

TRAVEL JOURNAL

Mistakes: Never wear steel-toed boots

Day 1 - Travel 4/4

- Got to the airport and met with Ryan, Mike Grassman? Lonnie, and Christine (Chris).
- LONG flight (6 hours) stayed up for 36 hours
- Switched to flight in England (another 3 hours)
- Saw alps on left. Beautiful.
- Arrived and unpacked.
- Took me one hour to figure out how to dial home
- (Arrived day 2)

Day 2 - Fun 4/5

- We walked around and bought souvenirs
- Got great deals
- We ate dinner It was too small so we went to place for great spaghetti
- Cut myself shaving

Day 3 - Funner 4/6

- More shopping (souvenirs)
- Went to Coliseum. Interesting how buildings originally looked. Next, I want to travel back in time and see it being built and how ancient Rome looked in its prime!
- It was really beat up and ruined.
- Went to great restaurant. All you can eat and drink! (Ristorante Ambasciata d'Abrunio?)
- Got a little silly
- Went to dance club and had great time with strobe light.
- *You know, there's no legal drinking age here?

Day 4 - Pope 4/7

- Got up early and saw the pope outside the Vatican. (Pope John Paul II)
- He coughed a lot, but I was blessed, even though I'm not Catholic.
- I got rosary beads for Nana and they were blessed, too.
- We went to this ice cream joint and got Kiwi and Strawberry ice cream.
- Waited for 1 hour for Mrs. Bennet to use the bathroom.



Day 5 - Capri 4/8

- Went to Napoli (Naples) and got shoved onto a hydro-foil.
- People were shoving everywhere.
- Mark got left behind in the hub-bub (Wallet got lifted)
- Went to Capri and had a boat tour of the island.
- It was like a city carved into stone.
- Then, we took the ferry back to Sorrento and checked in
- Hung out and ate dinner
- Went shopping
- Played cards
- I called home and talked to Cheryl for about 5 minutes
- Went to bed at 1:30 AM Italy time.

Day 6 - Travel AGAIN 4/9

- Got up, checked-out, went to Pompeii
- Pompeii was awesome. Dead people left and right.
- You could see the expression on their face when they died. They were covered in plaster.
- Got on bus for 5 hour bus ride to the ferry (Laurana) to Greece.
- Ate all you eat buffet (rip off) & hung out 'till 2:00 and passed out.

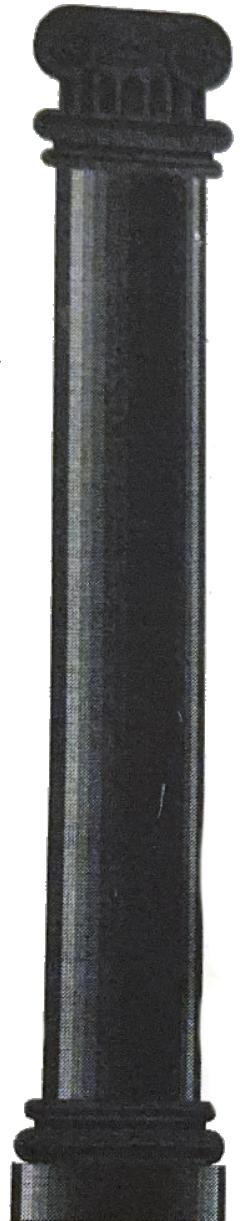
Day 7 - Woke up on Boat 4/10

- Woke up around 12:30 and got ripped off at lunch.
- I'm sitting on a boat now doing my homework.
- No longer sitting in a boat. I'm in bed.
- Had to switch room. I'm now with Andy, Greg & Mike Diccico.
- Went to club for \$500 (1000 drs)
- It was great! We were mashing and jiving and some girls tried to pick me up but they wrecked ugly and besides, I'm not looking for anybody. I've got someone at home who I care for very much.

Day 8 - A lot 4/11

- Woke up; checked out and saw Delphi (Oracle)
- It was interesting because instead of tourists doubting the myth, the tour guide did! There are more people outside Greece that believe in it than those who live here.
- Checked into "Hotel Risa?" In Athens.
- Got money exchanged for an hour and we sat down to a cocktail (Pina Colada)
- Witnessed riot after dinner!
- Apparently, some basketball tournament won in Greece's favor and they went nuts and went down the streets shooting flares and setting things on fire.
- Cops were firing into the air
- We saw it on TV while it happened.
- Pissed that we missed light show.

* TV Cameo number (3)! Hotel on news.
(1) was with Pope and (2) was in a local broadcast



Day 9 got a hat 4/12

- Woke up and toured in bus. We saw the Parthenon and more ruins. These things really took a beating! They were broken and pieces of things are in different museums across the globe! Scaffolding is holding a lot of them together.
- Saw Original new Olympic stadium. This year is the 100th anniversary of the Olympic Games, so it should be a good one.
- Went shopping afterwards and bought a few things for everybody at home.
- Got myself a real Italian Fedora (hat and it looks cool. Everybody likes it.
- Went to dinner and ate while being sung to. They had a belly dancer who kept flirting with Andy. Eventually all the guys at our table were belly dancing on stage. Everybody took pictures and laughed.
- Grassmann went on stage with a guy and chugged a beer. (It's hard to explain).
- Paula (our tour guide) got pick up and spun around a few times.
- We got back at around 12:00 and there was this big man with a turtle-neck outside our room. He said, "Stay in your room or go to the lobby." He patted a gun under his shirt, "I can't protect you."
- We later found out that there were robbers in the hotel who would kill you for your money.
- Went to sleep at 3:00.



Day 10 - Homeward Bound 4/13/96

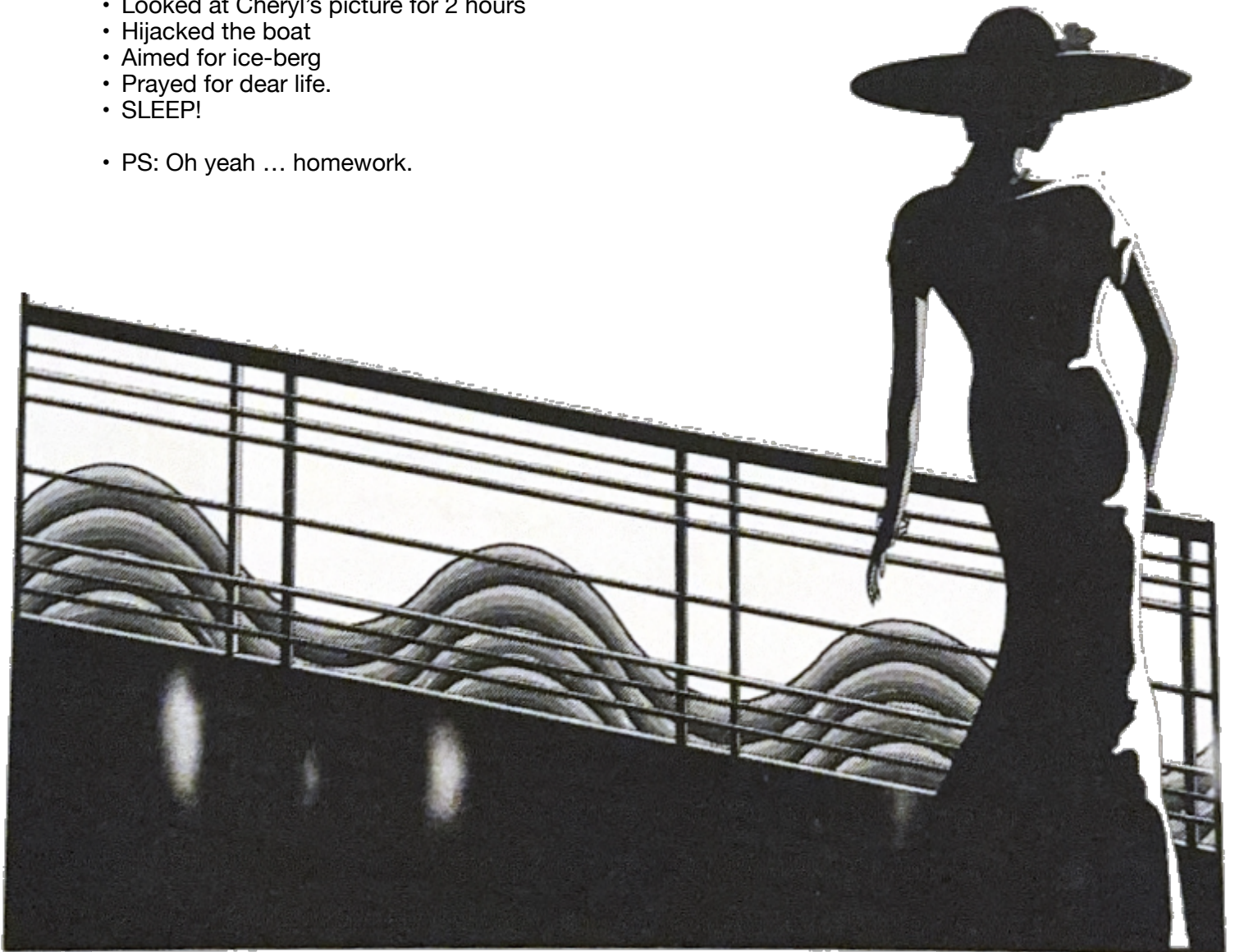
- Got up late because the wake-up call was an hour too early and we missed it.
- Got on bus and got to airport.
- Saw Cheryl at the airport with Mom and Dick.
- Took a shower and I was glad to be home.



The End
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MEDITERRANEAN MUSICS (OR WHAT WE DID WHILE STUCK ON THE BOAT)

- Twiddled thumbs
 - Puked
 - Andy knocked 7
 - Watched waves
 - Fed alia-seltzer to seagull (not really)
 - Pen went dry
 - Bought new pen
 - Overdosed on dramamine (not really)
 - Puked again
 - Tinkered with life rafts so that in the event of an accident instead of floating they would sink and deflate
 - Pushed smelly passengers overboard
 - Looked at Cheryl's picture for 2 hours
 - Hijacked the boat
 - Aimed for ice-berg
 - Prayed for dear life.
 - SLEEP!
- PS: Oh yeah ... homework.



AUTOGRAPHS AND ADDRESSES NEW FRIENDS / OLD FRIENDS

- Ryan Pytleski
- Mike Grassmann
- Christine Beaulieu

(NOTE - I'm not putting addresses or phone numbers here)

