

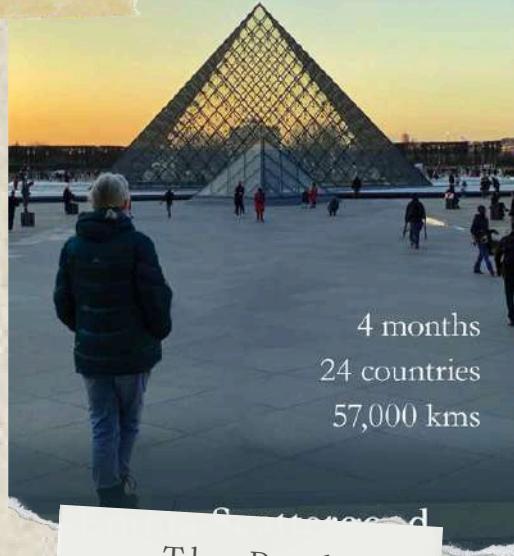
# Itchy Feet & Bucket Lists



The Photo

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Itchy Feet  
&  
Bucket Lists  
GLOBAL ADVENTURE



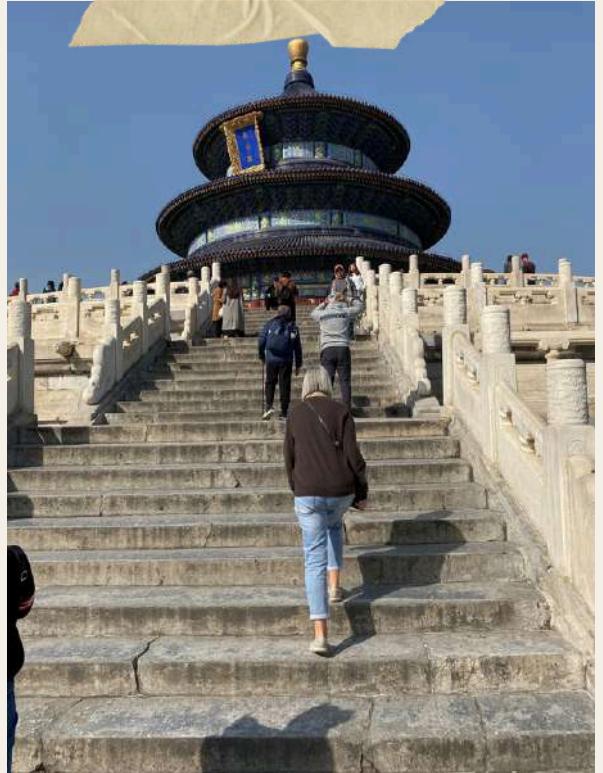
4 months  
24 countries  
57,000 kms

The Book

chapter 1 - 2 where we  
stay a night in the  
Singapore airport hotel  
before arriving in Beijing



Familiar Forbidden  
city entrance



Temple of Heaven

# Singapore & China

chapters 1 - 2



Overwhelmed by its  
size

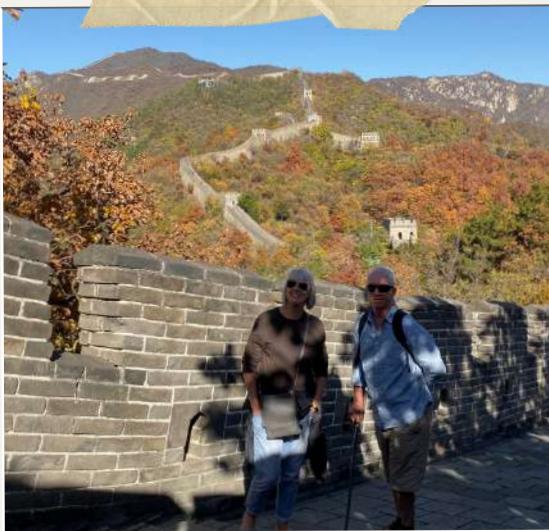


Summer Palace



Enjoying the great  
food

chapter 2 where we explore Beijing and take a train to Xian to see the Terracotta warriors.



Incredible wall



The dumplings that gave me food poisoning

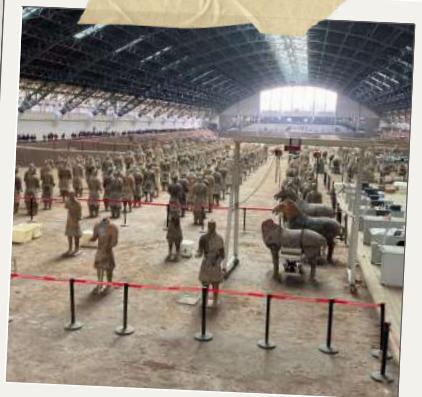
## More China chapter 2



Our high speed train



Ghost cities



Amazing sight

Chapter 3 where we catch the first leg of our Trans-Siberian express journey to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



still not well



About to board

## Mongolia Chapter 3



View from our train window



Stubborn Mongolian camel



Genghis Khan statue

chapter 3 where we stay overnight in a Ger and visit a monastery before hopping on our next Trans-Siberian train.



Inside our Ger



Our Ger Park

## More Mongolia Chapter 3



Lovely monastery walk



waiting for the train



Our second train

Chapter 4 where we get off the train in Irkutsk and journey by car to Lake Baikal. We experience the coldest temperatures of our lives.



Our train view is changing



Meeting fellow  
Australians

## Russia - Siberia Chapter 4



Our personal dining room



Our room lined with wood



Lake Baikal

Chapter 4 where we leave Lake Baikal and spend a night in Irkutsk before catching the final leg of the Trans-Siberian.



coldest walk ever



Minus 22 - Irkutsk, Siberia

# More Russia - Siberia Chapter 4



Borscht soup

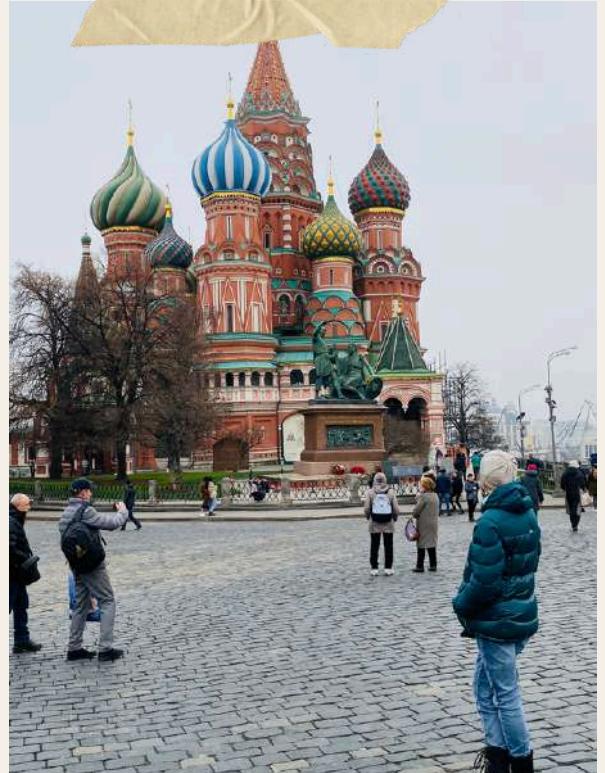


Stocking up for the train ride ahead



On board the final leg

Chapter 5 where we spend a few days in Moscow visiting Red Square and trying to obtain onward visas.



Beautiful St Basil's



Fascinating change of guard ceremony

## Russia - Moscow Chapter 5



Our Russian breakfasts



The Moscow underground



Nikol'skaya street

Chapter 6 where we take the overnight train from Moscow through Belaruse and wake up in Poland. There we visit Auschwitz.



Dinner standing on a train



Auschwitz

## Poland Chapter 6



Beautiful Krakow Old Town



Trying a pretzel



Discovering Polish wine

Chapter 7 where we spend three days exploring Budapest, drinking mulled wine and even have a hot bath.



Enjoying the mulled wine



Lace in the central market

## Hungary Chapter 7



Budapest by bus



The stunning Danube



Having a hot bath

Chapter 8 where Darryl falls on the train and recovers in Split - a place full of museums.



The dragon basement

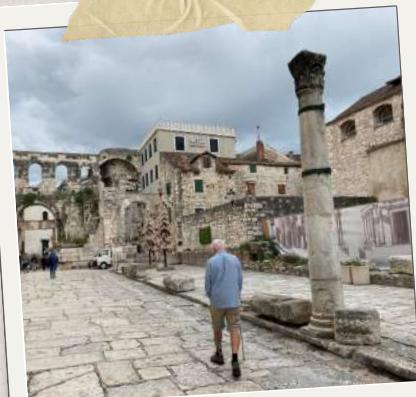


Enjoying the Split Riva

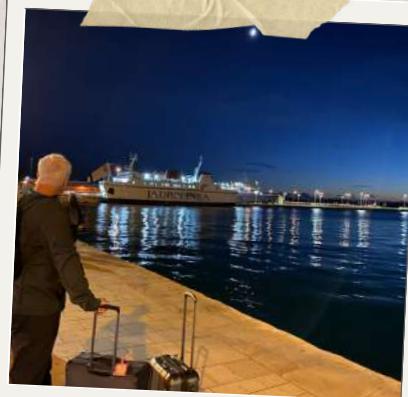
## Croatia Chapter 8



Biggest bed ever



Diocletian Palace



Nearly lost his bag here

Chapter 9 where our ferry from Split leaves us at Ancona, after which we catch a train to Rome. There we spend a few days exploring before visiting Verona and Florence.



unsuccessful handbag shopping



The very wealthy Vatican

## Italy Chapters 9



Revisiting the Colosseum



Juliette's balcony Verona



Crazy busy Florence

chapter 10 where we  
spend a week  
circumnavigating  
Switzerland using various  
famous trains.



The Matterhorn - probably  
the trip highlight.



Freddie Mercury in  
Montreux

## Switzerland chapter 10



Switzerland's slabs of  
chocolate



That fondue!

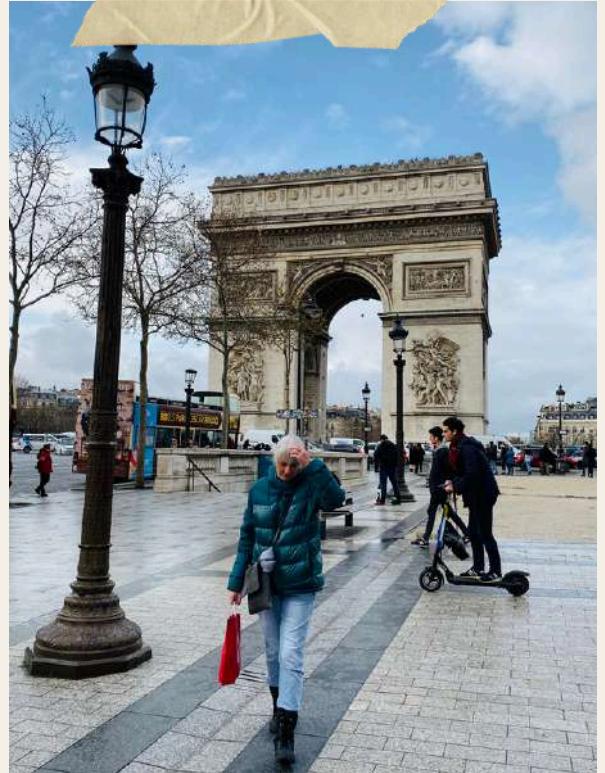


Lucerne's very old  
bridge

chapter 11 where we  
found strikes and  
mayhem in Paris before  
catching the Eurostar  
back to England.



Our tiny Paris  
apartment

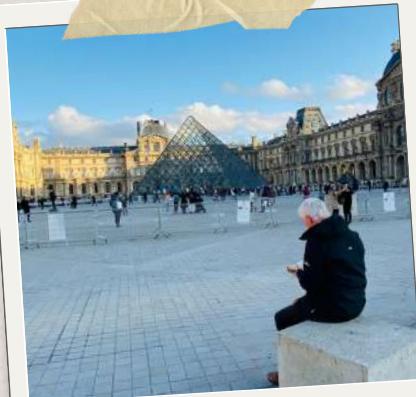


Shopping on Champ  
Élysées

## France chapter 11



Empty restaurants



Lunch at the Louvre



Enjoying Monet

Chapter 12 where we spend Christmas in London before attending a West Ham football match. Later it's time with family at Caversham.



Christmas lunch in Notting Hill



waiting for the match to start

## England Chapter 12



Back to Caversham



London's Christmas Lights



Love those Pommery pubs

chapter 13 where we sail  
with the Arcadia to  
Madeira, ride a downhill  
basket and fail to find  
cake.



The Madeira Basket  
Ride



Fireworks leaving  
Southampton

## Maderia chapter 13



Not like our Maderia  
cake

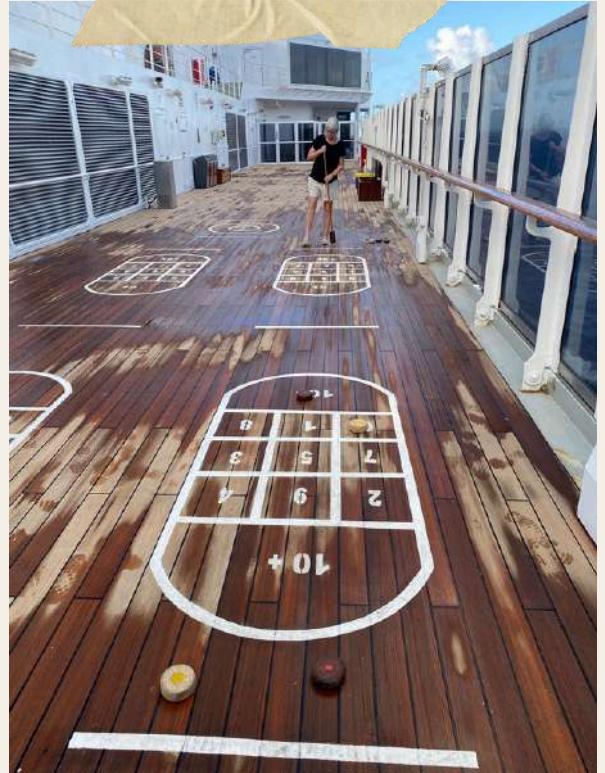


Back on board



The Maderia chairlift

chapter 14 where we fail to find clothing in Bridgetown then take a rum tour.

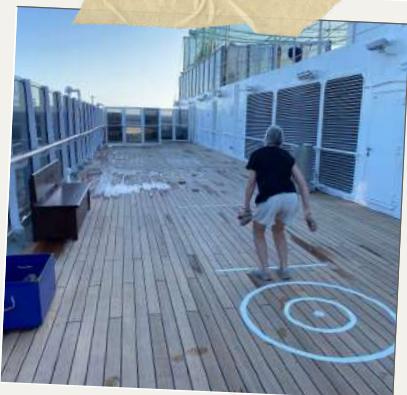


Daily shuffleboard



Lots of rum in Barbados

## Barbados Chapter 14



Daily quirts



seeking wi-fi



A Barbados oil mule

chapter 15 where we  
taste curacao in curacao  
before traversing the  
amazing Panama canal.



Getting a haircut in  
Curacao



In the Panama  
canal

## Curacao & Panama chapter 15



Lots of curacao in  
Curacao

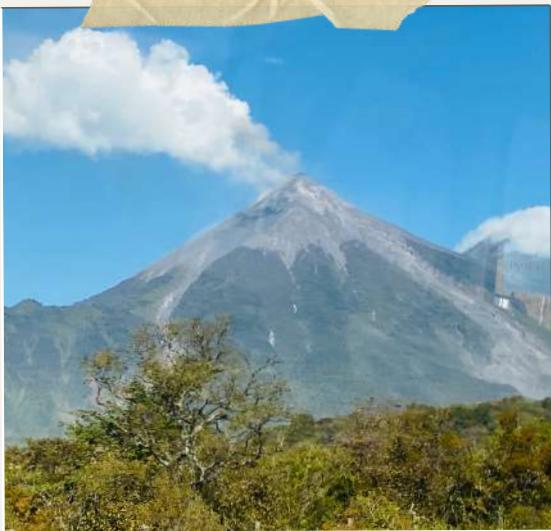


Tight canal squeeze



Meeting captain  
cook

Chapter 16 where we surprisingly find lots of volcanos in Guatemala and unsurprisingly, great coffee.



Getting closer to the active volcano

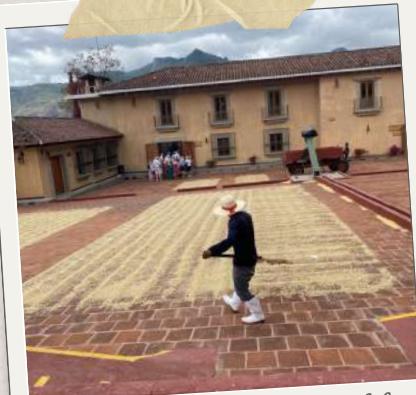


Antigua

## Guatemala Chapter 16



Locals in the main square



Drying out the coffee beans



A chicken bus

Chapter 17 where we eat lots of guacamole, discover pollution in the harbour and have a great sailing away party.



Great sail away party



Beer, blog and guacamole

## Mexico Chapter 17



The polluted harbour



Making tortillas



Old internet cafe

chapter 18 where we  
overnight in San  
Francisco. There we  
cross the famous bridge  
and visit Alcatraz. Days  
later we visit Pearl  
Harbour in Hawaii.

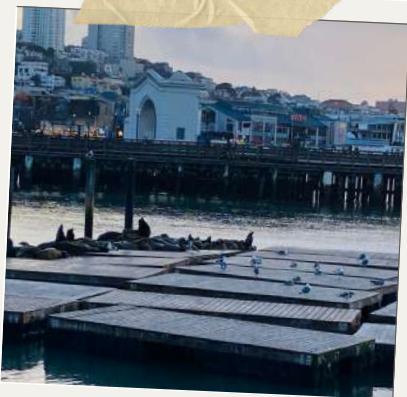


Arriving by boat to  
Alcatraz



Crossing the Golden Gate  
in the freezing fog

## America chapter 18



San Frans lazing seals



Pearl Harbour memorial



Buena Vista for  
Irish coffee

chapter 19 where we found black pearls everywhere and sailed away under a beautiful full moon.



Our warm Tahiti welcome



Black Pearls everywhere

## Tahiti Chapter 19



colourful markets



Admiring the full moon



working in the Crow's Nest

Chapters 20 - 21 where  
Hobbiton in New Zealand  
was a trip highlight.  
Sydney, as always, was  
great and it felt nice to  
be home in Australia.

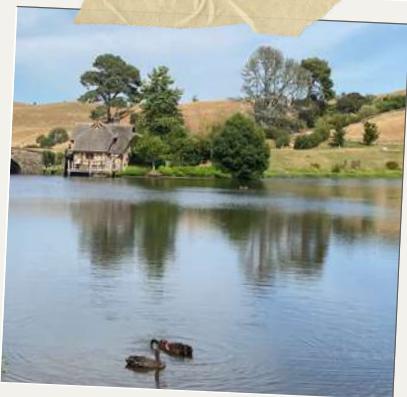


Incredible Hobbiton



Outfit shopping in Sydney

## New Zealand & Sydney Chapters 20 - 21



Hobbiton



Breakfast on the  
harbour



Best place to view  
Sydney