



The do everything vacation Blog:

Crossing over: The test

This is just a test. I can plan for 5 years all to my hearts content, but if I don't test it, what's the point. Test what? I say test the investigation. All the effort, talk, and time put into the right cruise and vacation must be tried. Try a day trip planning from the internet. Try a cruise on another boat to see the difference. There are many ways to test a plan.

I went to Jamaica and it changed me. The Sandals resort changed my view of resorts. Two years ago, I went on my first cruise. I was so impressed that I began planning this one. I had it in my head that the Carnival Glory boat is a slice of heaven. It was. Yet, my new travel agent felt one other boat we wanted to try was no good. I thought, huh? Then, we happened to come across the Princess Majestic.

All cruise ships have good character traits. The Glory was super fun. A cruise is a cruise, right? Yet, my agent got me thinking why she felt that way about boat types. I will admit that the Sandals resort blew my mind. A 5-star resort is like a cruise ship in many ways. Even further to that, they both have excursions and restaurants. The service is spectacular. Could the pick of the boat be a game changer?

YouTube has its advantages. So, does trip advisor. I also like cruise-critic. I am sure they give good reviews. Honest reviews? I kept coming back to my agent? Why, did she feel so differently about boats? Then I began to search out places to go. A cruise test run. I liked Australia and the Caribbean. It just so happened that the Aussie cruise was on the Princess Majestic. We sat down to watch a small video about the boat. Oh, boy!

Wow! That boat stunned me. It was newer than most. Yet, it blew me away. All of a sudden, the boat was selling the cruise instead of the itinerary. We decided that the trip was cool enough, but the boat became a must. The price was great. The extras were really good. I wanted to try Princess anyways. We may go Norwegian to Italy but now I'm not so sure.

What I have found is this. We will work around the boat. I think the boat needs to be excellent. The itinerary will improve off the boat. We added more time before and after. Possibly I'm on to something. We were already looking that way for this Italy/Greece trip. I did feel we would make the boat a little shorter and add some places before and after. It is becoming clearer to me. I like the test. It's clearing my mind on how to make a great trip.