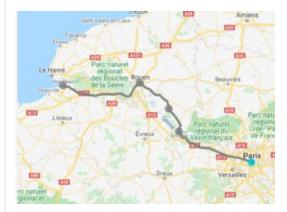


So in remembrance this year I trekked our journey virtually

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I began in Paris
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And followed the route along the Seine (www.worldwalking.org)



Past Giverny and Les Andelys



Last year we made the same journey but by BOAT (remember, there WAS a transit strike!)



The river was so high that the larger cruise ships could not get under the bridges. Fortunately, we prefer smaller ships and had no problem.



We stopped to visit the Christmas Markets of some of the larger towns This is Vernon



Today my virtual trek has taken me to Rouen



That's exactly where we were last year on Christmas Eve



One photo from last year sparked a very old memory and hope for the future

These white cliffs along the Seine are part of the same geologic formation that created the White Cliffs of Dover on the British coast



I was born after WWII in the first wave of the Baby Boom, but I remember my mother singing a popular song of the war years.

The lyrics go like this.

"There'll Be Bluebirds Over the White Cliffs of Dover TOMORROW when the world is free"

May we win the war against this virus as the "Greatest Generation" sacrificed to win the war against dictatorship.

Vera Lynn's voice inspired Britain and the world during those very dark years.

www.youtube.com/ watch?v=Hqtaoz4QFX8

Edit: My heart and thoughts may be in France but at 9am I am at a holiday party in Lithuania with my online class of international students in "Lithuanian Language and Culture". Joe & I are dressed festively for the occasion. We are actually lucky. Some students are attending in the middle of the night.

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