

Dear Friends,

Betty (Liz) and I would call this a year of adventures! We decided that our health conditions are as good as they can be. So, we wanted to venture a bit.

Top of our list of "TO DO"'s is to catch a view of the Aurora Borealis (AB). Thanks to our Grandson's able to accompany us on this venture, we got to Yellowknife, Canada, in early April, when the nights are still DARK and COLD. We then ventured out from the hotel nightly from 10 PM to 2 AM with guided tour groups in search of AB. Tyler braved the cold and took hours upon hours of time-lapsed photographs of the dark sky. Indeed, within these photos, we captured many fascinating sights of the AB. Two of these are shown here.



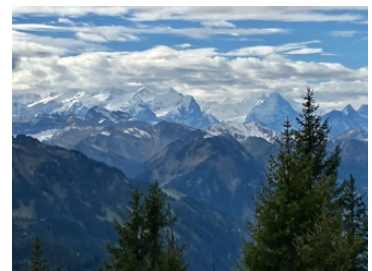
Our travel agent then got creative and put together a European trip that is very informative as well as relaxing. The Berlin Bear welcomed us to the heart of its city with a photo shared with Betty. We toured Berlin with all its historical significance from the Prussian Empire's Victory Column to the darkest of the Nazi's headquarters and the divided segments rendered by the Wall. We then were guided to



Amsterdam to join the Rhine River cruise all the way to Basal, Switzerland. On that relaxing leg of the trip, we saw many of the old castles on the Rhine and heard many stories about those who built them. We finished the trip with a couple of days in the Alps,



taking a cableway + funicular rail to the top of Mount Stanserhorn. Below us was Lake Lucerne and the beautiful valley surrounding that region. The magnificent Alps grace the other views from the peak.



We continue to be residents in Davis, now over 50 years in this house. Our children, Debi and Tami, both visit frequently. Tyler, due to his remote work arrangement, is staying with us to be our GO-TO guy in case of any needs. All good.

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year ('25)!

----- Love, Betty (Liz) and Yin

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