A FEW TRIPS I KEPT



2021

TRAVEL ARCHIVE TRAVEL BOOK

1,681 Days
Across 9 Countries

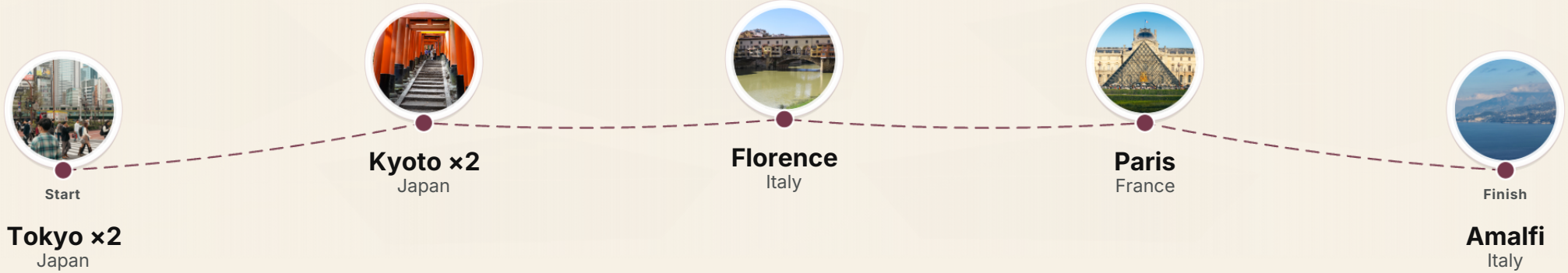
From Tokyo to Amalfi Coast

1,681	9	12	17	49	35,457 KM
DAYS	COUNTRIES	PLACES	MEMORIES	PHOTOS	TOTAL DISTANCE

COUNTRIES VISITED

Japan · Spain · Portugal · Germany · Czechia · Italy · France · Turkey

JOURNEY ROUTE



FIRST STOP	LAST STOP	LONGEST STAY	LONGEST LEG	TRIP DATES
Tokyo	Amalfi Coast	2 days Kyoto	10,291 KM Kyoto → Barcelona	Nov 3, 2021 Jun 11, 2026

ATLAS OVERVIEW

1681 days across 9 countries



JAPAN

THE CROSSING AFTER MIDNIGHT

Shibuya Scramble Crossing · Tokyo · Japan

I came out of the station at the wrong exit and stood there for two full light changes before I worked out where I was. We crossed once, bought cold tea from a convenience store, then crossed back just because the street looked completely different from the other side.



NOV 3, 2021

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DAY 1


DMM
TSUTAYA
STARBUCKS


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Yakult
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サロンパス
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JAPAN

Ten quiet minutes under the trees

Meiji Shrine · Tokyo · Japan

The city noise disappeared much faster than I expected once we were under the trees. I remember the crunch of gravel, a worker sweeping near the gate, and realising I had not looked at my phone for nearly half an hour.

NOV 4, 2021 ★★★★★ DAY 2





JAPAN

We stopped counting the gates

Fushimi Inari Taisha · Kyoto · Japan

We started early and confidently said we would walk to the top. Halfway up we stopped counting gates, shared the last of the water and sat on a step for longer than planned. The best part was the walk down, when the path had finally gone quiet.

NOV 7, 2021 ★★★★★ DAY 5




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JAPAN

Rain on the wooden floor

Kiyomizu-dera · Kyoto · Japan

It rained just enough to make everyone crowd under the eaves. We waited it out instead of rushing on, watching drops gather on the rail and the city fade in and out behind the mist. My socks were wet for the rest of the morning, which feels like part of the memory now.

NOV 8, 2021 ★★★★☆ DAY 6





SPAIN

The hour we nearly skipped

Sagrada Família · Barcelona · Spain

We almost skipped the inside because the morning had already run late. I am glad we did not. The coloured light moved across the columns while we stood there, and for once neither of us tried to fit the whole thing into a photo.

MAY 14, 2022 ★★★★★ DAY 193









SPAIN

A bench, finally

Park Güell · Barcelona · Spain

By the time we reached the upper paths I was tired, hot and a little done with sightseeing. We found a bench away from the busiest terrace and stayed there with two peaches from a corner shop. That twenty-minute break is what I remember more clearly than the famous view.

MAY 15, 2022 ★★★☆☆ DAY 194









PORTUGAL

Wind off the Tagus

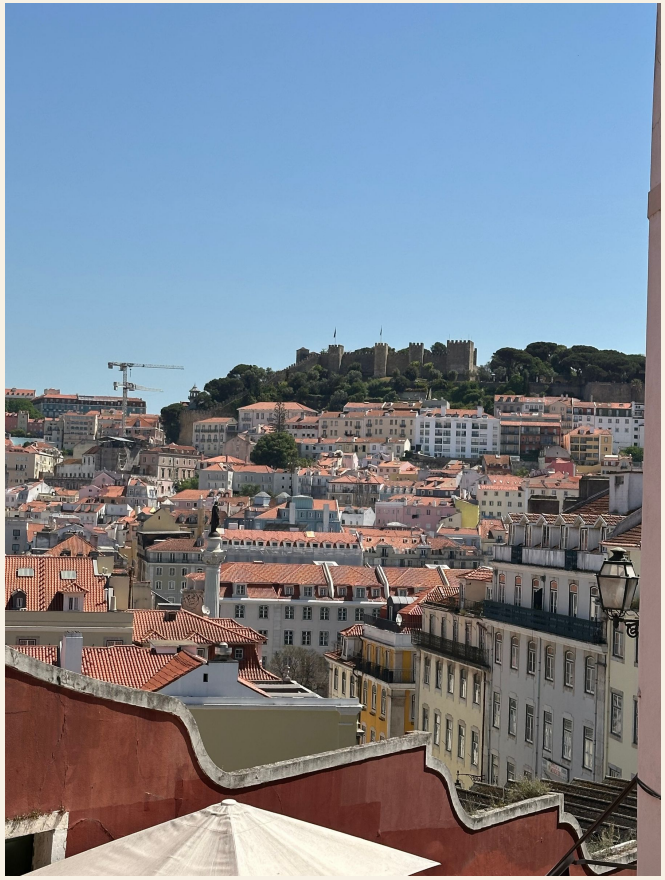
Belém Tower · Lisbon · Portugal

The wind was stronger than it looked from the tram and kept folding the paper map in half. We walked along the water before the queues built up, then sat on the low wall eating breakfast crumbs out of a bag. The tower was almost the background to the morning.

MAY 19, 2022 ★★★★☆ DAY 198









PORTUGAL

Up the hill without a plan

Castelo de São Jorge · Lisbon · Portugal

We kept choosing the street that seemed to go uphill and eventually arrived near the castle much later than intended. There was no clever route, just sore legs, laundry over a lane and a view that kept appearing between buildings. The walk earned the sunset.

MAY 20, 2022 ★★★★☆ DAY 199

GERMANY

BREAKFAST BEFORE THE TOUR GROUPS

Brandenburg Gate · Berlin · Germany

Jet lag had us outside far too early, so we walked with coffee and a paper bag of breakfast while most of the square was still empty. An hour later we came back through and could barely recognise the same place. Early waking finally had one advantage.

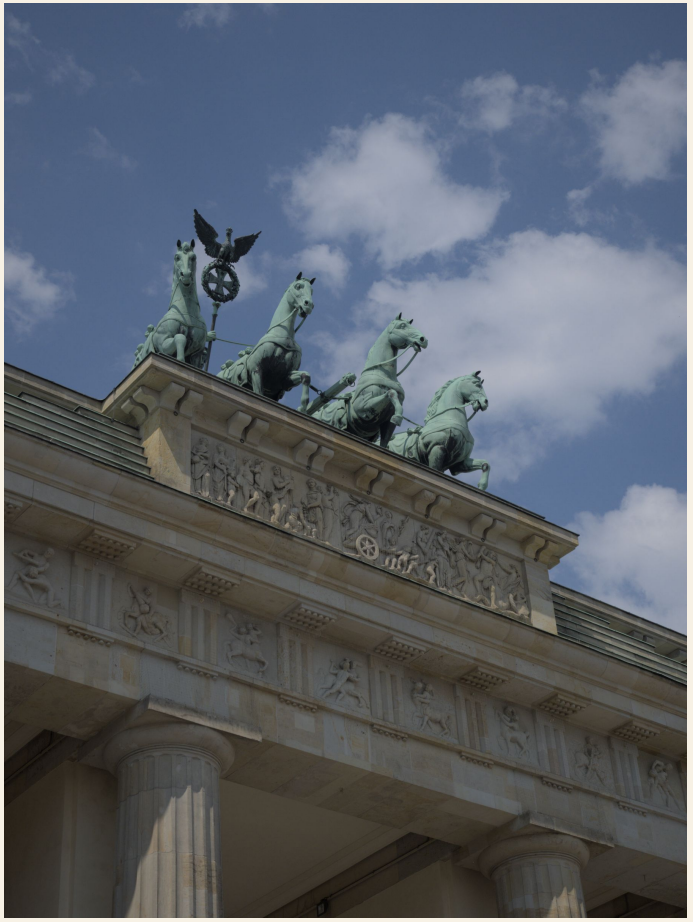


JUN 6, 2023

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DAY 581






Pariser
Platz





GERMANY

The bit I photographed twice

East Side Gallery · Berlin · Germany

I noticed halfway back that I had photographed the same section from both directions. The second picture had a cyclist blurred across it and I kept that one. We walked beside the wall until our train hunger won and then ate the first decent thing we found.

JUN 6, 2023 ★★★★☆ DAY 581

CZECHIA

BEFORE THE FIRST TRAM

Charles Bridge · Prague · Czechia

I woke up before the alarm and went out alone with the room key and a jacket. The bridge was not empty, but it was quiet enough to hear footsteps and the river. I was back before breakfast and almost wondered if I had imagined how still it was.



JUN 10, 2023

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DAY 585


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TAURUS









ITALY

Rain through the roof

Pantheon · Rome · Italy

A shower started while we were inside, which made everyone look up at the same time. Staff moved people away from the wet patch and the whole room briefly felt less like a monument and more like a very old building dealing with weather. We waited under an awning outside until it passed.

APR 12, 2024 ★★★★☆ DAY 892





ITALY

We crossed, then crossed back

Ponte Vecchio · Florence · Italy

There was no reason to cross twice except that the evening light looked better from the other bank. We bought nothing, missed the quickest route to dinner and ended up standing by the river until the windows started reflecting gold. A very inefficient walk, in the best way.

APR 16, 2024 ★★★★★ DAY 896





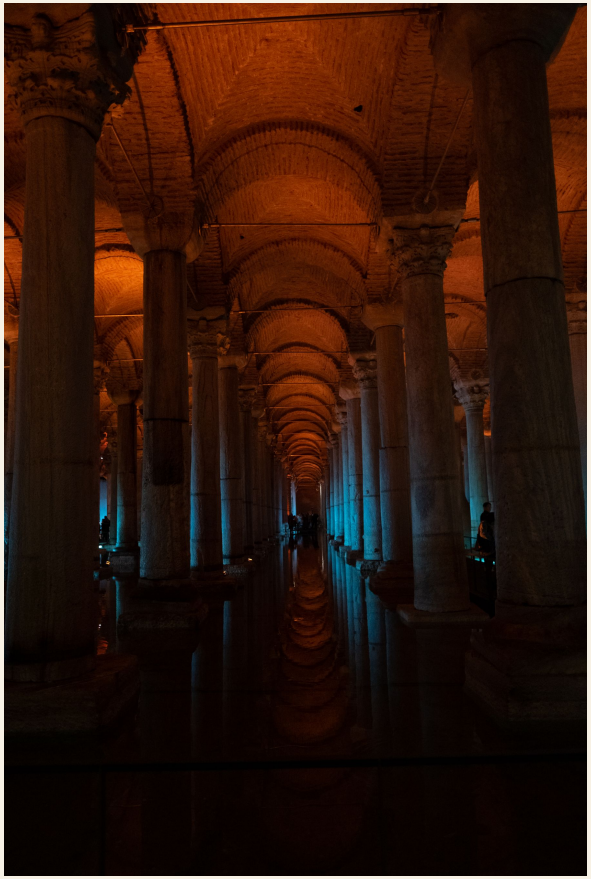
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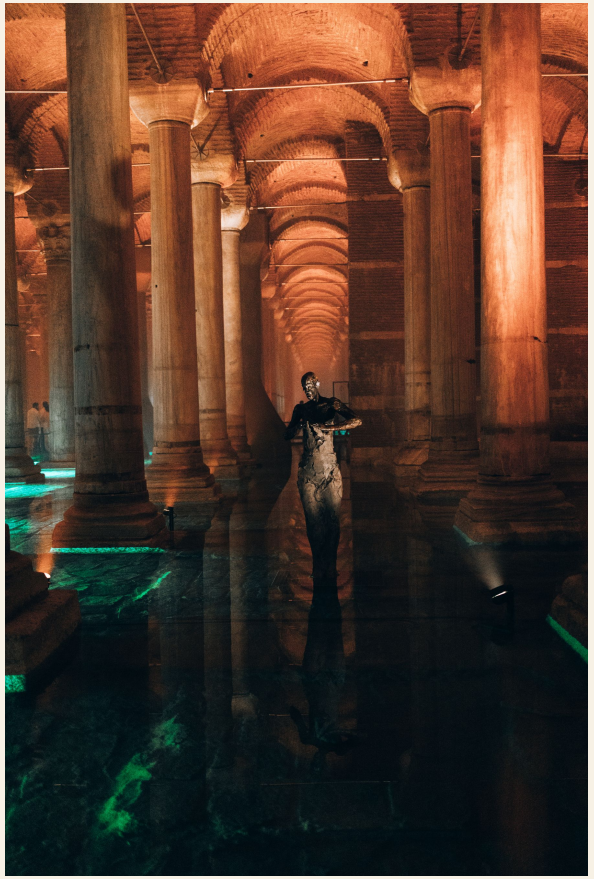
Museum feet by three o’clock

Louvre Museum · Paris · France

We made the classic mistake of trying to see too much. By three o'clock we were sitting on a bench arguing cheerfully about whether another gallery was worth it. We left, bought something sweet nearby and felt instantly better. The unfinished visit somehow feels more honest than a perfect museum day.

APR 20, 2024 ★★★☆☆ DAY 900





TURKEY

Cool air under the city

Basilica Cistern · Istanbul · Turkey

Outside was bright and noisy; downstairs it felt like someone had turned the volume down. I expected to spend twenty minutes and stayed nearly an hour, mostly watching reflections move between the columns. The damp cold followed us back up the stairs.

FEB 8, 2025 ★★★★★ DAY 1194





SOUTH KOREA

Turned down the quieter lane

Bukchon Hanok Village · Seoul · South Korea

The main street was already busy, so I followed a smaller lane with no idea where it led. A delivery scooter squeezed past, someone was watering plants outside a doorway, and the roofs lined up above the wall. I took fewer photos there and liked the walk more.

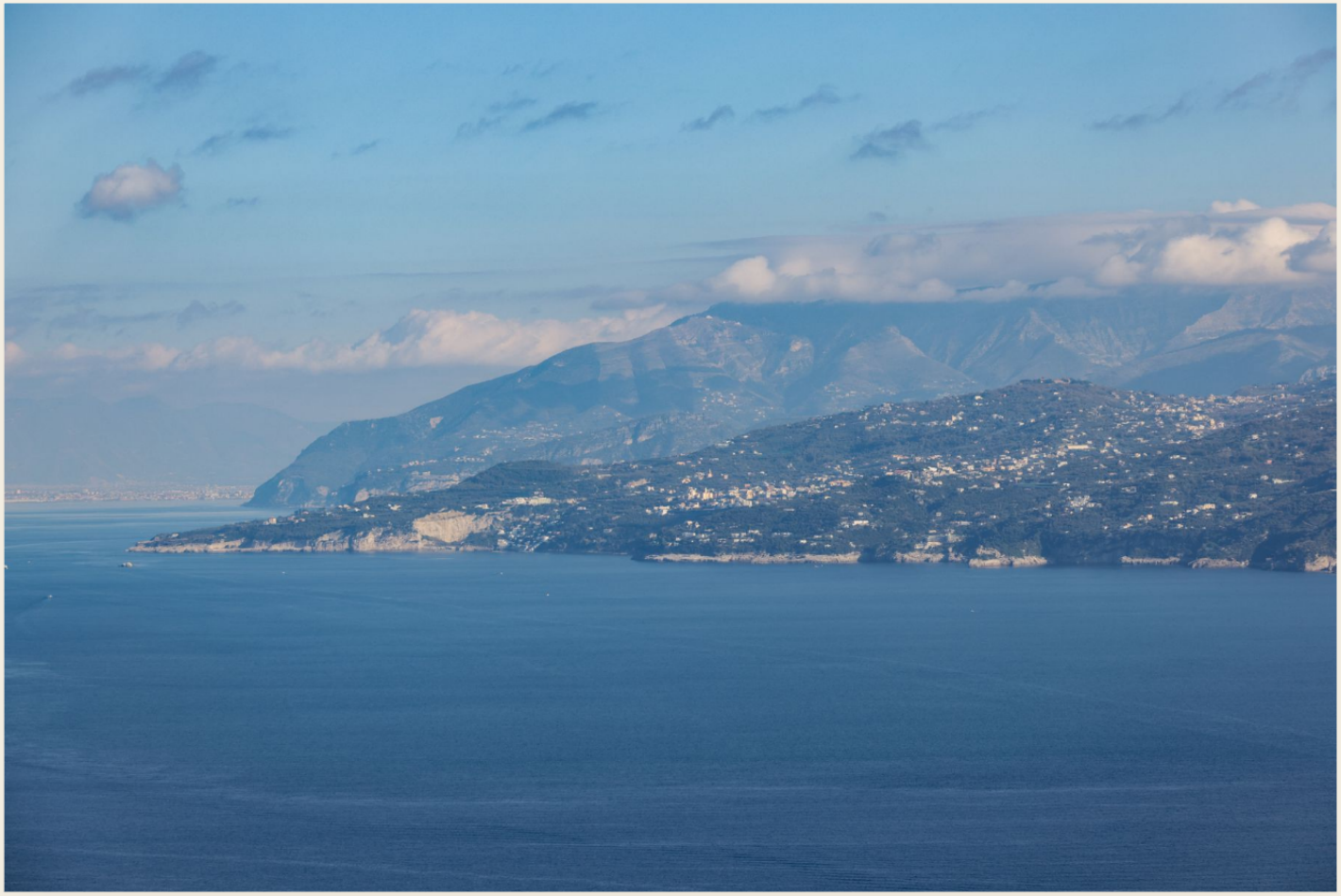
OCT 18, 2025 ★★★★☆ DAY 1446

ITALY

MISSED THE BUS, KEPT THE VIEW

Amalfi · Amalfi Coast · Italy

The bus was full and pulled away without us, which was annoying for about five minutes. Then we found shade above the road, split the last bottle of water and watched the coast change colour while we waited for the next one. It was not the plan, but it gave the afternoon a proper ending.



JUN 11, 2026

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DAY 1682





Until the Next Journey

Every route leaves a trace.
Every memory adds a new layer.
And every journey, no matter how far,
leaves something that stays with us.
Let these pages hold what matters
so we can carry it forward.



A Few Trips I Kept
2021