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I love Paris at Christmas Time

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Last year on this date that's exactly where we were



There was a transit strike so many tourists canceled their trips.
We found everyone so accommodating and helpful we were so glad we did not.

While the Christmas Markets were teeming with local people, the tourist sites were less crowded



What would it take for us to cancel our travels?
Sadly, this year along with the whole world we found out!

So in remembrance this year I trekked our journey virtually

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I began in Paris



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](https://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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Wonderful memories!
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Great Blog! Very enjoyable to have a tour guide. Merry Christmas!
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Always hope for next year! Merry Christmas!
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NOTALOSER1

There's hope for next year. Merry Christmas!
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FRAN0426

Beautiful pictures of you Christmas trip last year. I thank you for sharing the trip with us. So much change this year with not wanting us to travel, but I see many have booked flights to travel for Christmas this year.
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MANGO1960



Thank you for sharing! 🎄
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JAMER123

What wonderful memories you have of what appears to be a wonderful trip. We had hopes for a cruise for our 50th but it's not looking good right now. Maybe in the future. We travel the States with our camper.
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ALIHIKES

Beautiful memories of a beautiful city. Thank you for sharing the blog and photos, and the link to White Cliffs of Dover. Merry Christmas!
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NANHBH

Beautiful! Bucket list for me.



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MORTICIAADDAMS

Beautiful. Loved the photos.
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HARRIETT14

enjoyed your pictures a lot. I really remember the song, white Cliffs of Dover. Brought back memories.
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Thanks for sharing
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GRAMPIAN

Wonderful pictures and memories of Vera Lynn, who sadly died earlier this year.
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SPARROW125

Thank you for sharing your memories
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ETHELMERZ

I was in Paris, January 1950, age 3. Family immigrating out of war torn Germany, to the United States. Getting away from Uncle Adolf. Living here now, it's scary, too much like what happened in Germany.

But we went back to Paris, lovely place, like no other.

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UPTOIT59

Lovely photos- thanks for sharing!

166 days ago



DRUMMERCHK

Thanks for the virtual travel experience. And anyone who knows or studies Lithuanian impresses the heck out of me. I tried for a year and decided that in spite of my heritage, I needed to stick with learning German. Too many tenses and variations for every single word!!! Merry Christmas!

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RHOOK20047

So nice to have these memories to share. Thanks.

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AZMOMXTWO

what an amazing visit to Paris thank you for sharing this with us

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NASFKAB

Thank you so much for sharing your memories. So great of you.

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KATTHOMAS2

Thank you so much for sharing your beautiful pictures. Our son spent a year in France when he was in highschool and has such wonderful memories.

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We love Paris!

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Lovely memory

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LIS193

Wonderful trip! Thank you for sharing your pictures



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MARYJEANSL

What a wonderful trip!

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MTN_KITTEN

I love traveling through your adventures.



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NANCYPAULINE



What a wonderful trip to recall. There will be opportunities to travel - we need patience. But it will happen!

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SPEDED2

Thank you for sharing the photos and your memories. I am a vagabond at heart and totally enjoy traveling and seeing the sights, whether in reality or virtually. Enjoy the party.



Stay safe. Be well.

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MSMOSTIMPROVED

That was fun!!! Where are we going next? The sky was soooo blue. How much fun to be in France and Lithuania at the same time, lol. You are an amazing time traveler. This Age of Aquarius gave you super powers for realies!

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BKNOCK

Beautiful!

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SCDALYNCH

What a wonderful idea. Going over a trip you enjoyed. I think my husband and I should try that. We need to think which one. We travel Ireland four trips and we traveled Sweden to my relatives twice.

Blessings to you and your family.



Idea!!!

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DARLENEK04

You have been so many places....the pictures are wonderful...they have so many historic and wonderful pieces of architecture in France....I have 2 friends who live there and they have sent many pictures that are just lovely...one of them is a hiker and sends a lot of pictures of things out in the country side when she is doing one of her 10 o 15 milers.....

Thank you for sharing....

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JEANNESPARK

Awesome and most interesting blog, thank you!



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BJAEGER307

What wonderful memories. Those times will be again. Some day we will get a handle on this. Enjoy this quiet time and make the best of it.

Take care. I would of loved to explore Paris.

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LINDA!

I really enjoyed the photos. How nice to have these memories. I hope 2021 will bring more travels for all of us.

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DOVESEYES

Wonderful to have such memories and the photos to see it all again ... just like being there ... enjoy :)

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HOLLYM48

Oh how beautiful. Hubby and I hope to be there one day during the Christmas season. I think Paris would be lovely on a beautiful snowy day. I have been to many of these beautiful areas and loved revisiting them with you. Have a blessed Christmas season and let's hope 2021 will bring us happiness and journeys to different countries once again! Be safe! Hugs!

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HARROWJET

My nephew and his family are living in France. My sister has been over to visit 2 or 3 times. We have dreamed about visiting too but of course that will have to wait.

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ALEXSGIRL1

lovely pictures some people complain of not traveling this year and some never get the chance in their whole lives, Hugs

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WOOFERCOALBOY


Glad you got there! I spent 8 days in Paris in 2012 with a group from a classical radio station, going to several art museums, a concert, Notre Dame, Sacre Coeur, & Saint Chapelle, the Eiffel Tower, and a dinner onboard a river boat. Wanna go baaaack! The one change in my life that CoVid has made is that I can't travel as I would wish to, not even driving around in the Lower 48.



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NANANANA

Your blog brings back memories for me.  Our first trip, our ship had to dock at Le Havre and we went by bus to Paris. It was sooo crowded at tourist sites. The second trip was on Azamara Journey. We docked in Rouen and wandered around with the wife & son of a crew member. That trip we also docked in Le Havre and I was on a walking tour around town then had free time. That was about 10 years ago.



We are so anxious to travel again.

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OVERWORKEDJANET

I like your pictures! Thanks for the tour.

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