



The do everything vacation Blog:

Crossing over: rethinking

I can imagine that planning a trip for five years will have some over thinking it. Yet, I am becoming good at making a trip better. In Maui I had a plan. There were at-least 10 things I wanted to see. I probably have hit 7 of them. I dug deep. What I did not know was the ground work on the ground. In Maui, on the ground, it looked different than the map. Who knew? Yet, making laying the ground work of searching for things to do is very valuable.

In the Maritimes I took us to places like the balancing rock. Very cool! On the way I found the worlds largest potato. Very cool too! I would have never found the potato if I did not head towards the rock. Now, there are times that my idea did not translate on the ground. The devil's teeth in Maui were too far away. The black rock beach was a mall and rich resort.

I was shown a fancy restaurant in Italy. About 5 hours from Rome. Very cool but very expensive. To far away? Maybe, but I'm tempted. What else would I find along that road if I went? I have been interested in London first and Venice last with the cruise in the middle. It would be easy to over think it. I suppose what is best is leaving room for the what if.

Point in case is my upcoming cruise to Australia. There is a little discussion going on over the flight times. We seem to agree that because of the distance, we need as much time in Australia as possible. That means sacrificing a longer flight time getting there, but arriving the earliest. I know that sounds odd. Basically, were leaving earlier and the layover is longer. I have stayed over night in a layover just to catch an earlier plane to Hawaii. Done that three times.

I believe it's good to roll it around in my mind for a long time. If you believe that it's a once in a lifetime trip. (most are). I have friends who say they will go back. I also know that I have traveled more than most I know. Trust me, I have not traveled that much. What I'm finding is that the vast majority are so wrapped up in life that they never really travel at all. Yet, they say they will.

I probably will only go to Egypt once. Probably go to Australia once. To Greece once. They just might be once in a lifetime trip. Oddly, I almost know nobody who has been to New York city. I find that weird. If there is the remote chance that it's a once in a life time thing. Go all out. Plan well. Do everything you can. Were going to tour the Opera house in Sydney Australia. Are we Opera nuts? No! But where are going to experience it just because it's there at 250 dollars a pop. Ground work so that the work on the ground works.