of where and when. Yet, I need it to be flexible. The flight from Barcelona to Paris is in stone as is getting on the cruise and going home from London. I need to work out the cab to the hotel (at midnight) in Athens. It makes me nervous but not. The best part is arriving in the dark. In the morning it will be an amazing first look outside having not seen a thing. I did that before at Devils Tower and that rocked! To get up and see the Parthenon will be stunning only six minutes away walking distance. These are all the things I'm dreaming about. I will be setting up a flexible plan. Yep, it will change like flights!

Next up I want to secure the rooms in London and Paris. I need that done and a flight from Barcelona to Paris too. Fun times!

