My first travel outside the United States was to complete my undergraduate studies at the University of Strasbourg, France which provided the opportunity to visit several nearby western European countries.

After two visits to Paris I made the subconscious decision that I wanted to retire there. Upon returning home, I married, started my career, family, and graduate studies, and did not leave North America for **30 years!** 



In 2000 I retired and became a Peace Corps Volunteer supporting artisans in rural communities in Morocco. I followed up on my earlier dream and purchased my Paris home to which I moved when finishing my volunteer service at age 60. That is when this blog really starts, hence the name sixty after sixty, or travel to more than 60 countries after turning 60.

I was recruited to be a Peace Corps Country Director and served from 2004 to 2009. I had short term staff positions also in 2003 and 2010, so the first decade of this century was my Peace Corps decade. However, being posted in many regions of the world also facilitated some vacation travel.

For me, each trip has three parts and they are almost equally satisfying. The first is the planning of the trip, whether done completely by me (my preference), or with the assistance of a local travel agent or packaged tour when necessary. I try to do a lot of reading about my destination(s) before departure. The second part is, of course, the travel itself. But I have learned that the trip isn't complete until I have "digested" it. I keep a journal during the trip and take excessive numbers of photos. So, to complete the trip I re-read the journal, look at all the photos, and write my personal highlights of the trip, with some research and fact-checking along the way. Since 2010 I have been sharing the resulting "travelogue" by email with friends and family.

The latter have now convinced me that a wider audience might appreciate reading my stories, which would be possible if I posted them on a web site. Since you have found my site, I hope you will enjoy my experiences during the past 9 years and those yet to come.

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