



The do everything vacation Blog:

A new world: The beginning of travel

It is time! We have had a cruise booked for months now. I just made the last payment with two months to go. Will we go? Why would I make the last payment when it might not happen?

Before the pandemic and cancer scare, I just believed we would go. We did too! We lost some money during the last three years because I had bought trips in advance. Why would I do it again? I might lose money again. It's because I have to believe. Part of going away is the unknown. I'm a little afraid of the airport in Barcelona. Will it be easy to navigate? Can I go through the Spain/France airports, ok? How will I get from the boat to the airport? There are unknowns. Yet, travel will be an adventure. I think I need that. So, I'm taking a chance (putting money down) on an unknown adventure.

It's the trill of it. Why travel in a timeline? It's important to discover the unexpected (in a good way). Yet, I do have a loose timeline. I do make spread sheets of a mild itinerary. I want to know how long it takes to get from one place to another. But I do hope there will be surprises. I do

want to relax and have fun. It can't all be go, go, go. With that said, we are taking the time to talk with a good travel agent. I like doing some of my own booking but for the most part I want to know what to expect. Travel agents do know things. I have been looking at hotels in London, Paris, and how to get around in Barcelona. I will figure this out. Is it scary? You bet!

This part of the trip is fun. Fun before we even go. My wife said she just realized that it's only two months away. Yes, it is! That is why we are meeting with the agent. It's time! I need a timeline and plan in my head. I need to know if any tickets for attractions that need to be bought now. This will be a smorgasbord of Europe. A small taste of 5 countries in 17 days. Way too short but it will be a blast. Now, to bring it all together begins with a trip to my travel agent to set this cruise in motion.