



30 Travel Photos

Each with a special story



Introduction

Thanks for downloading our ebook "30 Travel Photos".

We are Chris and Mary, traveling through the world for the last 3 years.

The pictures you see are some we really liked a lot and wanted to share with you.

It was difficult to choose only those as we have been to over 30 countries so far, yet we have some we liked a lot.

We plan to travel even more and share our stories through AGreekAdventure.com

Helping more people getting closer to nature and learn about different cultures and places is our goal.

We like to think that we contribute a bit towards tolerance among nations.

Chris and Mary





Aegina Island, Greece

We stopped at this small café, in the village of Perdika, along with our buddies Christos and Helen. After around 6 hours cycling around the island with our mountain bikes, refreshment and some snacks was all we needed. On top of that we got this great view.



Art in Vienna

That is not a real person but damn was looking really alive. It is just one of the hyper-realistic sculptures of Ron Mueck and it really "gets" you if you just site and contemplate on what you see.



Where Jamon (Ham) is art?

These jamon cones were beautifully placed in a butchers showcase in Barcelona, near the square where (in that day) Catalonia declared independence. We were there and as we were starting to explore the narrow alleys of the city we spotted it.



Forbidden City in a cloudy day

We were walking inside the Forbidden city of Beijing, which is filled with hundreds mystical artifacts and references to the culture of China, like this turtle above. It was a bit cloudy that day, which added a mystery tone to our walk.



What man can build

The Great Wall of China was for us a moment of awe. Even when we walked just a part of it, one can actually “feel” the gigantic structure. It beams a real sense of “protection” and of dominance. The landscape was equally serene and in harmony with the wall.



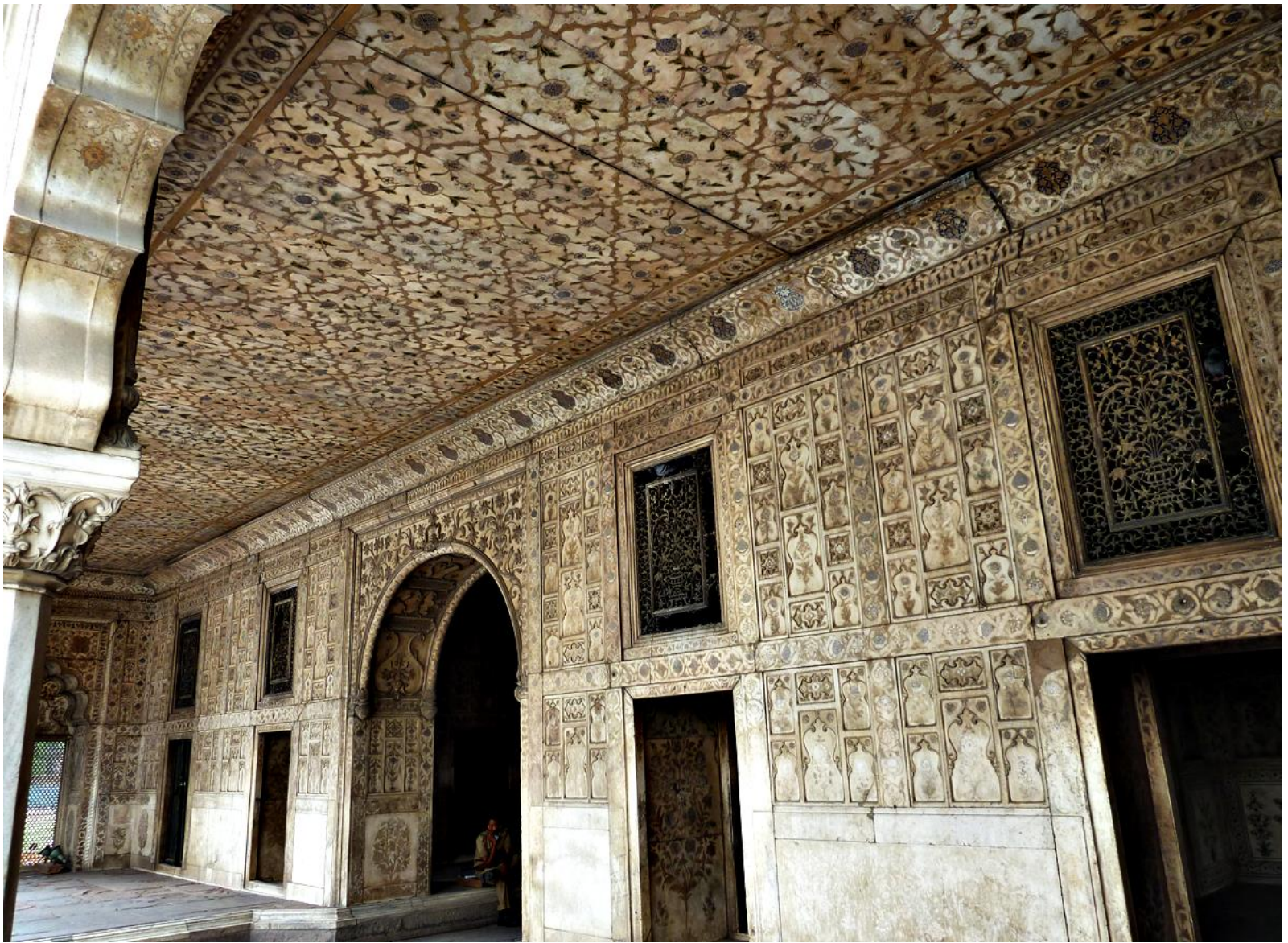
Castle at the top

We walked inside the rather empty from artifacts & completely renovated castle of Bratislava, only to land in its bright white color against bright sun gardens! We found after that, that a Celts underground museum existed and we visited it.



Park Guell, Gaudi, Barcelona

The spectacular flowing designs of Gaudi are not just met with its famous buildings but with constructions like this one. When you walk through it, it feels like being inside a wave tube made of rocks. The photo is not in a wrong angle. It is built like that.



The Red Fort, Delhi, India

Myriad designs were making spectacular patterns on the walls on this fort. The visual impact may miss a bit when photo is taken from a bit far, but the story behind it makes it worth to visit it.



Outdoor laundry complex in Mumbai, India

As we walked we bumped on a sign that pointed here: A big compound of cisterns, where people were washing their clothes, themselves, and maybe laundry from hotels. No machines here but the casual rub and beat method used in the country for ages.



Boat houses of Copenhagen

Boats are used a lot in Copenhagen; mostly for recreational reasons. Along the different canals a really big number of boat houses exists. Each is largely decorated with paintings, with tons of flowers and different furniture as people actually live in them.



Camel drivers in Egypt

That was a really different experience for us in Cairo. Camels and their drivers were mostly seen in the road to the pyramids and inside the pyramids area. They served mostly as a tourist attraction means to have a tour for a few euros. Camels were huge!



Seychelles beach in Ikaria island, Greece

We needed to walk a very rocky downhill in the mid of August to get there (imagine going uphill). The actual beach is really small so if shade is needed you need to be there early. Many (us too) go and spend the whole day there.



Nativity in Bethleem

Religion is something different for each but visiting Bethleem was not to be complete without a visit to this place, which is mentioned in all stories related to the birth of Christ. People flock by thousands here which gives the place a special energy.



Get lost in the markets of Istanbul

Indeed you can really get lost in the huge markets of Istanbul and we managed to do so. There is a huge amount of little shops selling literally everything, even gold. Above are typical tea glasses and containers of the Orient. We took some with us to enjoy tea.



Kaimaktsalan, North Greece

On the mountain of Voras, in North Greece we rented snowmobiles to get to the very top where a church is built, using materials from the war (even wire and bomb shells). Along the way to the top quietness and powder like snow really grabbed our attention.



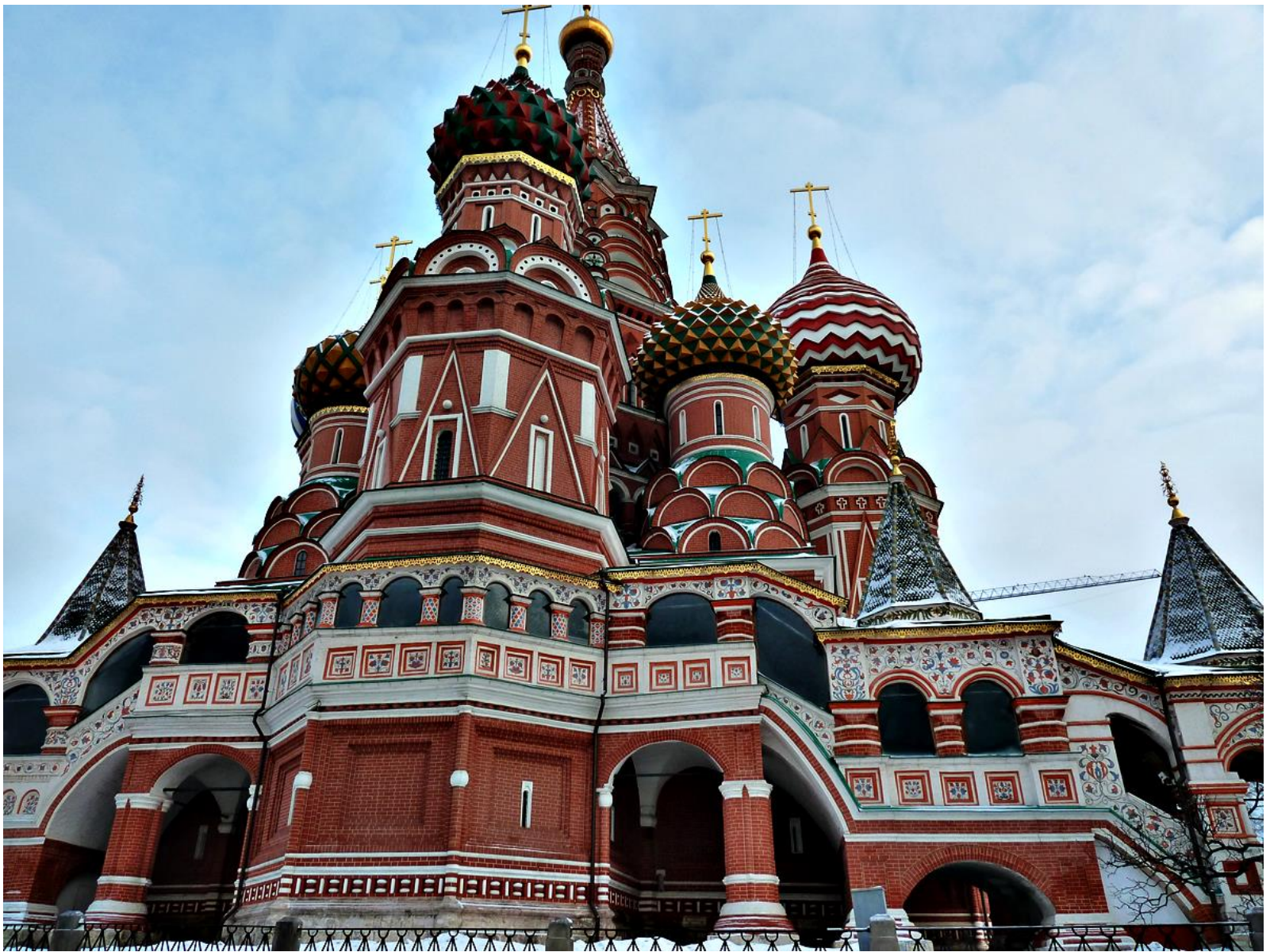
Cave of Melissani, Kefalonia, Greece

Nothing prepares you for this place. It isn't very big but the combination of the sun, water and colors are stunning. We planned to be there at 12 o' clock, which is the best hour to experience all the elements together. Waters are so clear, that boats seem levitating.



Monastiraki, Athens, Greece

Best view of the center of Athens. Athens started (and expanded) from this very center towards all directions. All old buildings carry lots of history and with a proper guide you will learn it all. The view is from a café-bar we stopped for a refreshment.



Red Square, Moscow

We were there for the New Year's Eve. That is the famous Saint Basil's Cathedral (changed lots of names). After it was build, the legend says the architects were killed in order not to be able to make something more beautiful than this one. Looks big, but is small.



Palaces of Munich, Germany

As we were leaving from Nymphenburg Palace, we stopped admiring this fantastic combination of buildings, water & golden colors from the sun coming down on Munich. A very special moment and very peaceful. Munich is a really well structured city.



Advertisements overdose

Times Square, New York. Advertisements in a total surround view. Consumer products along with theatrical plays trailers, plus TV series and anything else in between. Felt like being inside a huge TV set.



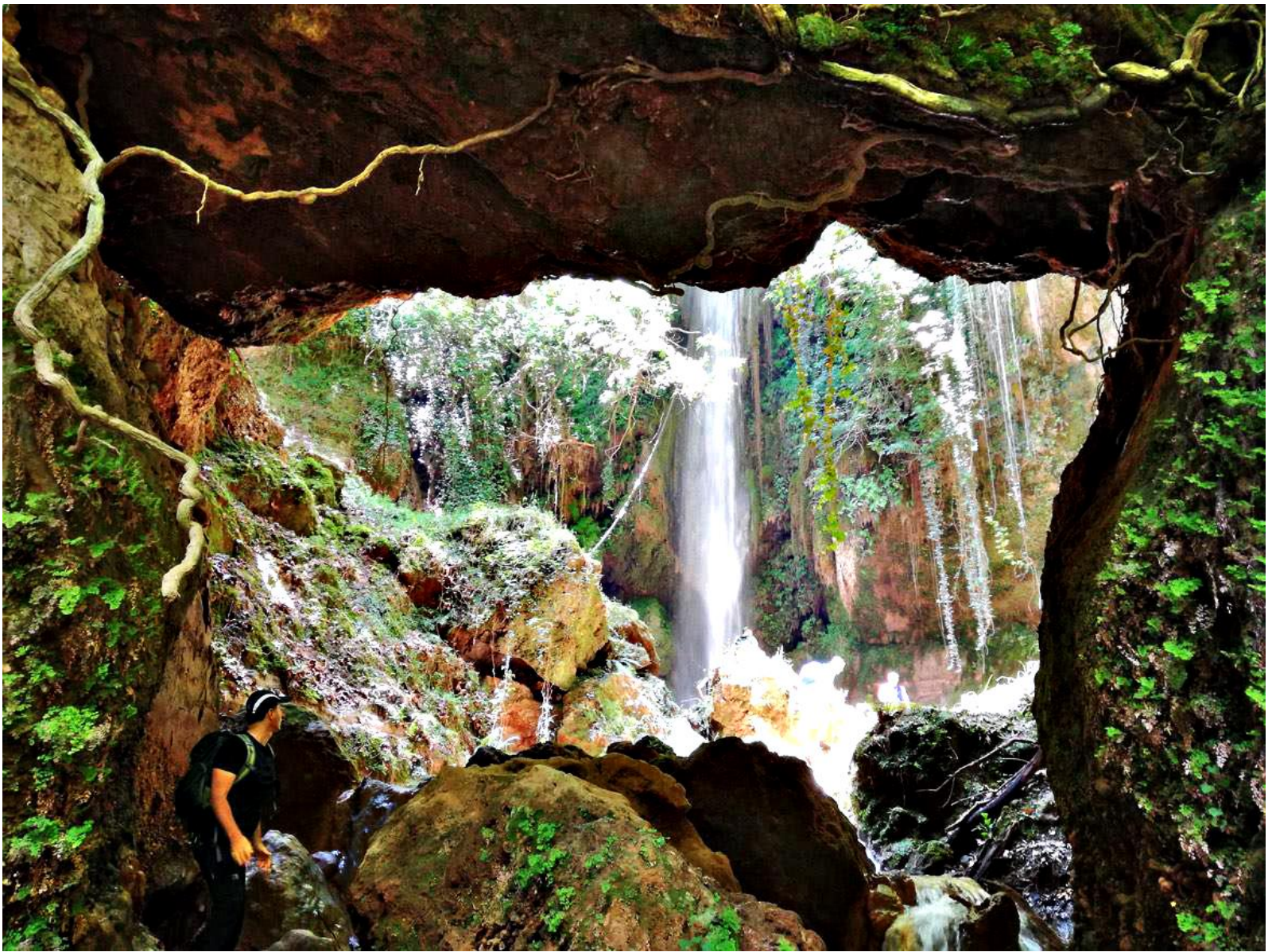
View from above

Rock climbing near Plomari village in Lesvos Island, Greece. Not a very difficult route; breathtaking view from the top. After that we visited a thermal spring at the base of the same mountain. We made new friends there who happened to be top rock climbers.



Apiranthos village, Naxos, Greece

One of the most popular villages of Naxos Island, Greece famous for its architecture and history. We landed there after a 6 hour circular hiking trip over some mountain. That day was really hot and the village square had lots of shade and great juices.



Exploring Nemouta waterfalls, Peloponnese, Greece

Another hidden paradise in Greece. There is a hiking route that goes through most of the waterfalls (there are around 20 in the area). Next scene is us under the waterfall enjoying the cool waters.



Mountaineering Helidona, Karpenisi, Greece

That was one tough 7 hours mountaineering trip. The mountain changed to alpine after some point but a few meters below is filled with luscious green forests and small rivers. Area of Evritania is famous for that.



Sunset at the mountain of Epirus

From our travels in the area of Zagorohoria. Zagorohoria consists of many small stone build villages. The most famous location there is the Canyon of Vikos which is a 6 hours hike (and we also did). Leaving the area we show this zen like “picture” we want to share.



Panta Vrehei Gorge, Karpfenisi

One of the most famous gorges. Pictures speak for themselves. In a specific part of the route water falls from above creating shower like waterfalls. There is always water here, thus the name of it (Panta Vrehei=Always Rains)



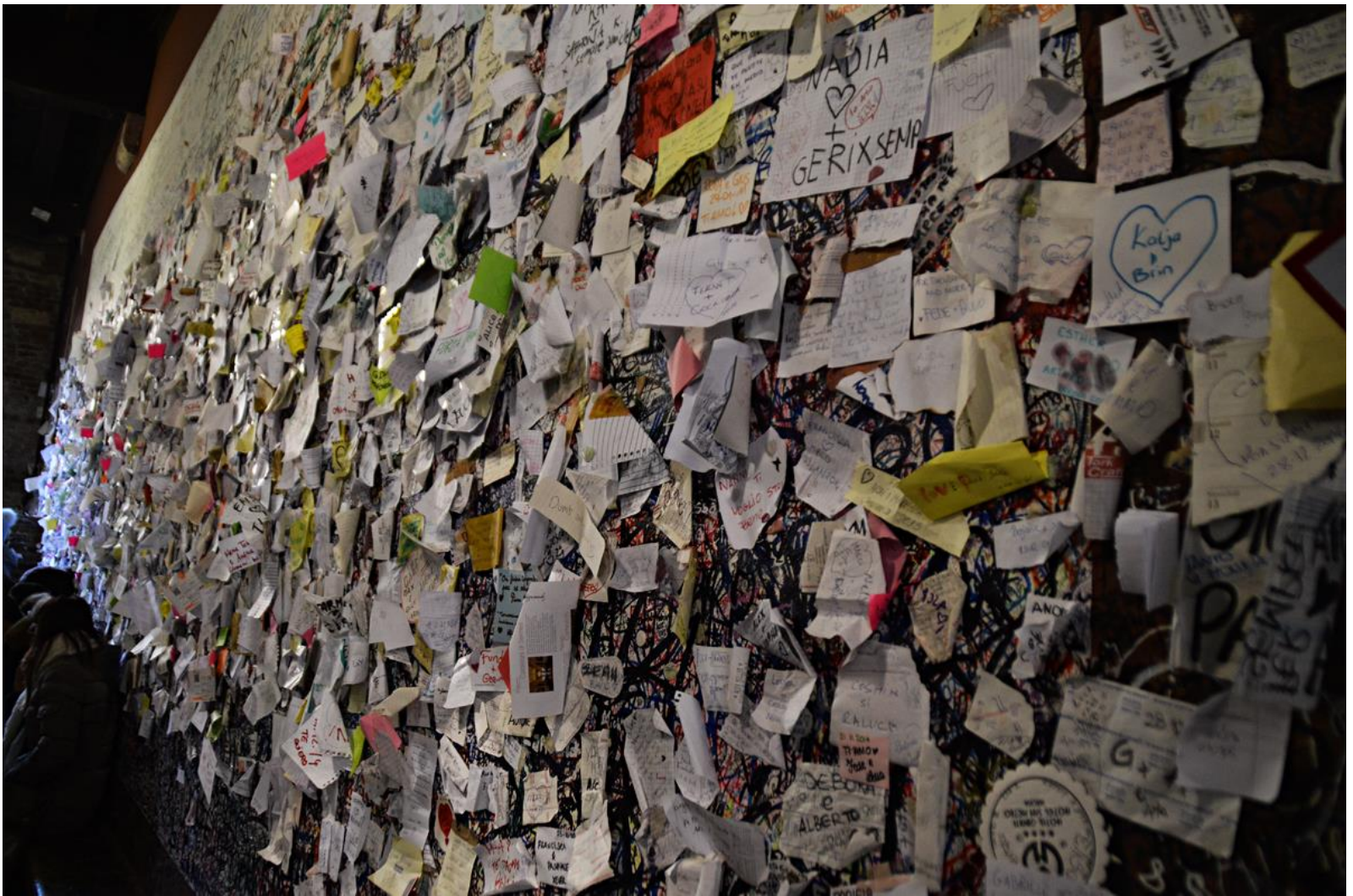
Sea Kayaking with George

In Peloponnese, near Argolida we met a new friend who wanted us to explore the area with sea kayaks. We love sea kayaks especially in calm days. Proved day was not so calm but bit windy which added more adventure to... the adventure.



Sea Kayaking in Skopelos, Greece

In Skopelos trees grow from the top of the mountains down to the beach. It is very green and the whole island looks great when you look at it from the sea. Sea kayak is an excellent way to do that, along with some tricky points as above.



Love notes in Verona, Italy

Jest before entering the yard where the statue of Juliet is, you will see this huge amount of love notes and love promises from thousands of visitors visiting the place. Next scene is visitors touching the breast of Juliet for good luck.



A secret spot

In the Hora of Andros, Greece exists this secret spot which requires a bit climbing and acrobatics to be there. When inside you see what you see above. The sign was telling not to go there but we had to have that photo.



Demystifying Minsk

From our second visit to Minsk, Belarus during summer time we managed to take this photo one day before our return to our base. Minsk has gone through huge turbulence during wars, thus the elements of religion and war memorials are everywhere.

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