



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

#### *Past Covid: reaching for normal*

It's hilarious that I missed another monthly blog on vacation. Well, a pandemic might do that too you. For months and months, I tried to remain positive about travelling. Eventually, I succumbed to believing it will take a while. I didn't realize it would be a long while. Then we hit the "vaccine thing." If you don't get it then you won't travel. Yet, do people realize there will be another virus. Covid is not the first and it won't be the last. Will being vaccinated yearly become a thing if you want to travel? I have not received the vaccine. Will I? I don't know. If I'm a betting man I probably will take the shot at some point. My desire to travel probably outweighs my dignity.

I still want to travel to Italy. Clearly, I want to experience Australia and other places around the world. In my neck of the woods is a place called Waterton parks. It a simple and beautiful place to just separate ourselves from the world and relax. It's not cheap but it's not expensive either. My wife asked if we could return to vacation status. She refuses to take the vaccine. Yet, I do think she desires to dip her toe in the travel waters. I suspect if I dangle another Sandals resort in her face long enough, she will lose her dignity too and take the shot too. It's not that the vaccine is evil

(sorta). There are flu shots each and every year. My problem with the vaccine is this. One: if you have to threaten my freedom of choice to travel, I have a problem with that. Two: if it's the right thing to do then why do you need to convince me? Three: once we take this one will we forever be taking the next one?

Trust me when I say I want to travel. I want it so bad that I will take a shot. Am I happy about it? With that said, this trip to Waterton is a hopeful sign of reaching for normal. No vaccine required in this place. My home province has officially lifted all restrictions as of today. The rest of the country is so angry that we did it. They say it's not safe yet. I will confidently go to a store today without a mask. I can't tell you how cool that is. This generation lives in fear for little to no reason, yet they do. I have lived a long life and have seen so many things go wrong in the world yet, I'm still extremely healthy (I think). I think it's fear that is really killing people.

My goal now is to convince myself to take the stupid vaccine. It will not be because the government can be trusted. It will not be because it's the right thing to do (who really knows). It will solely be because I have to give in so I can travel. I have begun to dream about lying on a beach. I am dreaming of being on a plane. Recently, I have been getting in fantastic shape on my treadmill. This machine has a program that takes you running all over the world. They have been calling it the staycation. It's been so fun! I totally want to travel to Portugal now! All this has done is fuel my desire to travel even more. Stupid flu shot!

