

Grand Voyage Mathilde et Antoine

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IN A NUTSHELL :

Date: June 22nd, 2016 (787th day)

Location: Paris, France

Driven km up to date: 81 000.



PHOTOS

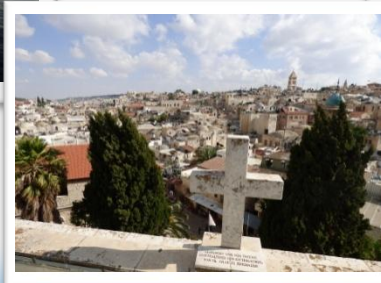
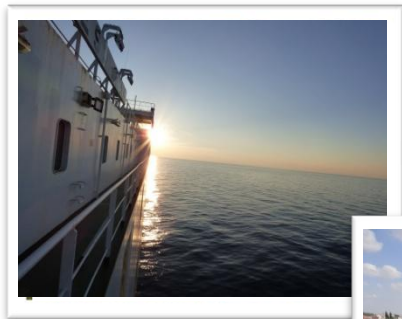
NEWS

Entering Israel was a challenge. We had to empty entirely Pavan so that every item would be analyzed in an X-ray machine. It took us 4 hours of work. Israel's landscapes are diversified: the Judean desert in the South is ultra dry, while the North is rather similar to Provence, and the coastline is swept by a fresh Mediterranean breeze. In Eilat we discovered an armada of campers along the coast. Masada has plunged us into history: the people of the city besieged by the Romans preferred to commit suicide than fall into slavery. Bathing in the Dead Sea is an unforgettable sensation: we knew we would be able float in a sitting position, but experiencing it was great.

Our Israeli friends, Merav and Eyal, funny and generous, have also been our volunteer guides! After a night in the family kibbutz, we visited Jerusalem, in total immersion in the problematic issues of the Middle East: Old City divided into 4 districts, St Sepulchre, the Wailing Wall, Via Dolorosa. The visit of Mea Shearim, ultra-orthodox neighborhood, during Shabbat was breathtaking. We enjoyed the coast (Haifa, Bahai gardens, Akko) and the North (Golan, Kammon). Our friend Ilan made us swim in the mythical Sea of Galilee and discover his house and Tiberias.

The 4-day crossing by cargo of the Mediterranean sea (Ashdod to Naples) was relaxing. We had a nice cabin, good food and visited the engine room and the navigation station. Once in France, we briefly visited our friends and family. Pavan is parked in Bleury until further notice and Antoine has started his new job on Monday.

FUNNY PICTURE



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INTENSIVE MOMENTS :

- Getting angry in the harbor of Ashdod with incompetent shipping agents;
- Camping with friends 50km away from Damascus;
- Lying on a lounge chair on the deck of a sailing ship in the open sea under the starry sky;
- Crossing the French border;
- Parking Pavan and seeing Antoine go to the office for his first day of work.



CURRENT MOOD : We will need time to realize the end of this great adventure and to find a proper balance in our new sedentary life.



43 COUNTRIES VISITED : Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia, France, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Israel, Italy, France.



MAP - ITINERARY :

since the last newsletter

★ Departure

★ FINAL DESTINATION



1. Massada (IS)
2. Dead sea (IS)
3. Jerusalem (IS)
4. Golan (IS)
5. Aix en Provence!!! (FR)
6. Dole (FR)

