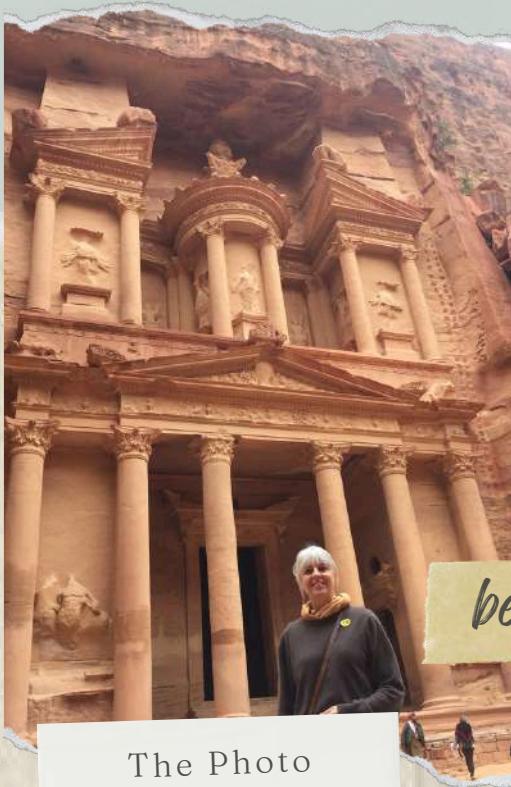
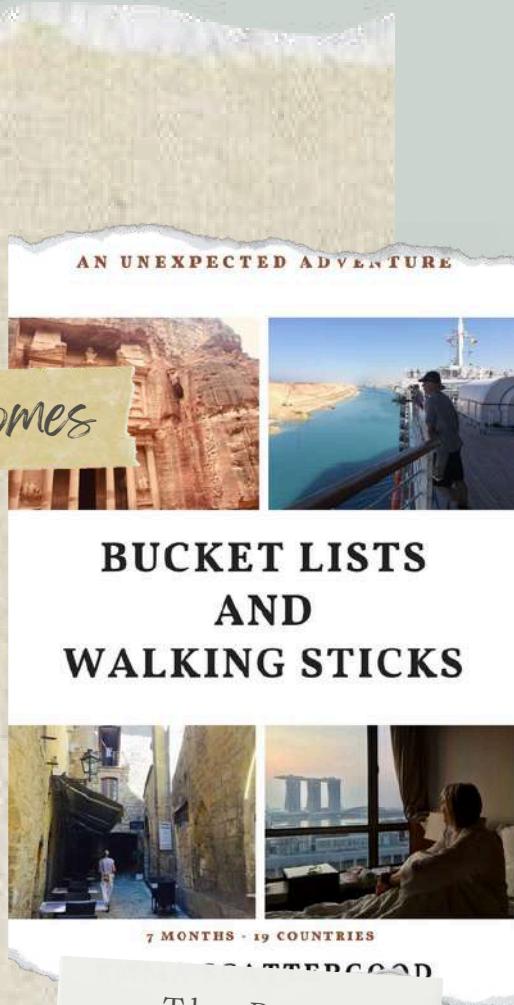


Bucket Lists and Walking Sticks



The Photo

becomes



BUCKET LISTS AND WALKING STICKS

7 MONTHS - 19 COUNTRIES

WATERGOOD
The Book

chapter 1 where we sailed from Brisbane to Singapore via Cairns and Darwin on a Royal Caribbean ship.



Brunswick bus stop



Champagne at the top of Australia

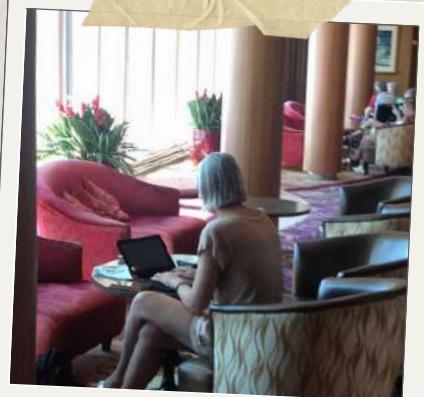
Australia to Singapore Chapter 1



Cairns from our balcony



Darwin

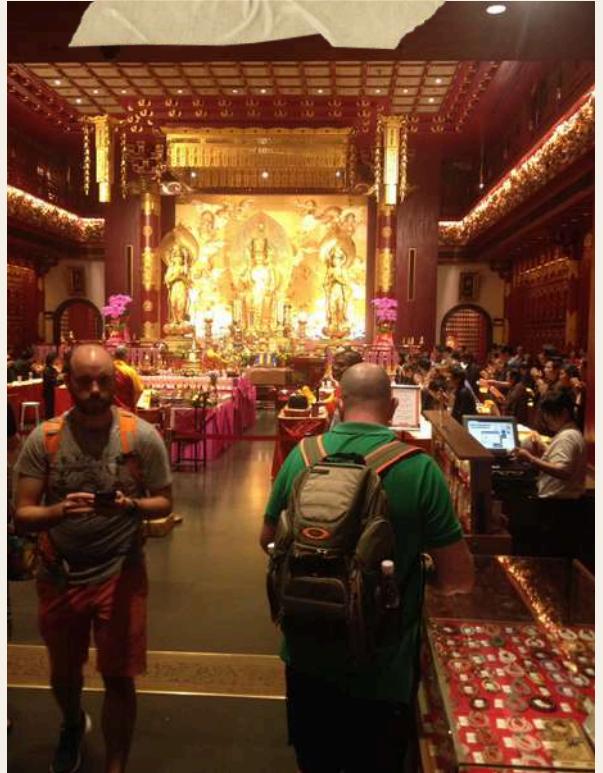


Writing a blog

Chapter 2 where we explored Singapore before travelling to Penang by train.



Bucket list
Singapore Slings



Buddha tooth temple

Hanging in SE-Asia Chapter 2



Those peaceful men

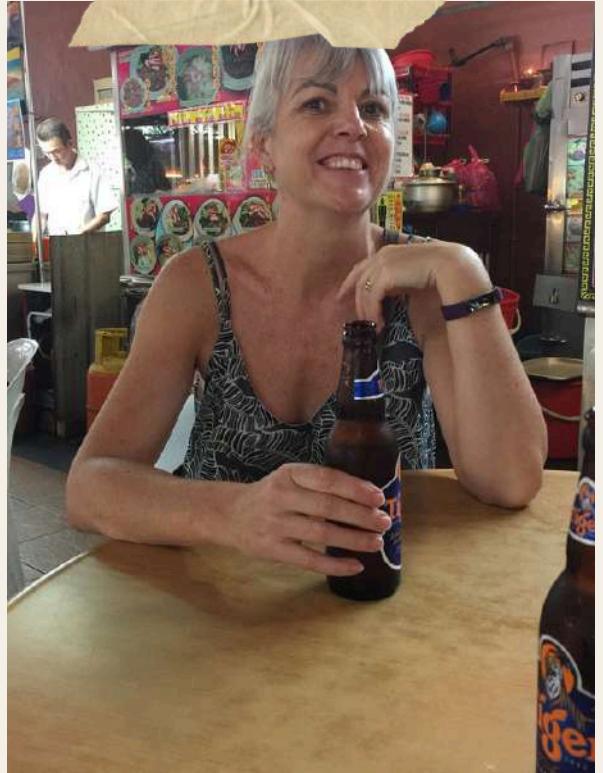


Gardens by the Bay



Conquering the MRT

Chapter 3 where we caught the ferry over to Penang Island, explored George Town and caught up with family.



Enjoying the food halls



Dinner on the beach

Rediscovering Penang Chapter 3



Our Malaysian train



Qiblat ceiling sign



Not pedestrian friendly

Chapter 4 where we hung out in Johor Bahru then headed back to Singapore where I had the best 50th birthday ever.



My dodgy haircut



View from our bed

Singapore Birthday Chapter 4



Johor Bahru view



So much rice



After our massage

Chapter 5 where we settled into life on board the Arcadia cruise ship and re-visited Phuket, Thailand.



Captain Cook



Arcadia from Patong Beach

Phuket & life aboard. Chapter 5



Our cabin



Phuket Memorial



View from our balcony

Chapter 6 where we explored Colombo, Sri Lanka before crossing the Indian Ocean to the UAE.



Some of those buses before the race



Dudley

Colombo to Dubai Chapter 6



Heading into Dubai city

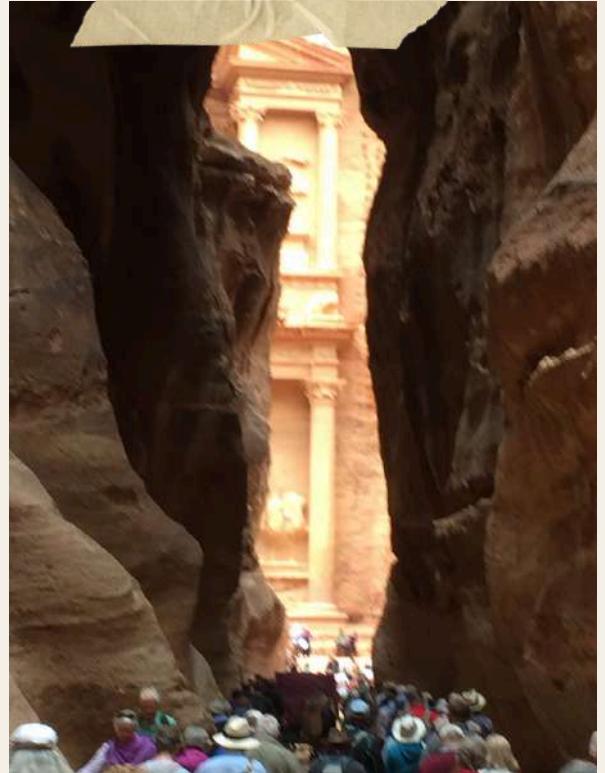


Looking at the Burj Khalifa



Gold Souk

chapter 7 where I ticked a huge Bucket List item - visiting Petra. Then another with traversing the Suez canal.



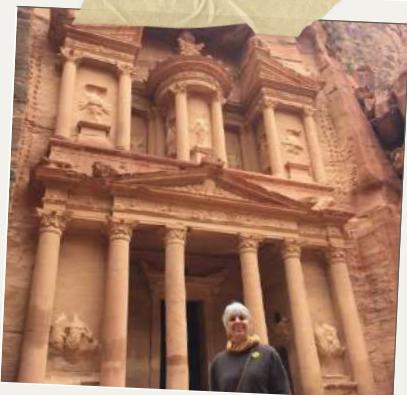
Treasury from the Sig



Traversing the Suez

Petra & the Suez Canal

Chapter 7



Bucket List - Petra



Bedouin tent



The Suez

chapter 8 where we ate
lots in crete before
heading over to Athens.

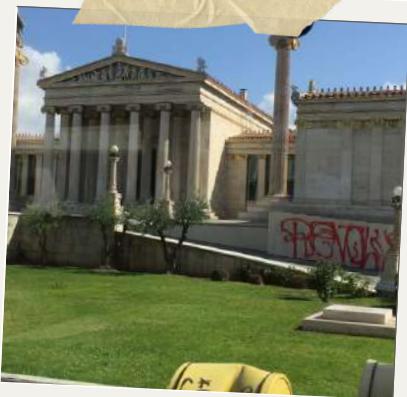


Donuts, ice-cream and
Raki



Bucket List - Parthenon

It's all just Greek chapter 8



Athens graffiti



Too much food in crete



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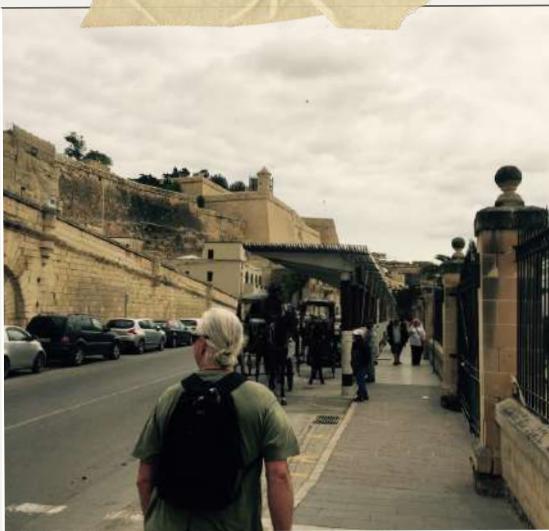
chapter 9 where we visited incredible Malta before taking a bus tour in Portugal.



Malta's limestone

Across the Mediterranean

chapter 9



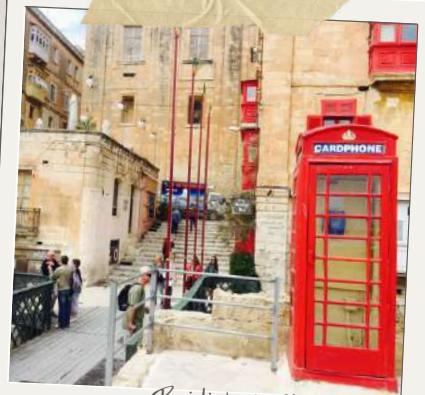
How do we scale Malta's wall?



Lisbon's azulejos



Beware Lisbon's trams



British influence - Malta

chapter 10 where we arrive in England and make ourselves comfortable in Caversham.



Fudge the noisy cat



England's bluebells

At home in England Chapter 10



Paige's pub



Together again



Charlotte's' welcome cake

Chapter 11 where we catch the Eurostar to Paris and start exploring this incredible city.



First glimpse from bus



Armed guards everywhere

Exploring Paris

Chapter 11



Trying to validate ticket



Lunch in front of hotel



waiting for the Eurostar

Chapter 12 where we catch a train to Sarlat, visit a vineyard in Bordeaux and walk out of Gordon Ramsay's restaurant.



Aah - the nought

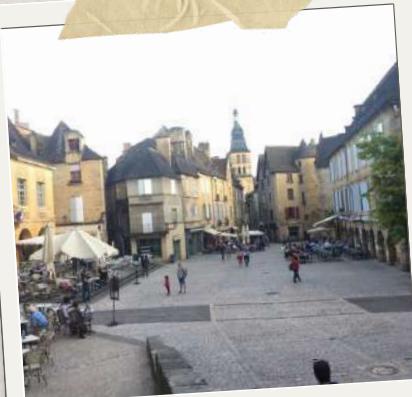


Our typical French lunch

South West France Chapter 12



Gordon's Restaurant



Sarlat main square



Stunning scenery

Chapter 13 where we find friends and Vincent in Provence, after which, we spend a night in Nice.



Many sudokus done on the train



waiting for the washing

Vincent in Provence Chapter 13



BBQ with friends



The Nice waterfront

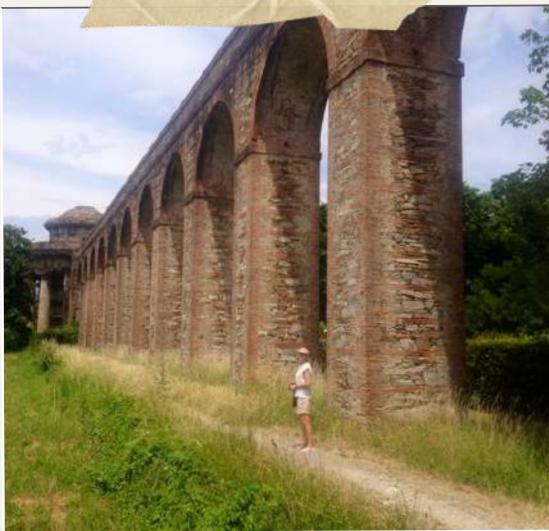


A camino marker

Chapter 14 where we base ourselves in Lucca and catch trains to nearby Pisa and Florence. We even find a viaduct.



Discovering incredible water



Lucca's viaduct

Lucca, Pisa, Florence

Chapter 14



Those enormous city walls



More than just a tower



We found David

chapter 15 where we were disappointed by Venice but loved eating schnitzels in Mozart's Salzburg.



Tiny balcony in Venice



Note the castle in background

Venice & Salzburg chapter 15



First aperol spritz



Mozart graves

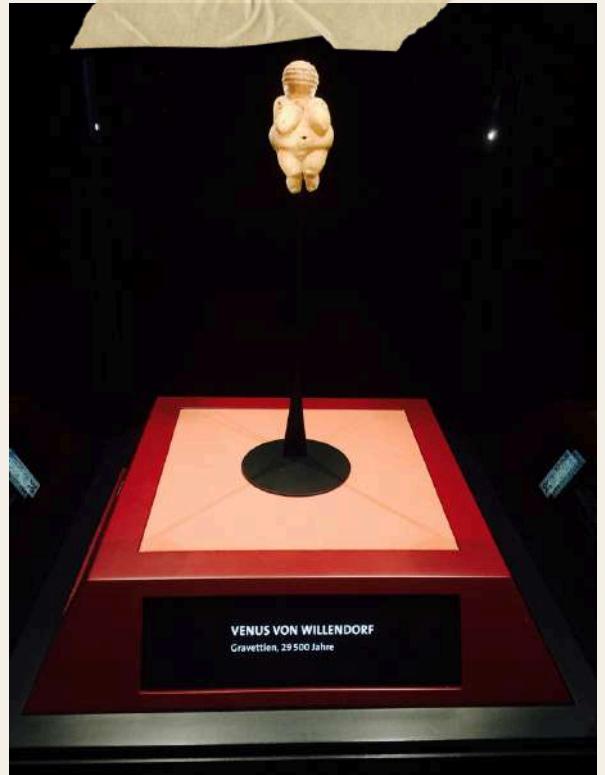


Venice garbage

chapter 16 where we
sweltered in Vienna then
later caught up with
family in Prague.



Prague with family



Venus von willendorf

Vienna & Prague Chapter 16



Austrian Wienerwurst



Daily Trdelnik



Vienna state theatre

chapter 17 where we found Hitler's hidden bunker then later fought the crowds in Amsterdam.



Berlin's war Memorial



Checkpoint Charlie Attraction

Berlin to Amsterdam Chapter 17



Old builds alongside new Berlin



Amsterdam's great houses



Bikes everywhere Amsterdam

chapter 18 where we
based ourselves in
Brussels and took a tour
to the stunning towns of
Brugge and Ghent.



Boat ride in Brugge



The Belgium chocolate!

Brussels, Brugge, Ghent Chapter 18



Lots of dairy cows



Ghent tour



Jigsaw perfect Ghent

chapter 19 where we based ourselves in Caversham and did lots of touring.



Daily Thames walk with the ducks

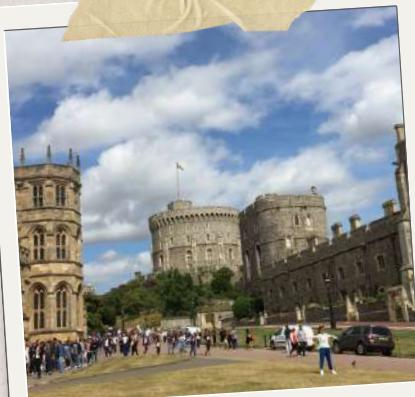


Pierces' First Pub

Living life as a Pom Chapter 19



Dibbers



windsor castle



Perched in front of the Palace

Chapter 20 where we used our little hire car to explore the south-west coast of England. We even found Doc Martin!



Doc Martin



Misty Dartmoor

Meeting Martin Clunes Chapter 20



Stonehenge from the
A4



Glastonbury Tor



King Arthurs home

Chapter 21 where we visited the town of my birth (Clacton) before spending a week exploring London.



Greenwich Tunnel



wind towers from
Clacton Pier

London & East Anglia Chapter 21



St Katherine's dock



Getting to West Ham



Champagne in Harrods

Chapter 22 where we circumnavigated Ireland by ship, met friendly people and kissed a Blarney Stone.



Kissing the Blarney Stone



First Guinness Ever

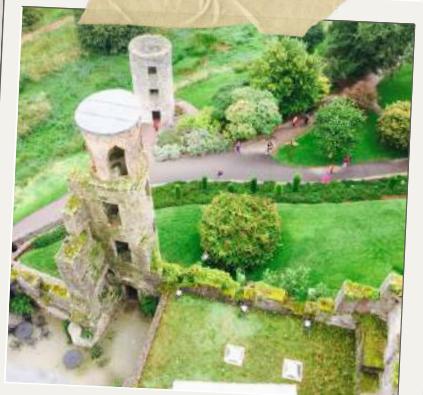
Ireland Chapter 22



Best Irish coffees anywhere



stunning scenery



Blarney castle

Chapter 23 where we finish this amazing adventure by saying our farewells and visiting Hong Kong on the way home.



Final backyard BBQ



Final drink at the Clifton Arms

Hong Kong & Home Chapter 23



Flamingos in HK



View from Dubai hotel room



Smoggy Hong Kong