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Dear Friends,

Now that you have read the saga of just being able to leave on our recent vacation, I wanted to let you see some pictures and provide a few comments before our vacation becomes just a faded memory. And, because our web administrator is taking some vacation time of her own, my next blog will have to wait for a few more weeks. Start looking for my next post around May 20th.

Our first stop was Venice, and when I asked for information at the airport about catching a cab to our hotel, the guy checked out a map and informed me that the only way to get there was by “water taxi.” Surprise!!! An hour and a half later, the “cab driver” dropped us off at St. Mark’s Square, where we walked (with our luggage) to our hotel, which was right on one of the canals feeding into the Grand Canal. The next day was Easter Sunday, and Peggy and I tried to get into one of the services, but the lines were far too long. So, we enjoyed some time in and around the Cathedral, and it was such a joy to be there on Easter Sunday, even though the crowds were sometimes overwhelming.



Later in the day, we took another “water taxi” to the dock for our cruise. This group of pictures was taken by crew staff during the week we were at sea. The first one shows the route taken on our cruise, as well as our time at a Brazilian restaurant on the ship which specialized in meat, meat, and more meat. So delicious!

And then our journey took us to Kotor, Montenegro to visit the ancient fortress, complete with an impressive wall (not as big as the Great Wall in China) surrounding the city. Seeing the red-roofed buildings and walking the narrow streets was like stepping back into time.



NORWEGIAN STAR

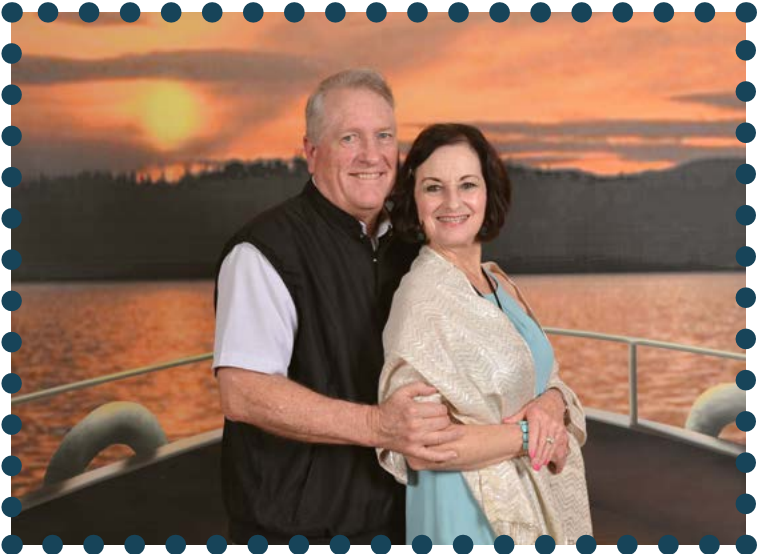


7 DAY GREEK ISLES FROM VENICE 2017



And then it was on to Corfu, and then Santorini, with the inhabitants living along the rim of the ancient volcanic caldera. The blue and white structures are found throughout the island -- white because it can get pretty “toasty” in the summer and the color helps to reflect the rays of the sun. In the evening we attended a Greek style celebration complete with music and the “plate-breaking” dance with everyone shouting “OPA!” When I took Greek in Seminary, I don’t remember that being one of our vocabulary words!!!

Oh yes, then there was our tour guide Theophilos. Two thousand years ago, Luke, the one who wrote the Gospel of Luke as well as the Book of Acts, addressed his documents to this person about whom we know nothing. Aristocrat? Another doctor as Luke was? Paul’s defense attorney in Rome? Well, I think I found the answer – He is a tour guide on the Island of Santorini!



And then on to Mykonos, another Greek Isle complete with windmills, quaint shops, and narrow streets. Our day included a short boat trip to the Island of Delos, where archaeologists have uncovered the ancient ruins of Greek civilization, complete with a theatre and temples to the mythical gods Artemis and Apollo. Upon our return, we shared a wonderful lunch together in one of the seaside cafes, and Petros the friendly Pelican joined us for a fish snack.



And then it was a day at sea, with the end of our cruise taking us to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Wow, what amazing history in this town that was once a citadel with impenetrable walls. How we loved hearing the history of this ancient place and walking the narrow streets made entirely of marble.







And, I thought I would conclude with my best “sunset shots.” Hope you enjoy them.

Of course, once we returned to Venice, it was time to get to our hotel for our return trip to CA the following day. It was a wonderful vacation for us, one that we will remember for a lifetime. But, there is always something special about returning to “home base.”

We have a lot going on this spring and summer, and I will update you in a few more months. Thank you so much for your prayers for us. We continue to feel very blessed.

Sincerely, *Jim and Peggy*

