

Monday, June 22, 1992

Leave for DFW at 4 for a 6 pm flight. Must pick up Kevin at TI so he can leave our car in the TI parking lot. Accident at Round Grove Road and 35E intersection has access road blocked. Go wrong way on access road to turn around and use Sandy Lake Road to get to TI. Pick up Kevin and some money and off to the airport. Plane leaves on time. On the flight, meet a charming group of French people who have been vacationing in western US and are returning home.

Tuesday, June 23

Arrive Paris Orly at 10 am Paris time. Confusion reigns in determining how to get ourselves and massive amount of luggage to our hotel in Paris. Take train into Paris and try to connect with Metro system. Not sure which Metro stop is closest to our hotel or which line to take. Bilked out of \$40 by Frenchman pretending to help us buy metro tickets. Another Frenchman helps us board the correct train and find the closest exit. Once we exit the metro, still not sure where the hotel is. Cabbie gives directions but does not offer to take us. Finally locate hotel after hauling 4 bags and carry-on luggage 2 blocks up hill on winding city roads. Approximately 2 pm. We walk up the street and eat pizza at a nearby cafe. Decide to rest before eating dinner at hotel restaurant. Service is nonexistent.

Wednesday, June 24

Take the Metro to the Arc de Triomphe. Bonney sees some small paintings she likes by a street vendor, but I encourage her to wait to buy thinking we will see others later. We do not see any others during our entire trip. We then take the Metro to the Eiffel tower and take the elevator to the first landing area. I read as many signs as Bonney and Brandi will allow. Purchase stamps for postcards and some souvenirs. Walk to Les Invalides and eat lunch at cafe along the way. Bonney decides to save money and not see Napoleon's tomb with Brandi and I. Rodin museum. tuna fish for dinner. Stroll around Moulin Rouge area. Meet a nice t-shirt salesman.

Thursday, June 25

walk to Sacre Coeur up hill in the rain
the Louvre
Notre Dame
hamburgers at Quick place

Friday, June 26

shop at Lafayette department store near opera house
taxi to Royal hotel near Arc de Triomphe
lunch at Hard Rock Cafe
I go to Musee D'Orsee while Bonney and Brandi shop the Champs Elysee.
I do not have a camera.
After meeting at hotel, we walk to market and carry several bags of groceries back to hotel.
I shoot video of Arc de Triomphe and Metro ride to Eiffel Tower while Bonney and Brandi eat pizza.

Saturday, June 27

taxi to train station
wrong train tickets
Train to Lyon, rental car
library closed
walk around square
wash clothes

Sunday, June 28

lunch at MacDonald's

cable car ride to ruins
walk to cathedral
walk around city
pizza for dinner
museum
US basketball on TV

Monday, June 29
drive to Grasse
trucker's strike

Tuesday, June 30
shop in Grasse (map, exchange francs for lyra)
drive along coast
stop for pizza and spaghetti in Monaco
drive to Milan
buy food at market
tuna fish for dinner

Wednesday, July 1
take cable car to see Last Supper and Sforza Castle with Pieta
drive to airport outside of Milan
fly to Chicago
3 hour layover
fly to Dallas