

What a summer!!!



Summer is one of my favourite seasons of the year. It gives you time to relax, time for holidays, perfect weather (in most places), and it's the time of the year that senses go wild and you want to try and do new things.

That's what happened with me this summer as well. Being a very keen or as my friends say fanatical supporter of the European Union, I thought I will exercise my right of free movement across the countries of the EU. That indeed was a dream come true and another box in my "2009 Resolutions" list checked; probably the only one as the other resolutions failed very early in the beginning of the year.

My trek started mid June when the University finally decided to end it's exam period and let me freeeeeeee... I kicked off with my home country which is Greece and I think most of you would agree that is a beautiful country that serves the tastes of every single tourist. Went first Greece's Macedonia capital of Thessaloniki where I was unfortunate enough to get sunburnt and then trailed to the capital Athens. Obviously being quite severely sunburnt wasn't the best start for my summer mission but thanks to a very nice old lady on the train to Athens I found the solution...and that was yoghurt, YES you heard right yoghurt. You put all over your back leave it overnight and in 2 days you are back as new. So thanks to the lovely lady on the train I was able to enjoy the very hot Greek sun and managed to get a sun tan as well which was the 2nd goal for these holidays, as living in the UK is not ideal if you want to get tanned. After I went to the stunning new Acropolis Museum in Athens I realised that someone needs to go to London as well to the British Museum in order to have a complete viewing pleasure of the marbles, and that made me think along with all the locals that it



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would be nice for the marbles to be back to their homeland where they belong. Having experienced the amazing Greek cuisine and the nightlife of Athens I thought it was time for me to go to my other destination which was Zurich. I thought that after all the Greek sun I needed a break from the heat, so Zurich was the place for that. Being a fanatical chocolate lover this city was the place to be for me. All the kinds of chocolate in all the sizes and packages, it felt better than Christmas. Walking along the river Limmat was a relaxing experience that I would recommend to everyone that is struggling with stress. Furthermore the very nice small streets give you something new to explore every day, or just an opportunity to get lost as it happened with me. After 4 days and a very big number of chocolates consumed it was time for me to go to my next destination which was Corsica in France.

Corsica is the island that combines both nice family holidays (which I was definitely not interested in) and exciting vibrant holidays for young people. Renting a car was the only option for me as the bus network was running on some crazy times and the rail network wasn't convenient enough. I understood what French cuisine is, and trust me its GREAT, and also first time in my life I swam in a waterfall. But Corsica is a small island with not such a vibrant nightlife as I wished so after 2 days it was time for me to go to Mallorcaaaaaaaa!!!! Ahhh Mallorca was the place to be for me, beautiful beaches, very friendly people (that didn't speak English though) and an amazing nightlife. The only difficulty it was just that people wouldn't speak English so I would just guess what they were telling me and if I was lucky I'd get it right. But it was a nice training for my visit to Latin America which I won't expand on this TOM.

So yeah so far so good that was my summer trek along Europe, got my trip booked for September to Malta, and then up north to Stockholm so I get used to the cold for my return to the UK. Hope you had an amazing summer ladies and gents, and remember to make the most out of the exciting opportunities the European Union gives you.

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