

In 1965 my friend Al and I took a trip through Europe that lasted 14 weeks and spanned 22 countries. This is a story about that trip and some of the more memorable events that occurred.

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To the best of my recollection

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In 1965, while attending classes at the University of Toronto school of Engineering, my friend Al and I got an idea in our heads that we should tour Europe for the summer on motorcycles. We started researching the possibility of purchasing a pair of motorbikes in London and selling them back at the end of the trip. It just so happened that a few other people also had the idea to go to Europe that year and the U of T Student Council was able to charter 3 airplanes.

We bought the book "[Europe on \\$5 a Day](#)" and planned where we should go and what we should see. It was a very ambitious adventure and we drew guffaws from our classmates. No one believed that we would make it out of England let alone drive through Germany, France, and Spain.

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The day of departure came and we were ready with our tickets. We each had a sum of \$1000 in traveler's checks. I had one wardrobe case that folded in two and resembled a fat suitcase that I bought especially for the trip. It was made of durable nylon and had a lot of brown leather trim.

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The zippers were brass and were very wide and strong. I named it "Big Bertha". Al bought two small Samsonite suitcases (for attaching to either side of his motorcycle). We took along our shaving kits and a few articles of clothing. I had to bring a suit since I was planning to meet my future mother-in-law and I wanted to make an impression.

The flight across the Atlantic was rambunctious. They were serving free alcohol to a planeload of students who suddenly found freedom from school and wanted to blow off some steam. It took too long for the stewardesses to serve drinks so we went to the galley and emptied a whole drawer of little alcohol bottles into our flight bags. There was singing and yelling and everyone played the game "Lean to the left then lean to the right". Eventually, the captain had to tell us over the PA system to settle down. So, we got to pilfering everything on the plane we could get our hands on including the captain's hat. Needless to say that no one got any sleep on the plane and we arrived tired that morning at Gatwick airport. There was a vast cheer on touchdown. Dinar had too much to drink and was taken off the plane in a wheelchair.

All of the students went their separate ways and for the first time we had to use our wits and fend for ourselves. At the train station, we couldn't understand a word from the ticket taker. He was speaking some form of Cockney. We hopped on a train and headed for London. Al had attended private school at one time and one of his teachers now lived in London. Simon was gracious enough to offer us lodging at his flat and met us at the station. He had a job to go to during the day but took us bar hopping at night to places we never would have found on our own. During the day, we were free to try and find the best motorcycles we could afford.

As it turned out, the motorcycles were far too expensive an investment and we would not have much cash to pay for other necessities such as food, accommodation, and souvenirs. We then changed our plan on the spot and decided that it would be more prudent to rent a car. This plan turned out to be the right one since the rentals were fairly inexpensive and we could cover greater distances with a car rather than on motorcycles. It was safer, we could carry passengers, and we could sleep in it if necessary.

We rented our first car in London for a week (a Vauxhall Viva) and proceeded to see the countryside. It was fairly difficult to get used to driving on the right side of the car shifting with the left hand. We took turns driving and navigating and I found myself a couple of times starting out on the wrong side of the road. It was very enjoyable driving on the scenic country roads of England. I especially got a kick navigating the roundabouts. We saw [Buckingham Palace](#), [Palace of Westminster](#), [Big Ben](#), [Marble Arch](#), [Royal Courts of Justice](#), [St. Paul's Cathedral](#), [London Stock Exchange](#), [Westminster Abbey](#), [Shepherd's Bush](#), [HMS Victory](#), [Magna Carta](#), [Windsor Castle](#), etc.

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We first went to see Al's grandmother in Bagnor and stayed there overnight. Then on to Portsmouth where we saw Nelson's ship Victory returning to Bagnor dead tired. Next we drove to Croydon to stay with my future mother and father in law. In Runnymede we saw the [Magna Carta Memorial](#). Back in London we did a lot of pubbing with Simon.

On [Bond Street](#) in London, I purchased a dark brown suede leather jacket. It was fully lined and the leather was soft and supple. The tailoring was in the latest fashion and I loved that jacket. I wore it everywhere perhaps as often as my leather driving gloves. The jacket didn't survive all these years but I still have the gloves.



After a week, we turned the car in and took a train to Harwich with tickets for passage on a ferry to the Hook of Holland. From there, we took a train directly to Amsterdam and arrived at the youth hostel in the morning.

After getting settled and securing lodging for the night, we started exploring the city. Of course, the Red Light District was first on the list. We had heard and read about it but we just had to see it for ourselves. The [Rijksmuseum](#) was very impressive with its collection of Rembrandt artworks. Next, we needed to find another car to rent. After checking the paper for rental agencies, we settled on one and went to Oude Ster Garage the next day. We picked out a Volkswagen and paid the rent for 3 months. It came to just over \$500 and so our transportation was assured. Our great adventure was about to begin.

It was about this time that I got the idea to buy post cards of the places we had been to and send them all one by one to my fiancé in Toronto. She started pasting them into a scrapbook and they have been the inspiration for me to write about this trip.

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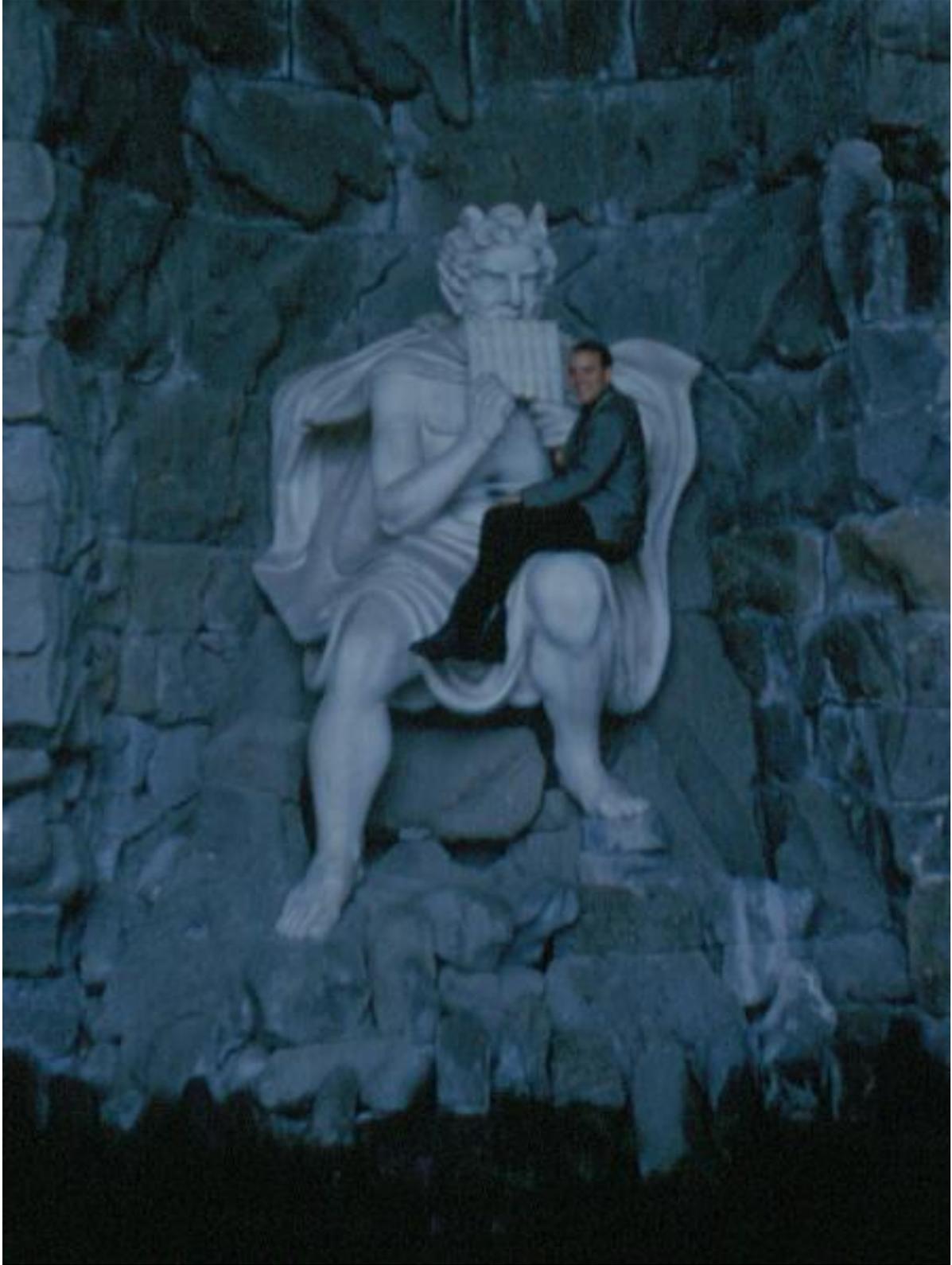
The first place we drove to was Rotterdam. There wasn't much to see in this city but we did go to the Euromast and paid the fee to go to the top.

Sidebar: This story takes place at various times during our trip but I must tell it here in its entirety. While viewing the scenery at the observation deck of the Euromast, I noticed that people were writing their names and addresses on the wooden railing that went completely around the deck. I decided to leave a little souvenir myself and wrote my name and address on it. When we arrived in Belgrade, I had a letter, forwarded to me by my father in Toronto, from a girl who lived in Rotterdam. She saw my address on the railing and decided to write to me. When we arrived in Athens, I sent her a postcard and told her about our trip. By this time, she had already discarded my name and address since she had no reply for a long while. She quickly ran back to the Euromast to retrieve it but found that they had changed the railing. Apparently, when there is no more room for tourists to write on the railing, they remove it and replace it with a new one. Heartbroken, she returned home empty handed and could not write to me. On the return leg of our trip, we decided to swing through Rotterdam and pay her a visit. The surprise was complete. We were graciously received and managed to converse with as few words as possible and a lot of sign language. After consuming a copious amount of cookies and milk, we went on our way. I wrote to her once from Toronto but did not receive a reply. I wonder what her life was like.

The next memorable place was [Kassel, Germany](#). We visited with our classmate, Helmut, who was working for the summer in Germany. The [Hercules Monument](#) located in the "Bergpark (Mountainpark) Wilhelmshöhe", northern Hesse, Germany, was most impressive.

Here are a couple of picture of myself and Al horsing around.





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The hostels in Germany were well organized and clean. One youth hostel keeper got a liking to us and let us stay well past the curfew with him at his favorite pub. He wanted to know all about life in Canada and treated us to a night on the town. In each city we dutifully had our youth hostel cards stamped with the hostel logo and date of stay. Other countries were not that meticulous nor was the quality of the hostels. In Munich we partied at the Hofbräuhaus and drove back to the hostel with 9 passengers in the VW. Luckily the car had a sliding canvas roof and the passengers were all standing upright while I drove with my nose at the windshield. I didn't speak any German and a fellow student pointed out to me one day that I had been making my bed at the hostel all wrong. He informed me that the word printed at one end of the blanket (Fußende) meant foot end. I was making the bed with that end at the pillow. That was embarrassing! The only other words I remember are ausgang (exit), ausfarht (exit), and verboten (forbidden).

After bumping along from city to city in Germany and Austria, we decided to make a long-haul drive directly to Belgrade in order to stay a week at the hospitality of my uncle in the villa where I was born and lived for 8 years of my early life. The drive took 11 hours (814 km) through the Austrian mountains and switchbacks, through Slovenia and Serbia. We arrived in Belgrade exhausted but I still managed to navigate to the house recognizing some familiar landmarks. When I rang the doorbell of my uncle's villa, my aunt came to the door and didn't recognize me. My uncle, however, heard my voice and immediately yelled to her that it was me.

We stayed in Belgrade for about a week visiting all my relatives and my uncle's friends. We felt wealthy and acted the part. My uncle had a barber come to the house to give Al and myself haircuts. One memorable place we went to was [Oplenac](#) and the Church of St. George. This is one place that visitors to Serbia should not miss.

The following picture was taken by Al of my uncle's villa. Standing on the circular terrace are, from left to right, my mother Bosa, my uncle Radomir, myself, my uncle's wife and my mother's sister Rada, and my mother's other sister Gora.

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Having been refreshed, we decided to leave the car with my uncle and take a trip to Athens by train. We obtained tickets on the [Orient Express](#) from Paris that stopped in Belgrade. We had 1st class tickets but had to stand in the aisle for half of the journey. By the time we reached Greece, a lot of the passengers had disembarked and we locked ourselves in a compartment and had a few hours sleep. The train trip took 27 hours. We took along with us a duffel bag each with our shaving kits and one change of clothes. In Athens we saw all the ancient ruins and landmarks. At the beach the next day, my eye caught the sight of a beautiful young girl. I asked her (in sign language) to borrow her flippers and left my sunglasses with her for collateral. She was so impressed with me that she invited me to go to a movie with her that evening (chaperoned of course by her younger brother). As I mentioned earlier, we were traveling light and I only had one pair of jeans that I constantly wore. She came to the rendezvous in the most gorgeous white dress I have ever seen. The movie was one I had already seen so I concentrated on getting to know her better. We were in an open-air theatre and they served [Turkish coffee](#) during intermission. I was having such a good time I missed the curfew for the youth hostel. I ended up sleeping on a park bench for the night and caught up with Al in the morning.

I had arranged to meet this girl the next day at a shopping mall but Al got a deal on some tickets for a ship heading to Istanbul and we decided to take them. I left a letter for her with a merchant at the mall but I don't know if she ever received it. We took a train to Piraeus where we boarded the ship that evening and set sail for Istanbul.

Sidebar: While researching the Internet about the ancient city of [Troy](#), I realized that Al and I sailed within 5 miles of the site where archeologists have established as the location of that ancient city. Since this information was only confirmed in 2001, we were totally unaware of it in 1965 as we sailed from Piraeus to Istanbul. We probably followed closely the same route that the 1000 ships took in following Helen to Troy 1240 years BC. As you can see, the Troy site is very close to the shore where the channel narrows as you go from the Aegean Sea to the Sea of Marmara. Google Earth coordinates: 39°57'26.99"N 26°14'20.02"E

One of the features in staying at Youth Hostels is the information you can gather from the other student travelers. The first thing we did when we arrived at a hostel was to make friends especially with those people heading in the opposite direction. We exchanged information about what to see, what to avoid, and what to look for. In this way, we were well informed and were able to avoid tricky situations. For instance: money changers in Turkey gave twice the exchange rate that the banks gave. However, in order to purchase a train ticket, you had to have a document that certified you changed money at a bank. Information such as this proved valuable for us. Private purchases were a different story. Al wanted to buy a suede jacket at the [Grand Bazaar](#) in Istanbul. He negotiated with a vendor for a made-to-measure jacket to be tailored in 3 hours and paid for it with Greek drachmas left over from our stay in Athens. That's

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pretty good since the Turks and the Greeks didn't often see eye-to-eye (if you know what I mean). I bought several silver and gold [puzzle rings](#) that fell apart into a chain of ringlets and you had to know a sequence in order to put them back together again.

The train trip back to Belgrade from Istanbul went through Bulgaria. It was the most desolate and poor country we went through. We never got off the train.

Back in Belgrade, we gathered up our possessions and set out for the Adriatic coast. My mother and aunt hitched a ride with us. The roads were terrible sometimes disappearing into cow tracks. The scenery through the mountain passes was spectacular, however. The VW performed marvelously. The first night we found accommodation at a hotel in Titovo Užice. Remember that this was still a communist country and many places were named after the dictator of Yugoslavia. Later, they shortened the name to just Užice. From there, we made our way through Montenegro to Herceg Novi on the coast. The hotel was right on the beach and the gardens were full of flowers. It was splendid accommodations and we paid \$1.50 for the room that night.

The next stop was [Dubrovnik](#) in Croatia then on to Split for the night. The following day we pushed to Rijeka where we went to the beach. I could hear a couple of young girls talking about Al and me in Serbian. They obviously heard us speaking English and felt secure that we wouldn't know what they were saying. I led them on for a while, then in perfect Serbian I revealed that I understood them quite well. That ended any possibility of getting to know them better.

We drove into Slovenia and visited [Postojnska Jama](#) (a large cave). Then we dropped off my mother and aunt at a train station as they were returning to Belgrade. Al and I continued on our trip into Italy and arrived that day in Trieste.

A short drive from Trieste found us at Venice. We left the car at a huge parking lot and hopped on a water taxi and headed to the youth hostel on one of the islands. We spent roughly 3 days in Venice touring all the famous places you read about. The only side effect was that I got a sore throat that I attributed to the sewage that was in the canals.

From Venice we made a quick tour of Switzerland. On one of the roads we picked up a couple of girls hitchhiking. Pam was from South Africa and Penny was from Australia. When we arrived at the youth hostel in Bern, the hostel was not yet opened for the day so we ended up in a pub around the corner. Al had brought with him a bottle of [Sljivovica](#) from Belgrade and we started drinking that with a beer chaser. Needless to say, the girls got pretty drunk. When we returned to the hostel, the girls raised a ruckus with the administrator and she called the police. The cops put the girls in jail and we had to bail them out for a few dollars fine. We ended up sleeping in the car that night and the girls slept in their tent. After saying goodbye to the girls, we headed

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to Geneva. From there we briefly entered France and took the tunnel at [Chamonix](#) that emerged in Italy shaving 100 km of a surface trip around the mountains.

We bumped along from Turin to Alessandria to Genoa and then to Pisa. There, we went up the [leaning tower](#) and enjoyed the view. There are no railings on the terraces and the inclination made one queasy. From Pisa we drove to Florence where we viewed as many artworks we could find. I especially liked the [bronze boar](#) whose nose was made shiny clean by tourists touching it there while the rest of it was oxidized by the elements.

From Florence we finally arrived in Rome and by extension to Vatican City. Rome impressed us greatly. Not only did we partake in the sights of the ancient ruins of the Coliseum and the Roman Forum but the more recent artworks of Michelangelo and Bernini. We toured the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica and climbed the stairs to the top of the cupola. We visited the [Appian Way](#) and the [Catacombs](#). One evening, we consulted the map of Rome and visited many of the famous fountains and went for a splash in them until we were chased away by the police.

From Rome we headed to Naples. At this point in the trip, we calculated that we would far exceed the allotted kilometers on the rental car so we stopped at a garage and had the mechanic disconnect the cable to the odometer. They knew exactly what we wanted even though we couldn't communicate in Italian. From then on, we didn't know how fast we were driving or how far we had gone.

On the way down to Pompeii, we took a side trip to Vesuvius. We left the car on the street as close as we could get to the volcano and walked on a narrow pathway all the way to the top. There were no gondolas or any kind of mechanized assistance in those days and you just had to slug it out. At the top of the volcano we purchased some tourist trinkets made of polished lava stones.

[Pompeii](#) was another very interesting place especially the excavations of the old city. We sat in the old amphitheater and pretended we were watching Olympic games. The museums were loaded with artifacts and I found especially interesting to see the casts of people and animals that were entombed by the ash and lava. When they were excavating the site, they would come across a void in the earth. Filling the void with plaster or plastic revealed the forms of the terror stricken people trapped during the eruption.

After a quick sojourn to Sorrento, we headed back retracing our drive from the north finally arriving once more in Genoa.

After visiting the casino in Monaco, we spent some time driving through the French Riviera. Then we visited Avignon and drove through Andorra and spent the night in Barcelona. We were

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getting low on our funds, so we started to sleep in the car and ate off the land. Occasionally, the local farmers would see us sleeping in the car with foreign license plates and would bring us breakfast consisting of fruit and bread. They were especially generous when we explained that we were students all the way from Toronto, Canada. In that case, they brought us a bottle of wine. We appreciated this as we had our wine in a leather bota that was lined with tar and tasted very bad.



In Valencia we bought tickets for a bullfight where [El Cordobés](#) was the bullfighter that day. It was at Plaza de Toros in a small town called Benidorm. We found it very exciting as did [Hemingway](#) in 1932.

Google Earth coordinates of arena: 38°32'43.34"N 0° 7'49.64"W



Eventually, we found ourselves in Gibraltar. We spent the afternoon in a local pub drinking British beer and talking with the residents about politics. We looked across the Straits of

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Gibraltar and contemplated going across to Morocco, but our money supply was getting low and we decided we should begin our return journey. But first we had to make a few more stops in Seville and Madrid.

In Seville I bought an interesting cigarette lighter made of rope that ignited in a smoldering glow and the more you blew on it, the more it glowed. Retracting the rope into a small canister with a lid extinguished it until relit with the included flint wheel.



In Madrid, we spent a great deal of time going through museums and art galleries and met the actor who played the [Cracker Jacks Man](#) on television back home, at the [Prado](#) museum. Al yelled “It’s the Cracker Jacks man!” and we spent several minutes talking to him.

From there, it was on to San Sebastian and then to Paris. This was another city of sights and history. We toured [The Louvre](#) and went to [Notre Dam](#) cathedral. We went to see the [Moulin Rouge](#) but we didn’t have enough money by this time to go inside. We drove around the [Arc de Triomphe](#) many times.

On the way to Amsterdam, we stopped in Rotterdam at that girl’s home I described earlier.

When we arrived back in Amsterdam, there was the small matter of the cable we disconnected from the odometer way back in Naples. Trying to figure out what to do, we eventually bought some chewing gum ([Wrigley’s Juicy Fruit](#)) and stuck it where the seal on the odometer used to be. Sprinkling a bit of dust and grime completed the illusion of a perfectly undisturbed seal. The employee at the rental office took a peak at it and declared that everything was in order. We paid a small repair fee for the dented fender and went on our way. He never noticed the blown out exhaust tubes that disintegrated when a valve developed a leak and the car started backfiring every time we downshifted.

Eventually we made our way back to England and, on the last night before departure for Toronto, we slept at the airport in Gatwick. We had \$20 left between us and didn’t want to chance missing the plane.

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The journey can best be described by the towns and cities that we visited. Here is a list of the most prominent locations on the map that we stayed at or just drove through.

City	Country	Date	Comments
Toronto	Canada	24 May	Charter flight 6:00 PM
London	UK	25-27 May	Gatwick Airport, rented Vauxhall Viva
Runnymede	UK	28 May	
Pangbourne	UK	28 May	
Bagnor	UK	28 May	Stayed with Al's grandmother
Portsmouth	UK	29 May	Saw Nelson's Victory
Chichester	UK	29 May	
Oxted	UK	29 May	
Croydon	UK	30 May	Stayed at the Robinson's
London	UK	31 May 2 June	Dropped car off
Harwich	UK	2 June	Departed England by ferry boat
Hook of Holland	The Netherlands	2 June	Train to Amsterdam
Amsterdam	The Netherlands	3 June	Walked through red light district
Rotterdam	The Netherlands	5 June	Went up the Euromast
Kassel	Germany	8-9 June	
Hanover	Germany	9 June	
Hamburg	Germany	10-11 June	Saw Dr. No at movie theatre
Bremen	Germany	11 June	
Osnabrück	Germany	11 June	
Munster	Germany	12 June	
Cologne	Germany	12-13 June	Someone dented car bumper
Frankfurt	Germany	14 June	
Heidelberg	Germany	15-16 June	
Strasbourg	France	17 June	
Freudenstadt	Germany	18 June	
Stuttgart	Germany	18 June	
Nuremberg	Germany	19 June	Walled city
Munich	Germany	20-21 June	Hofbräuhaus München
Salzburg	Austria	22 June	
Vienna	Austria	22-23 June	
Zagreb	Croatia	24 June	
Belgrade	Serbia	24 June 1 July	Stayed with my uncle
Athens	Greece	2-5 July	Saw all the tourist sites
Piraeus	Greece	5 July	Third class ticket on ship
Istanbul	Turkey	6-8 July	Bought souvenirs
Sofia	Bulgaria	9 July	

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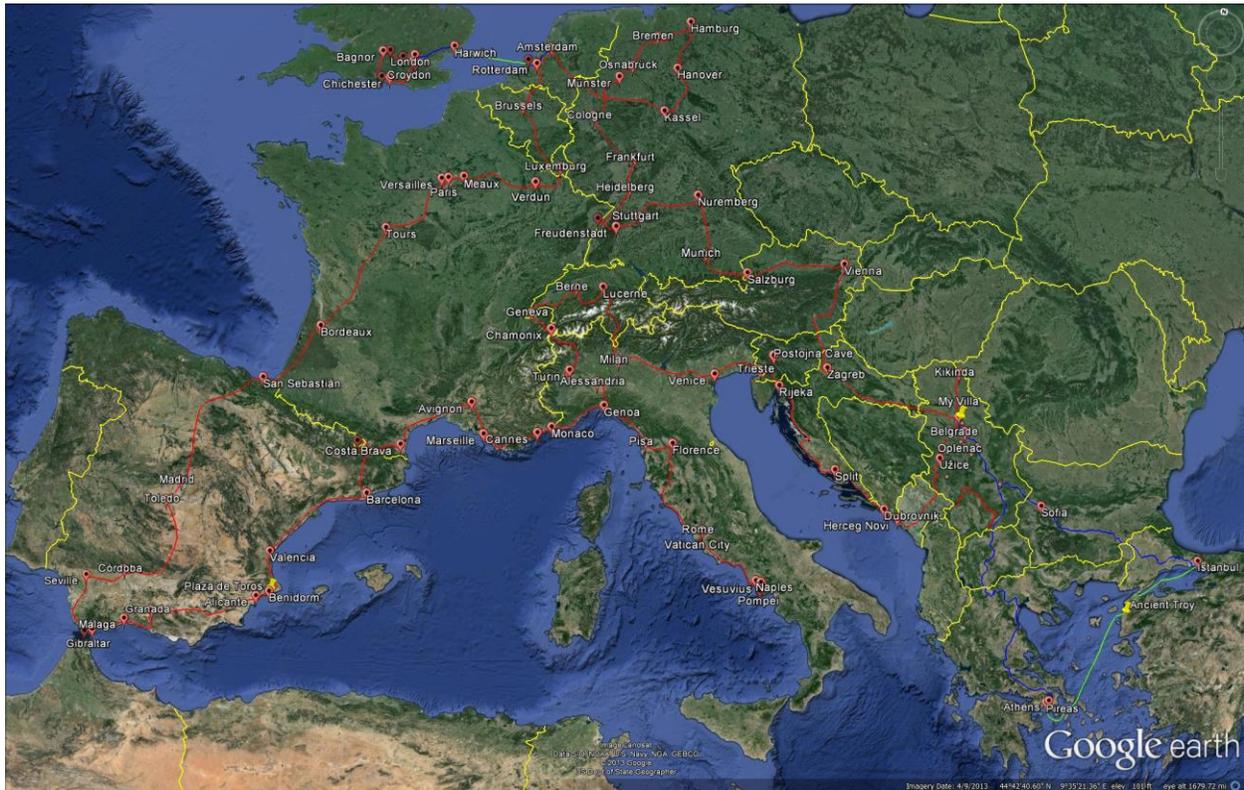
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Belgrade	Serbia	9 July	Back to pick up car
Užice	Serbia	10 July	
Herceg Novi	Montenegro	11-12 July	
Dubrovnik	Croatia	12 July	Walled city from the 15 th century
Split	Croatia	13 July	
Rijeka	Croatia	14 July	
Postojna Cave	Slovenia	14 July	Train through cave then walk
Trieste	Italy	14 July	
Venice	Italy	15-16 July	
Milan	Italy	16 July	
Lucerne	Switzerland	17 July	Bailed out Pam & Penny from jail
Berne	Switzerland	18 July	
Geneva	Switzerland	19-20 July	
Chamonix	France	21 July	Tunnel from France to Italy
Turin	Italy	21 July	
Alessandria	Italy	22 July	
Genoa	Italy	23 July	
Pisa	Italy	24 July	Went up the leaning tower
Florence	Italy	24-26 July	Saw many famous artworks
Rome	Italy	27-29 July	St Peter's most impressive
Vatican City	Vatican	27-29 July	
Naples	Italy	30 July	Disconnected odometer cable
Vesuvius	Italy	30 July	Peed into volcano to put it out
Pompeii	Italy	31 July	
Sorrento	Italy	31 July	
Rome	Italy	31 July 1 Aug	Splashed through the fountains
Genoa	Italy	2 August	
Monaco	Monaco	3 August	
Cannes	France	3 August	
Marseille	France	4 August	
Avignon	France	5 August	
Costa Brava	France	5 August	
Andorra	Andorra	5 August	
Barcelona	Spain	7 August	
Valencia	Spain	7 August	
Benidorm	Spain	8 August	Saw bullfight at Plaza de Toros
Alicante	Spain	8 August	
Granada	Spain	9 August	
Malaga	Spain	10 August	
Gibraltar	Gibraltar	10 August	
Tarifa	Spain	11 August	

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City	Country	Date	Comments
Seville	Spain	11 August	Bought rope lighter
Cordoba	Spain	11 August	
Toledo	Spain	12 August	Sword factory
Madrid	Spain	13 August	Met Cracker Jacks man
San Sebastian	Spain	14 August	Watched fireworks
Bordeaux	France	16 August	
Tours	France	16 August	
Paris	France	17-19 August	Many wonderful sights
Meaux	France	19 August	
Verdun	France	20 August	Reconnected odometer cable
Luxemburg	Luxembourg	20 August	
Brussels	Belgium	21 August	Saw Atomium
Rotterdam	The Netherlands	21 August	Saw pen pal girlfriend
Amsterdam	The Netherlands	21-23 August	Fixed odometer seal with bubblegum
Harwich	UK	24 August	Returned to England by ferry boat
London	UK	24-30 August	Charter flight back to Toronto
Toronto	Canada	30 August	Toronto International Airport

Trip Through Europe 1965

Google Earth map showing the route we took. Red is by car, blue is by train, and cyan is by ship.



This was a one time opportunity for me to see some of Europe and I took it. I wish everyone would, at one time in their lives, broaden their horizons and partake in the culture of other people in the world.

To view scans of my postcards, go to this web site:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/113541693181335303019/albums/5910901666810606465?authkey=COTTutO057uViQE>

Calendar for year 1965 (Canada)

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