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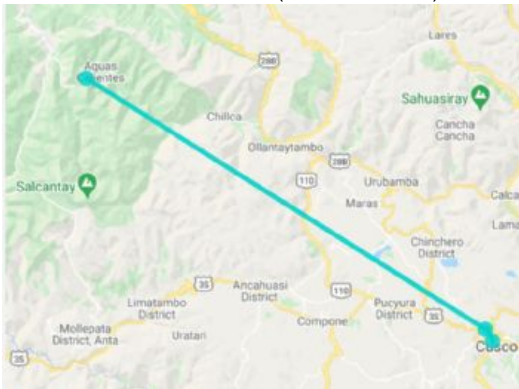
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Virtually anyway, and singing that song from the 70s (link at end)



This is Machu Picchu – high in the Andes Mountains of Peru
I find virtual walks very motivating. I like seeing where my daily steps would take me if laid out end to end. Where in the World would I be right now?

This walk was about 44 miles (as the crow flies)



Joe & I are not crows, so our route was different, but we did get to the same location 2 years ago

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Virtually, the llama has the place to himself



In 2018 they had tourists for company.



I especially like looking back at this trip because it has something in common with our current situation, personally at least.

It was originally planned for Nov 2016, but in August Joe had emergency brain surgery for 2 huge hematomas caused by a fall out of bed 3 weeks earlier (slow bleed so delayed symptoms)

We were told the possible outcomes. None of them very hopeful for a 71 year old man. As the photos show, all turned out fine. The doctors' said it was because he was "in good shape" and told him he could resume all activity including travel.

Our current travel plans have been postponed along with the rest of the world. So we will continue our Spark journey to "stay in good shape" and hope for the future.

It's the chorus of that song that means the most to me

"I'm on the top of the world lookin' down on creation
And the only explanation I can find
Is the love that I've found ever since you've been around
Your love's put me at the top of the world"

There's another song in my head today
This one back when we first met and wondered what the future would bring.

"Two drifters, off to see the world, there's such a lot of world to see" Moon River (1962)

My hope is that the world will reopen next year and we will be OFF to see more of it.

Top of the World (1972)

[www.youtube.com/
watch?v=yUMAmI5YcBQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUMAmI5YcBQ)

Moon River (1962)

[www.youtube.com/
watch?v=L_jglezosVA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_jglezosVA)

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4EVERDIETER

Loved the Carpenters! And my Dad used to sing Moon River to me when I was young...well thru the years too. He loved it ! Brings back some good memories! Looking forward to doing some traveling too when we can. Hopefully sooner than later! Keep up the virtual traveling!

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MARYJEANSL

I know and love both songs. Top of the World, I remember from when it was a hit - that was my era. Moon River I probably listened to as an Oldie...that or on Lawrence Welk, lol!

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LUCKYDOGFARM

Great virtual and Actual adventures! Thank you for sharing. I love both of the songs. I was born in 1960, growing up, my parents listened to Andy Williams. I figured I would marry him one day. Bwahahaha! And i was so mad a Richard carpenter for being married to Karen! (12 years old. I thought they were married) LOL.

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AZMOMXTWO

I love the photos what a great trip thank you for sharing

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LINDA!

I love the photos. Happy that Joe is doing well.

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JPPERSELL

I love that song! I am on top of the world looking down on creation... It is by the Carpenters right? Great song. The seventies seemed so awesome. I was just a little girl then and don't remember much of it. I hope that we get to travel again but without the weight gain from eating too much delicious food. I went on a Hawaiian trip with my husband in 2019 and I gained ten pounds from just going for a week! I have since gained more and now I am trying to lose again. Praying that will happen one day.

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GETULLY

That is a great plan. I have friends that are not planning anything so they do not 'jinx' 2021.

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MARTHA324

Humming that song! And fingers crossed that we will get back to normal next year or at least close to normal.

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NANCY-

I like both songs, especially Moon River. Andy Williams made me swoon. So glad that you both got some traveling in.

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SPICY23

I think we all hope the world will reopen to travel. Perhaps we will meet in some far-away

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place.

Peace and Care
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TEDDYS34GIRL
Thanks for sharing !
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RACHNACH
**KEEP
SPARK
ING!**

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THOMS1
Two of my favorite songs. I often find myself singing or at least humming them as I work
around the house. Hopefully you can begin your travels again soon.
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MTN_KITTEN
We are also wanderers ... and feel a little hemmed in with allllll the COVID. Neighbor now has it.



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THINCPL2004
Awesome song! The world 🌍 will be open again and ready for you to see all the glorious sights!
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KELLIEBEAN
LOVE the Carpenters! and Moon River.... oh so beautiful!
I'm so happy for his recovery and love seeing your adventures! You give me hope for brighter days!
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CD24069739
Thank you for sharing
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1DAY-ATA-TIME
How interesting! Thanks for sharing
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SHAKERATTLEROLL
Well Said! **I LIKE IT!** **KEEP IT UP!** **THANK YOU!**
for posting "Moon River" when I was much younger like elementary younger for choir we had to learn this and sing it so thank you for the memories of the song,
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UPTOIT59
Never underestimate the value of being in good shape at any age but particularly as we age...glad you hae made so many memories that I hope are sustaining you both in this down time.



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SUSANYOUNGER
HUGS
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CHERYLHURT
Beautiful
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MJREIMERS

Awesome!

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RHOOK20047

Amazing how much life has been put on hold. I didn't have such grandiose plans but just not being able to see my relatives. a wedding reception that was cancelled due to covid, their honeymoon put on hold, movie theatres closed, and other recreational businesses. My last friends that were diagnosed, and the husband is in the hospital now, says the only place they could have picked it up was the gym! Good thing I am not going there now. Such a shame, hopefully things will change after the vaccine.

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YELLOW09RED

Good morning Eileen,

I love your pictures. I was so worried when Joe had the fall. Glad you had kept your eye on him. Bless you.

Your blogs are always great.

Hope your Wednesday is wonderful with Joe.

Hugs and smiles,



Debbie

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GRAMPIAN

Great pictures.

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PLCHAPPELL

Me too - should be in Australia now- rebooked for jan 2022

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LIS193

Lovely blog and awesome pictures!



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WOOFERCOALBOY

Glad you got there after all. When I was 12, a parents' generation friend gave me a copy of Richard Halliburton's Complete Book of Marvels, which I just about devoured whole. Machu Picchu was one of the places described. I have no ambition to actually -go- there, not being a hiker, but I enjoy seeing other people's pictures. I will be glad to return to anywhere I can -drive- to, later.

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KITTYHAWK1949

Good songs.



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SHAWFAN

Great songs and such great memories to look back on too. God willing, 2021 will be the year

that will "open up" for us all to be able to travel again. Lovely photos.

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DOVESEYES

Great blog great songs too :)

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SCDALYNCH

How wonderful memories are as we think back over our good times. My husband and I have tried to visit family. My mother was born in Sweden and I have so many family there. We have made two trips. Dave is Irish. We have made trips to Ireland too! For our 25 anniversary we took the cruise from California through the Panama Canal. It is good to go from west to east. Leaving from Miami you go through the Canal very soon after leaving the port.

Travel is always interesting.



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HAYBURNER1969

Great songs- full of hope.
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ALEXSGIRL1

i listened to moon river today it is on my playlist , i hope you have many more adventures together
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HOLLYM48

I remember this song so well and it started playing in my head immediately when I read your title!
I am so glad that Joe recovered so well, that he was a stealth sparker after you joined. We truly are such good examples to our family and so often they join in when they see us doing our best! So glad your hubby did!
The vaccine is coming, and I pray that 2021 will be the beginning of healing and 2022 will be a year to travel once again. In the meantime, I will keep on doing my best, looking from my part of the top of the world!
One day at a time will get us through this!
Have a wonderful evening!!
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QUARTERMASTER3



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HARROWJET

Thank you for sharing your special memories.
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SUSIEMT

I hope you can retart your travelswithin the next year! (((HUGS)))



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KAYELENE

Beautiful blog. I love seeing your pictures and so happy to hear that your hubby made a full recovery.
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52BINCE

This is an outstanding blog---in a number of ways. You show how to enjoy your travel and get great exercise in as you explore the country. That is great that your husband had such a recovery after his accident, and speaks volumes about staying healthy prior thanks for sharing such



great pictures! Happy trails to you before long---when you can get back to traveling.
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DARLENEK04

Wonderful....I have only seen Machu Picchu (whatever) in pictures.....don't expect I ever will see it either....lol.....there is so much in this country I want to go see, except for

Ireland, home of the ancestors.....there I would like to go. And Hawaii, but OF COURSE, David

has ben there, lived there for 4 years.....sigh....he is like the Hank Snow song...I've been everywhere

son.....
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Good for you's on staying in shape and being able to go.
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POLSKARENIA

My DH went on a three week cycling holiday in Peru In 2009 just before we got together. He went to Machu Pichu...
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**OVERWORKEDJANET**

I agree with so much of what you've said and caused me to sing!
The Carpenters will be in my head tonight more than Andy Williams!

We, too, are wanderers and this certainly has put a hold on my hopes and dreams.
Meanwhile I'm looking at travel trailers to hook up to my SUV. Do I really want to take the plunge
and bring along all the stuff DH wouldn't be able to on a plane? LOL!



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**WHYNOTTRY45**

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**WATERMELLEN**

What a lovely blog -- and yes, we have survived worse than what we're going through now.
pretty much all of us. Patience patience patience and we'll be off to see the world again and
standing on the top of mountains.

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**DSHONEYC**

My plan is to be off to see more of the world asap...with health & safety being the prime driver.

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**SPEDED2**

ALL hoped-for things will come to you
Who have the strength to watch and wait,
Our longings spur the steeds of Fate,
This has been said by one who knew.

'Ah, all things come to those who wait,'
(I say these words to make me glad),
But something answers soft and sad,
'They come, but often come too late.'
~ Lady Mary Montgomerie Currie (1843-1905), under her pseudonym of Violet Fane

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**LSANDY7**

I can REALLY relate to the brain bleed. My DH had bilateral subdural hematomas that arose
from mixing Advil Cold and Sinus with Aspirin. It would bleed a bit when he took them then stop.
By the time I put my foot down and insisted he be seen by a doctor, the RN at the First Care (not
our PCP as it was Veteran's Day) came in with the post CT Scan news that the ambulance was
called and the neurosurgeon would meet us in the Emergency Room! Not my idea of a good way
to spend the holiday.....Glad your DH is OK, too.

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**RAZZOOZLE**

Lovely vacation pictures.

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