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Ed & Rob's Great European Adventure

June 9-19, 2005

Swiftly approaching age 50, Ed Stein & Rob Gerlach demonstrate greater virility and energy than guys half their age with a “power trip” to four European countries in eight days. Unbelievable!

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**It was an
unusual flight
plan: Austin
to DFW, to
JFK, to
Dublin, to
Paris.**

JFK in NYC



**Enjoying the
shuttle ride to
the over seas
terminal**



**Our first
official trip
beer at JFK –
Sam Adams**



**“On the road...”
or is that “in the
air again...”**






Got to Dublin about 5:30 a.m. Had a very brief layover until the flight to Paris. 15 times/day etc. in my dreams...

Once we arrived in Paris we picked up our rental car and headed to Chartres via Versailles





This little heap was our mode of transportation whilst in France. Here we stopped for some breakfast – juice & croissant

A man in a dark t-shirt and blue jeans stands on a highway shoulder. He is holding a yellow bottle in his right hand and a mobile phone in his left, looking at the phone. A white taxi with a 'TAXI PARISIEN' sign on its roof is parked next to him. In the background, there is a highway with signs for 'PARIS' and 'LILLE', a GE logo, and a concrete pillar. The scene is outdoors on a clear day.

Ed is seeing
if he can get
a phone
signal. The
highway in
the
background
is the one
we got on,
westbound

**About 9 a.m. –
2 a.m. back
home**



We parked in Versailles about 5 levels below ground in a garage that came up to this street market



Lunch and our first French beer



**The beautiful walkway up to the Versailles
Palace**



The sights of Versailles Palace. Shortly after this we paid the entrance fee and the fee for the long line at the pisseoire



We opted for the recorded tour. Many spectacular sights were here and a ton of history, as here in the hall of mirrors. This was all interesting, but by spot #17 we were both loosing interest and energy – we've been up now for at least 24 hours





**The grounds surrounding the palace
were equally stunning**



Just reaching their stride







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Our travel continued from Versailles through the scenic countryside of France toward the town of Chartres

**We stopped for a cold drink and
a rest on the lawn of this
typical French café**



**Rural France heading into
Chartres. Note the cathedral on
the horizon**

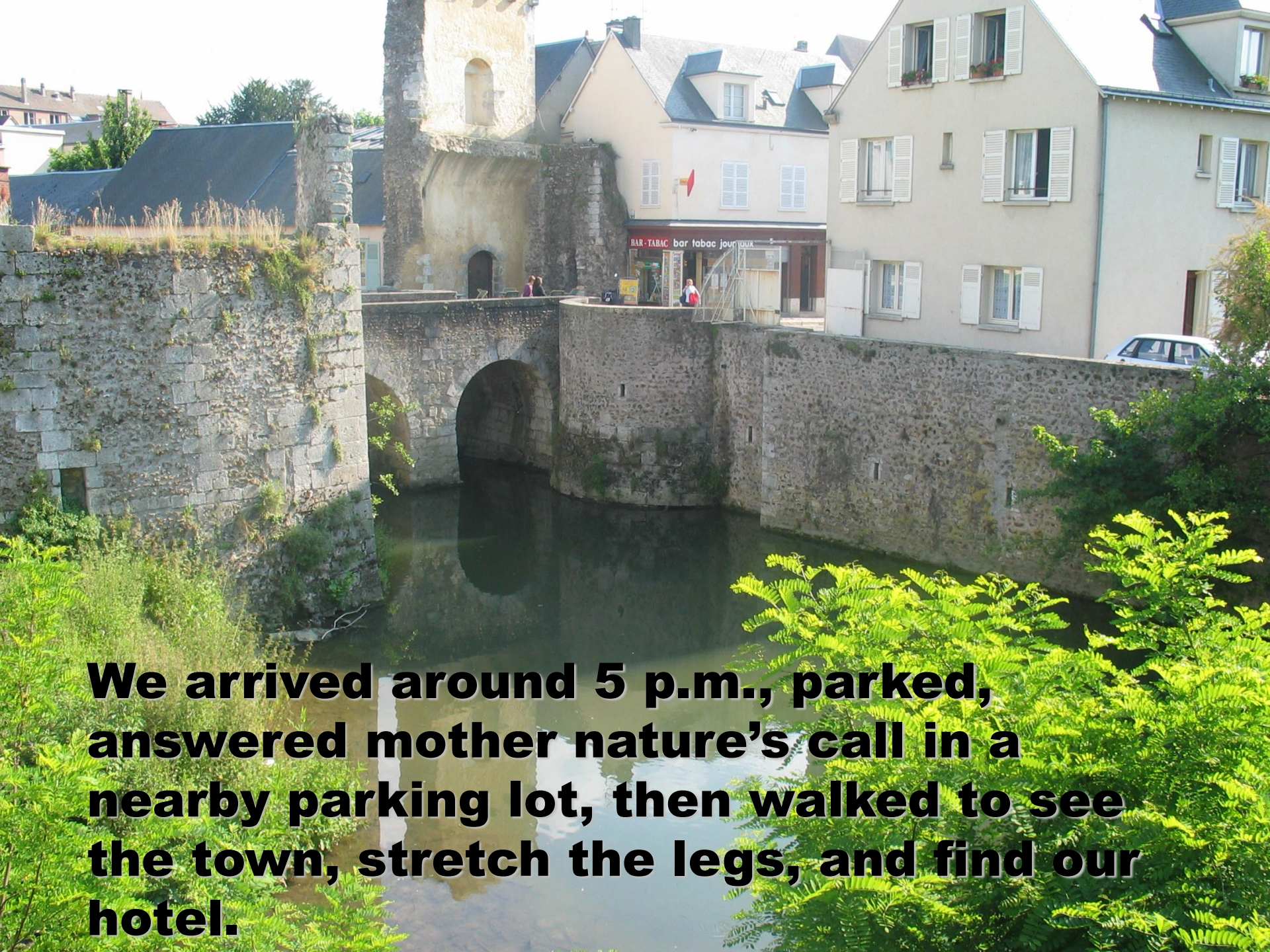




**The sight of the cathedral became
more spectacular as we got closer to
Chartres**



Chartres was an interesting town. Besides the cathedral, the medieval streets and alleys were a treat in themselves



We arrived around 5 p.m., parked, answered mother nature's call in a nearby parking lot, then walked to see the town, stretch the legs, and find our hotel.



**Even in
small-town
France the
age-old
question
presents
itself:
thong or
panties?**

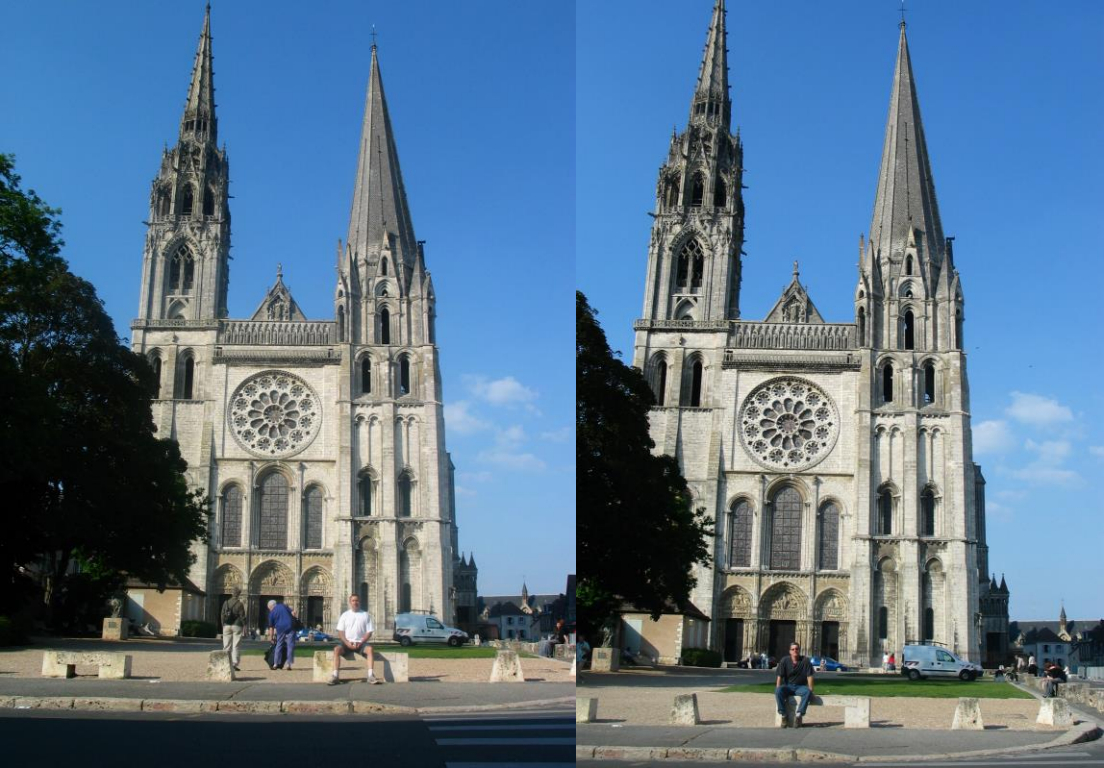


**Once we
found the
hotel, we
check in
and started
the trek up
the hill to
the
cathedral**

What an unbelievable sight. This was truly an architectural masterpiece. The tower on the left was built approximately 200 years after the one on the right.

West facade





**Yup, we
were there**

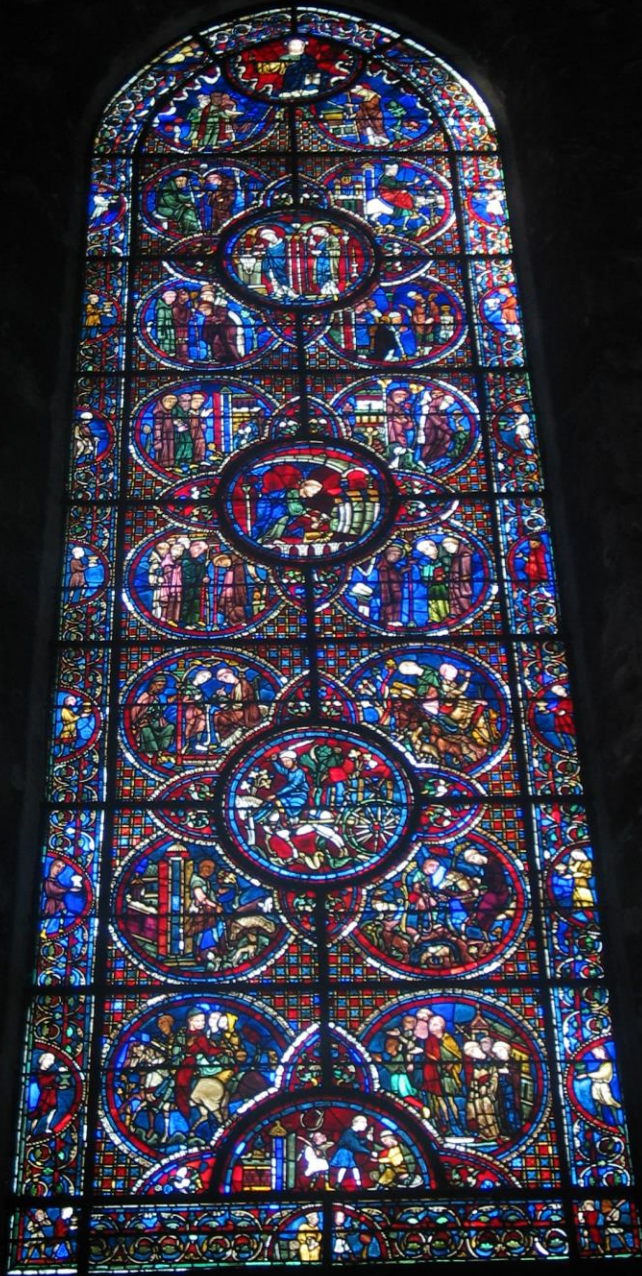


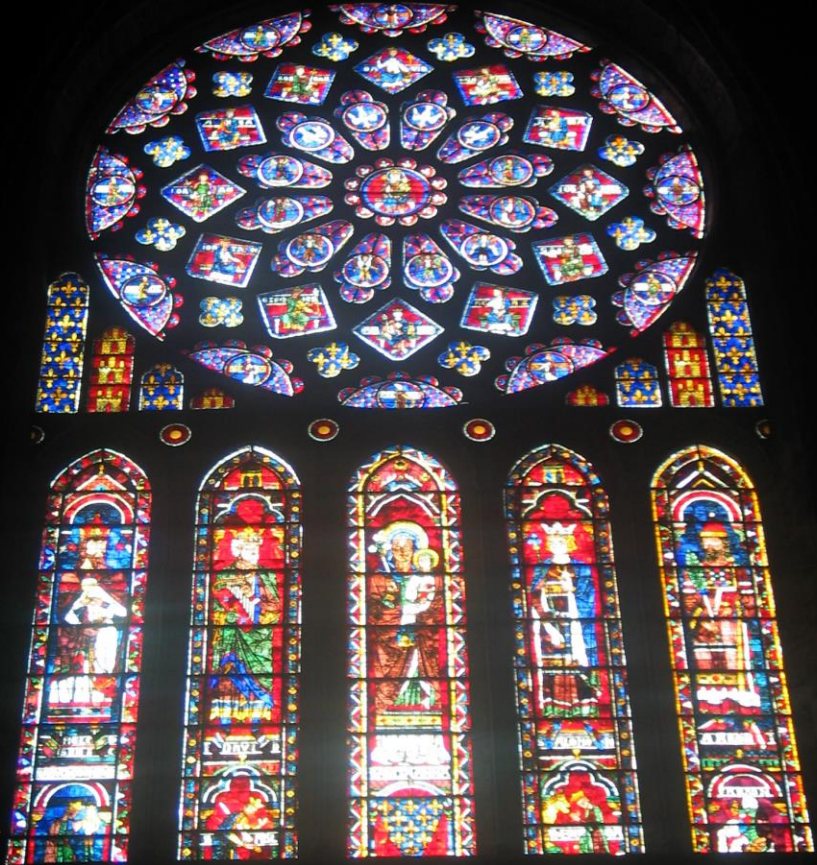
Notre Dame Cathedral of Chartres built in the 12th century, the first in the “High Gothic Style.” It has also been called the “prototype Gothic Cathedral”



South transept rose window












**Dinner of
mussels and
pomfritz with
beer of course**



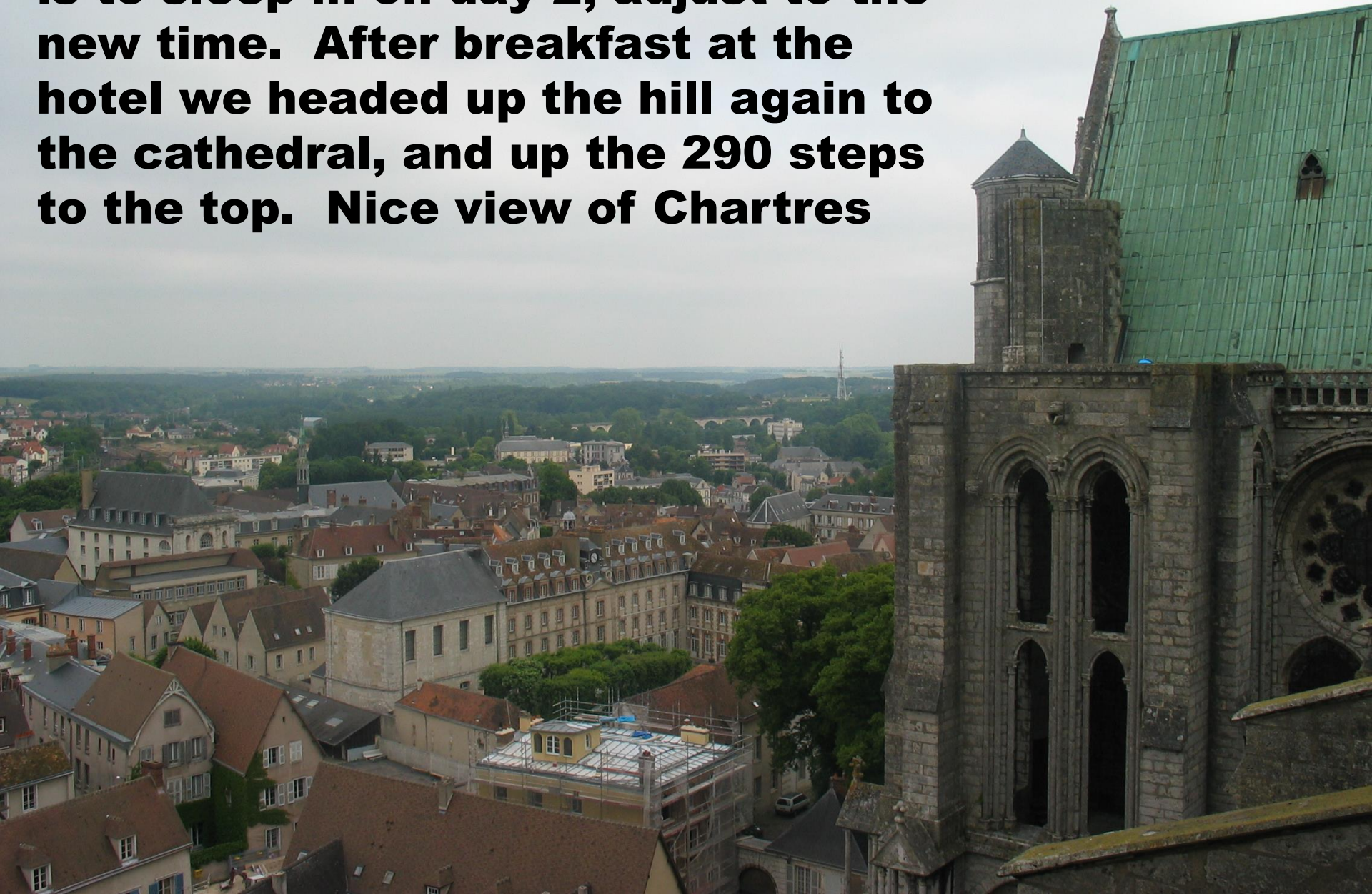
A photograph of a traditional, cozy bar interior. The bar is made of dark wood with a curved front. Behind the bar, shelves are filled with various bottles of alcohol and glassware. A coffee machine is visible on the left side of the bar. Several large, dark, conical pendant lamps hang from the ceiling, casting a warm, yellow light. In the foreground, several high-top bar stools with patterned seats are lined up. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting.

**The place oozed
with character and
charm... or maybe it
was our scent after
30+ hours without a
shower**



**Our first of
several
beers
before
retiring for
the night**

June 11, 2005 – Day 2 The pattern is to sleep in on day 2, adjust to the new time. After breakfast at the hotel we headed up the hill again to the cathedral, and up the 290 steps to the top. Nice view of Chartres



The flying buttresses are always an architectural wonder.









**Gateway
entrance to
the church
yard**





**Some big building
with lots of rose
trees**



It was now approaching 11:30 or so and we decided if we were going to Mont St. Michel today we better head that way. It was probably a 3-4 hour drive. The other option was to go right to D-Day beaches and get MSM later. We walked down the hill stopped at a little store and bought a snack and a BA bottle of water before hitting the French countryside again.

**North is
suppose to be
on the top of a
map, right?
Not so in
Chartres
apparently**





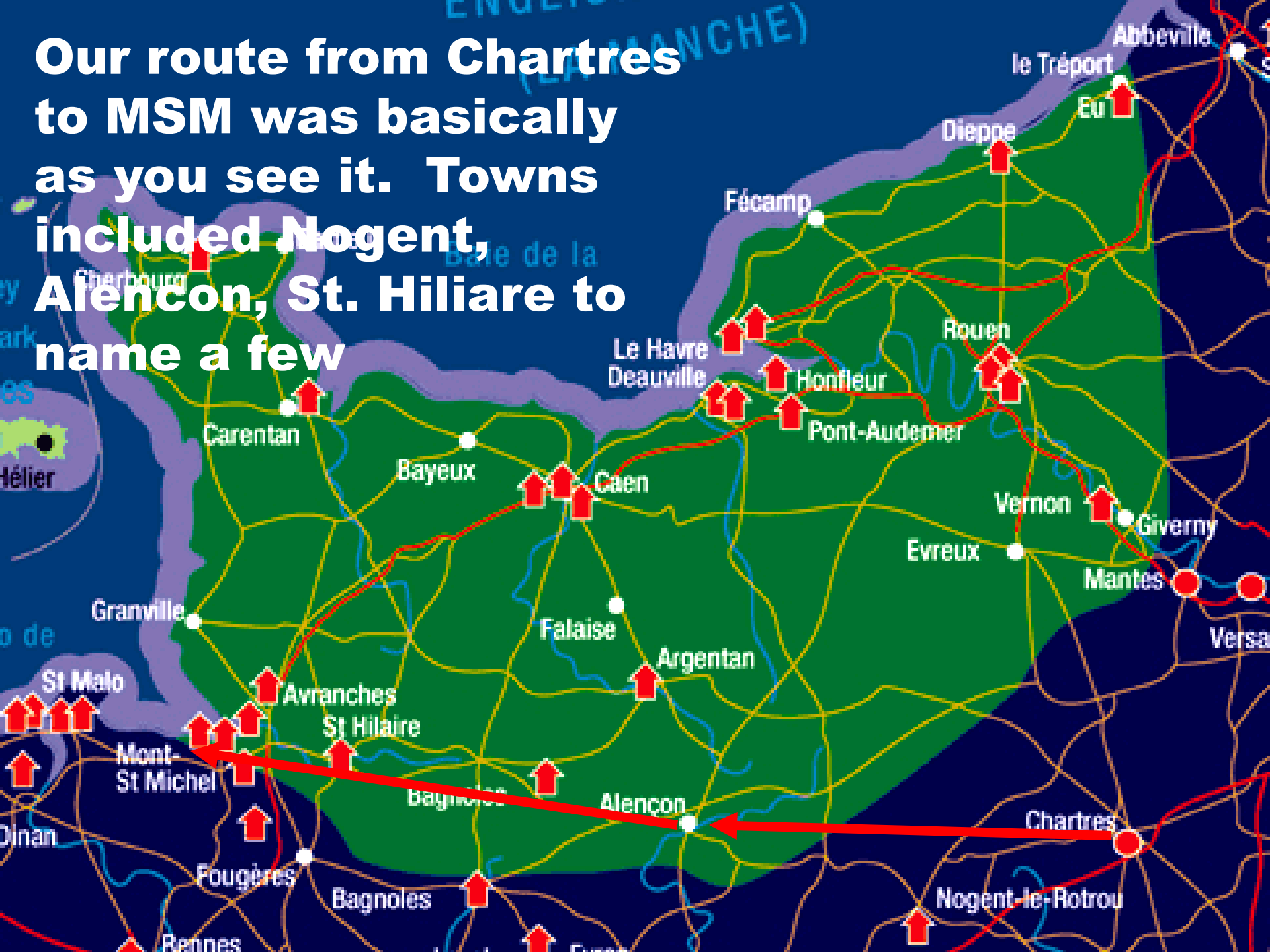
**Interesting
tractor on
the French
roadway**

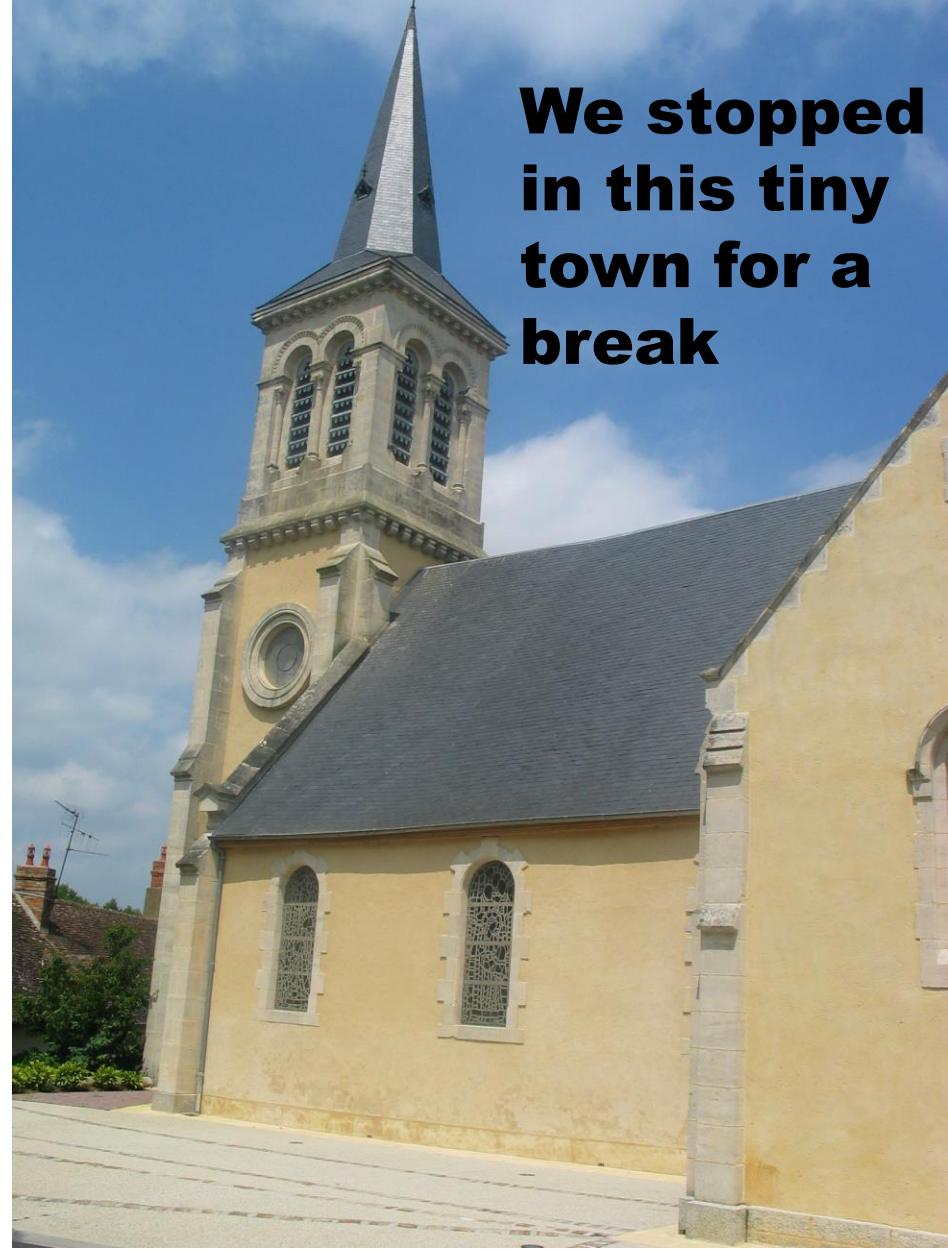


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Our route from Chartres to MSM was basically as you see it. Towns included Nogent, Alençon, St. Hilaire to name a few





**We stopped
in this tiny
town for a
break**



**During a stroll
down the hill
to the creek
to check out
the farmland
and “pay rent”
on the BA
water, I met
this guy.
Named him
Jacques –
short for
Jacques-ass**



**Around 2
p.m. we
stopped for
an omelet
sandwich at
this little
place in
Alençon I
believe**



**BAR
JEUX - BILLARD
SNACK à toute heure**

L'IMPÉRIAL

45, rue d'Alençon
61140 LA CHAPELLE D'ANDAINE

☎ 33 38 81 08

Ouvert le dimanche / Fermé le lundi





Time 11, L'imperial Bar
2-3pm Brassiere
1 Kanterbräu
1 " gold

**One Kanterbrau
regular and one
"gold"**



We stopped for a break at this little cathedral in the town of St. Hilaire. Guess it was about 4 p.m.



There was a wedding going on... so we crashed it. Went up to the organ loft and exchanged nods with the organist



The bride & groom's getaway car – no one will ever spot them

This park area next to the cathedral was scenic

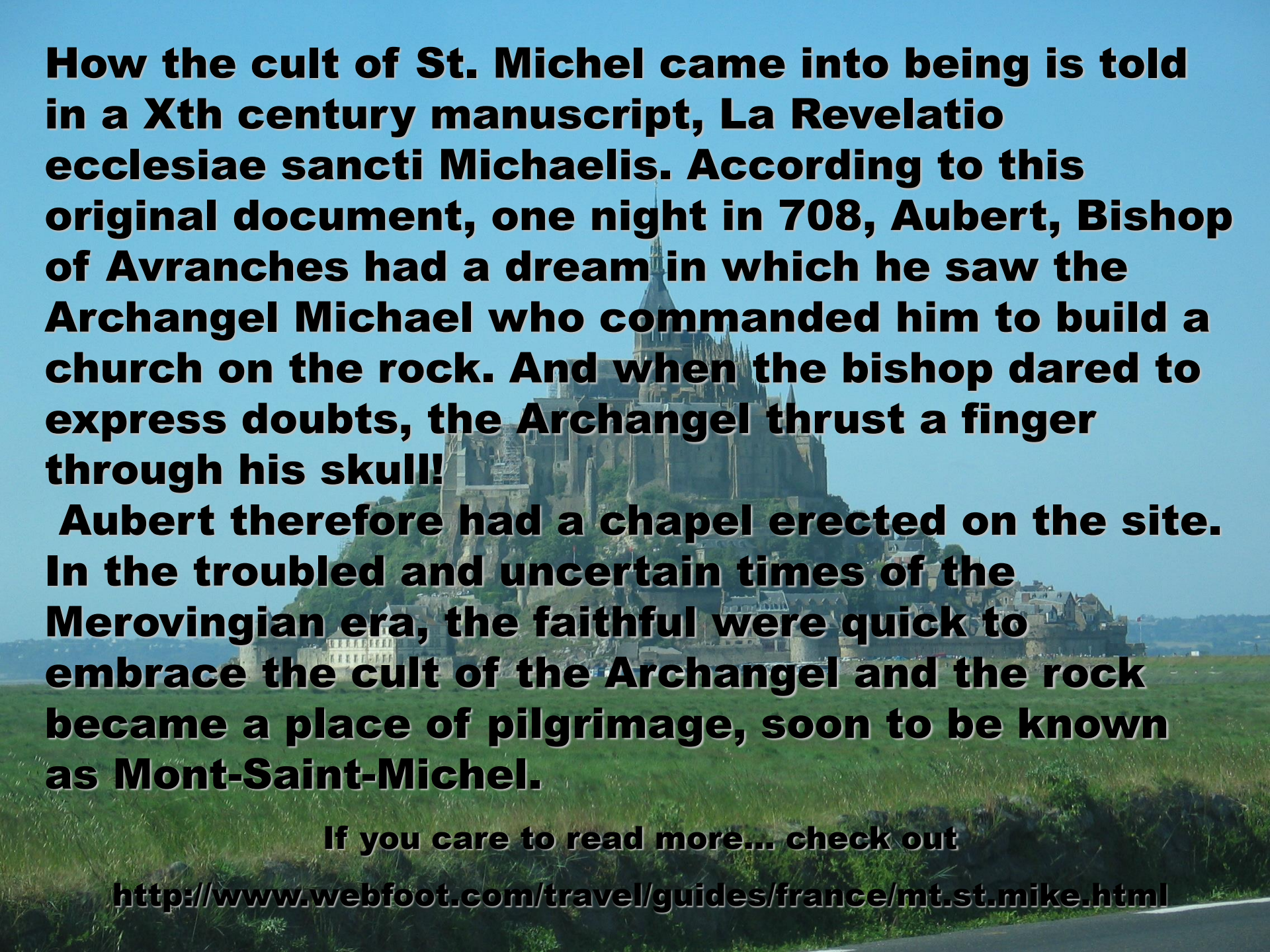






At long last... our goal du jour

Mont St. Michel



How the cult of St. Michel came into being is told in a Xth century manuscript, La Revelatio ecclesiae sancti Michaelis. According to this original document, one night in 708, Aubert, Bishop of Avranches had a dream in which he saw the Archangel Michael who commanded him to build a church on the rock. And when the bishop dared to express doubts, the Archangel thrust a finger through his skull!

Aubert therefore had a chapel erected on the site. In the troubled and uncertain times of the Merovingian era, the faithful were quick to embrace the cult of the Archangel and the rock became a place of pilgrimage, soon to be known as Mont-Saint-Michel.

If you care to read more... check out

<http://www.webfoot.com/travel/guides/france/mt.st.mike.html>



This place was unbelievable. About a kilometer wide and 80 meters high, surrounded by the sea



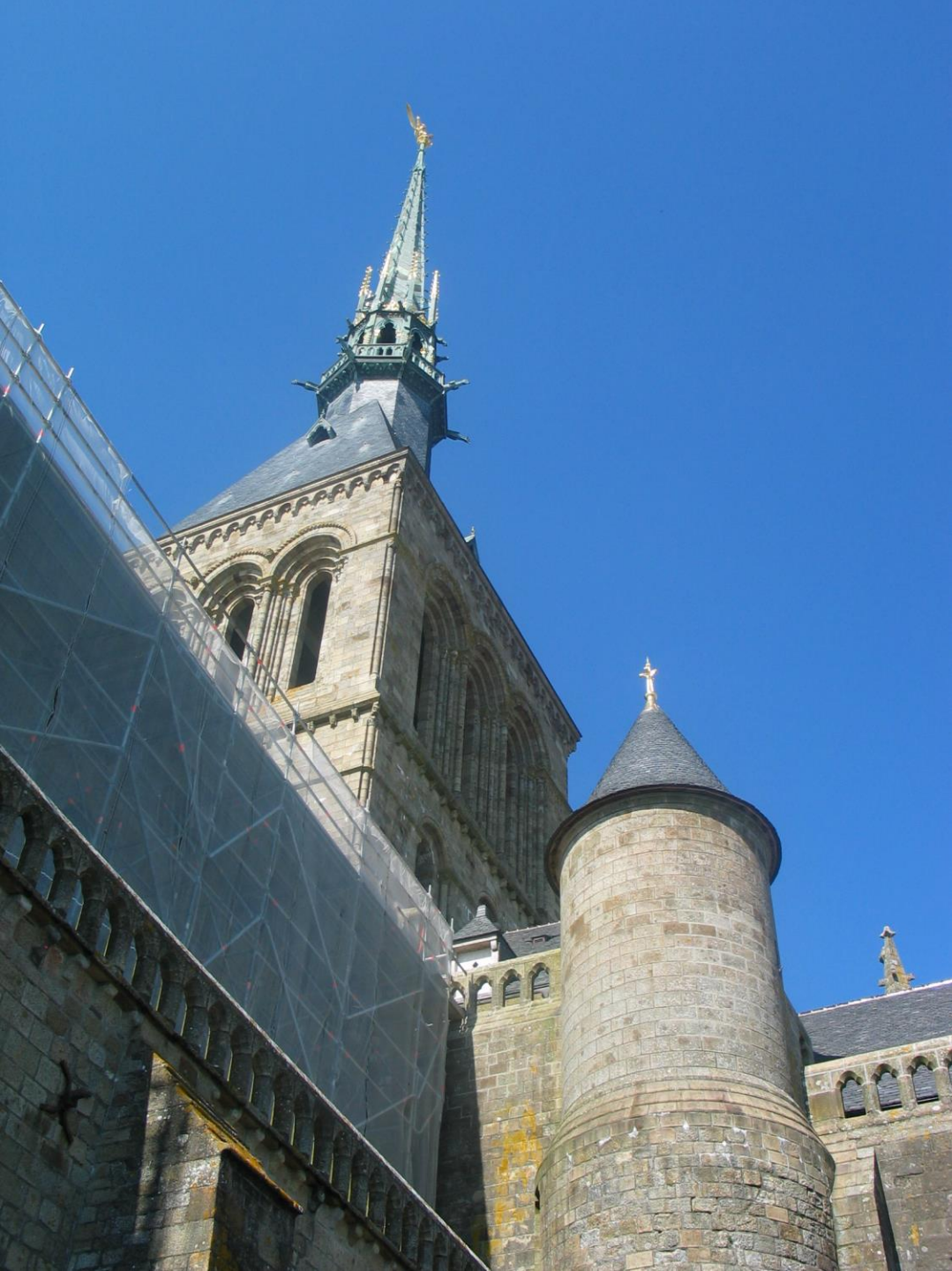
The tide was out so far you couldn't see water. Until the causeway was built, it was an island











**Scaffolding
was up here
and there for
repair work**



They say when the tide comes in, it does so at a rate of a foot every two seconds. Some visitors walk out to the little island





Inside the chapel



Two men would stand inside this wheel like hamsters to turn it. The rope was connected to a sled on skids for moving supplies up the mountain









**Small stores
and junk
shops lined
the walk
down the
mountain**

A beer was long overdue by this time, so we stopped at the MSM tavern/café. We visited with these guys on leave from the Canadian navy who were visiting D-Day beaches

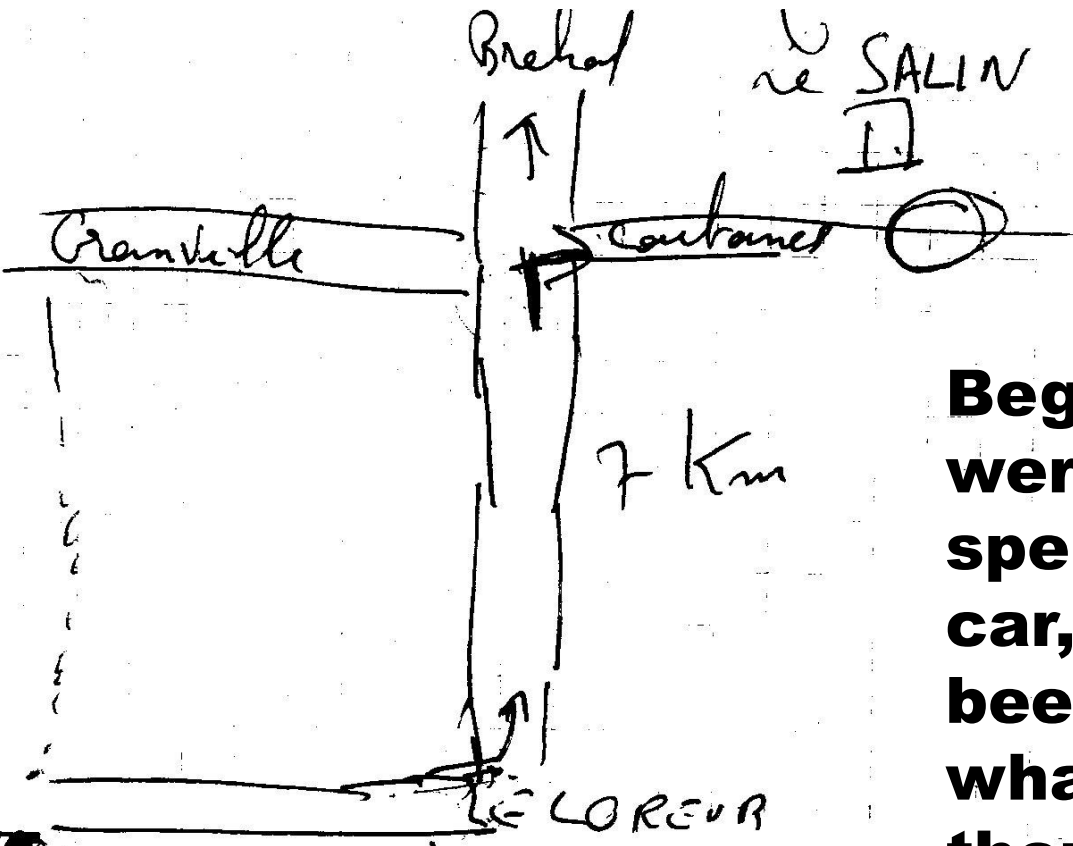




Ed sits in our limousine talking to Mary Kay in Austin. By this time it's about 7 p.m. and we're getting tired and hungry



We headed north and east through Avranches and other towns along the coastline and got other views of MSM



~~Coutances~~
Le Loreur

Beginning to believe we were going to have to spend the night in the car, we stopped for a beer at Le Re... whatever. The people there told us about Le Salin in Brehal and how to get there



June 10 10:30 pm Finally found a hotel
with Jockey. Enjoying a 1664. Make that
2 1664's = a 328. at Le Salin in
Brehal, France

**We got to Le Salin
and their restaurant
was closed, but they
pulled together a
plate of cold-cuts for
us weary travelers.
These two were the
bar/kitchen staff.**



The hotel had a nautical theme. Just trivia info for years down the road. We were wooped, the room was fine.



Day 3, June 12, 2005



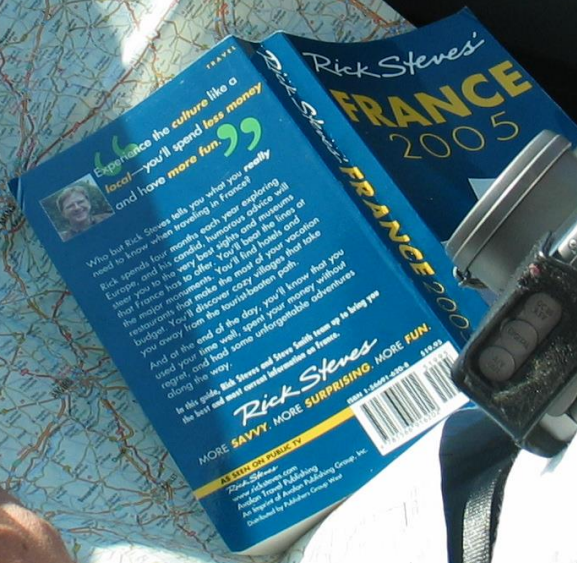
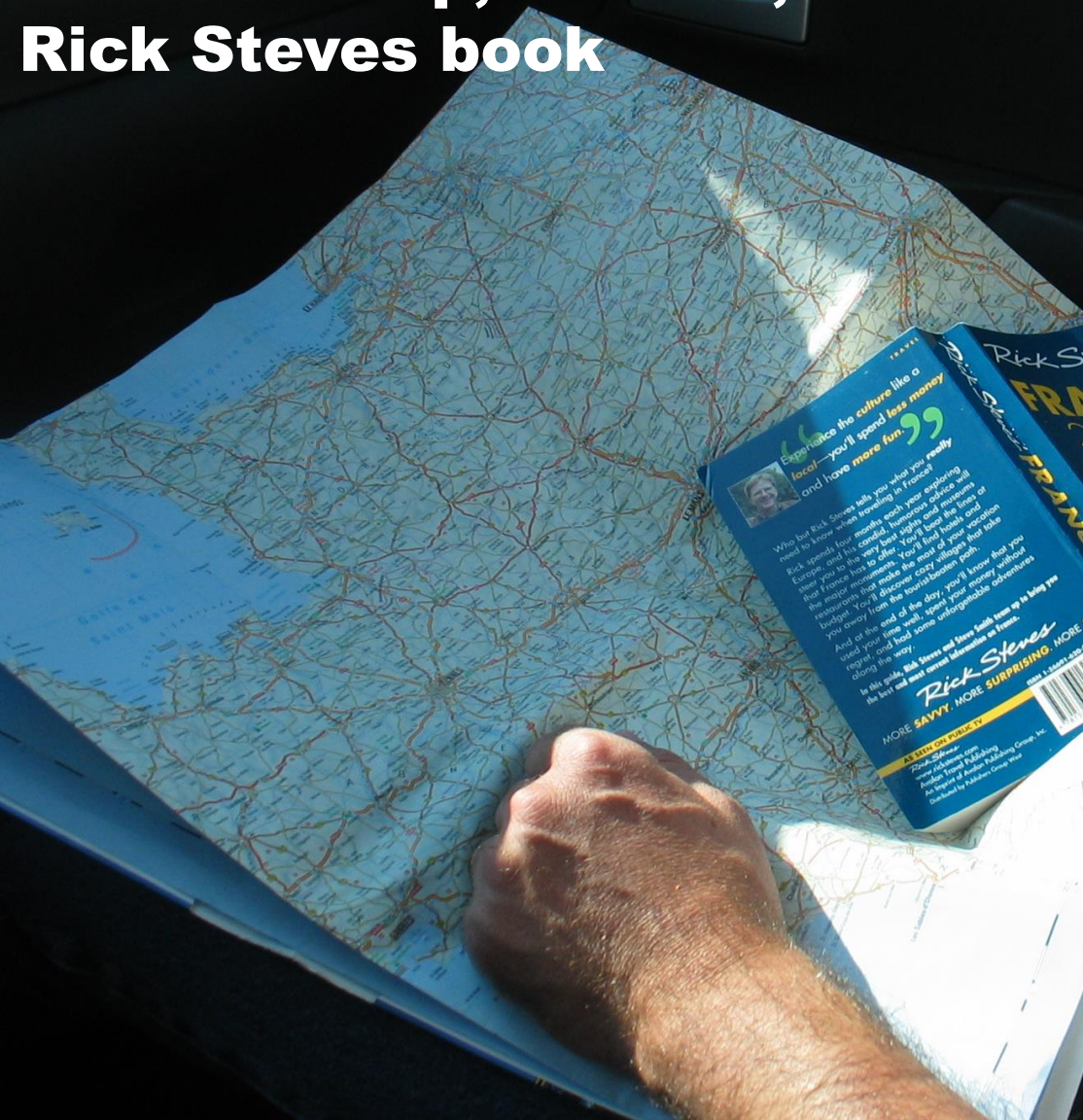


We got an early start. Ate the hotel breakfast buffet just before 8 and were on our way to the D-Day beaches shortly after.



More rural French countryside on the way to Bayeux. French plastic-covered hay bales look like marshmallows

Travel equipment for the well-seasoned traveler: map, camera, Rick Steves book



Bayeux, France and its beautiful cathedral

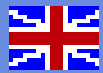




Another beautiful cathedral

After Bayeux we went up to this WWII German bunker





Utah

Omaha

Gold

Juno

Sword

Cherbourg

Carentan

Omaha
(area)

Bayeux

Deauville

Coutances

St Lô

Cemeteries

Caen

Lisieux

Falaise

Vire

Argentan

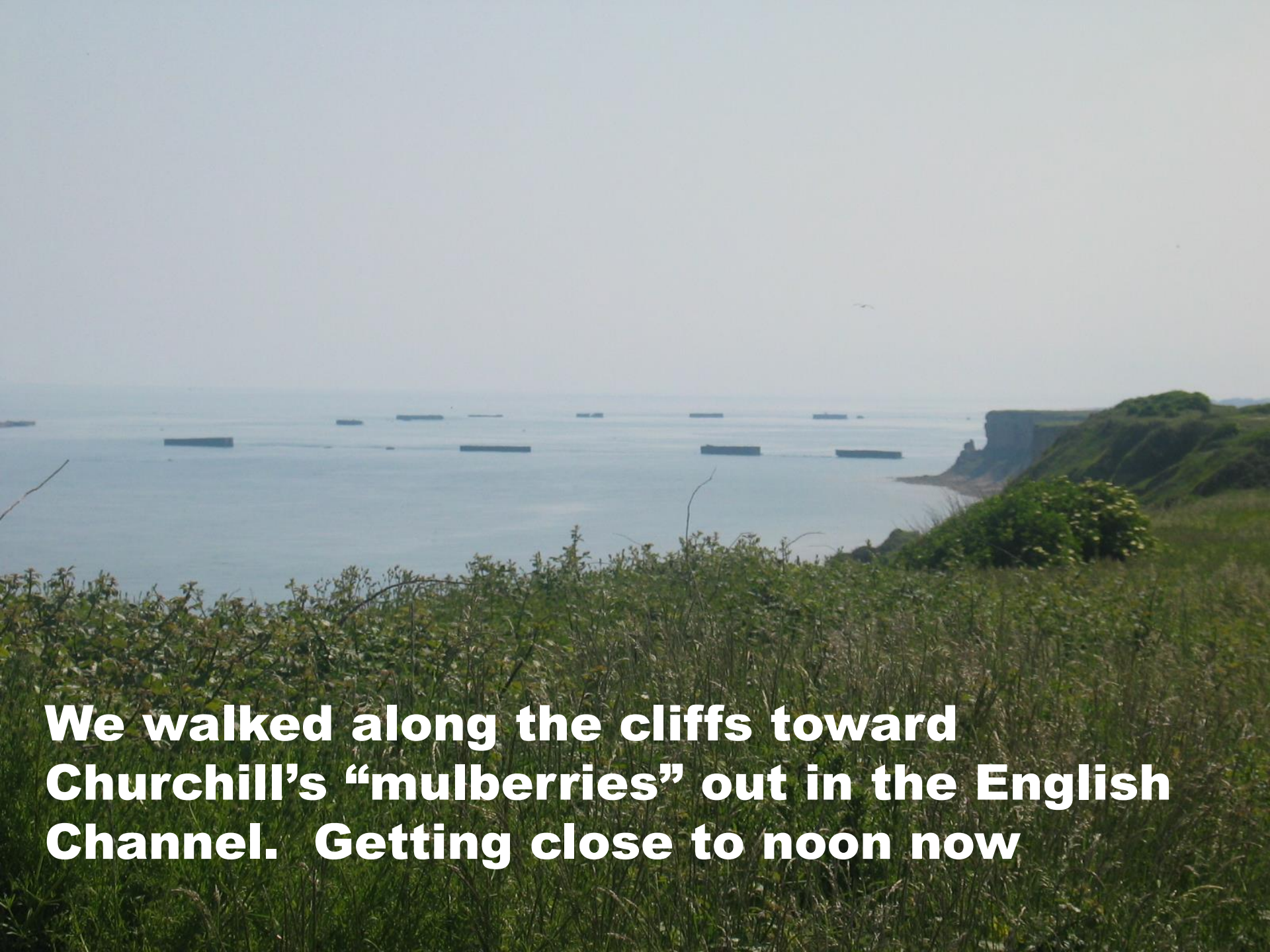
L'Aigle

Avranches

Mont
St-Michel

Alençon

40 Km



We walked along the cliffs toward Churchill's "mulberries" out in the English Channel. Getting close to noon now

Sat outdoors and had a beer & pizza lunch here at “Le Longuais”





June 12. Le Longueis bar/restaurant after Mulberries.
Heading to Orinda beach
12:30 pm

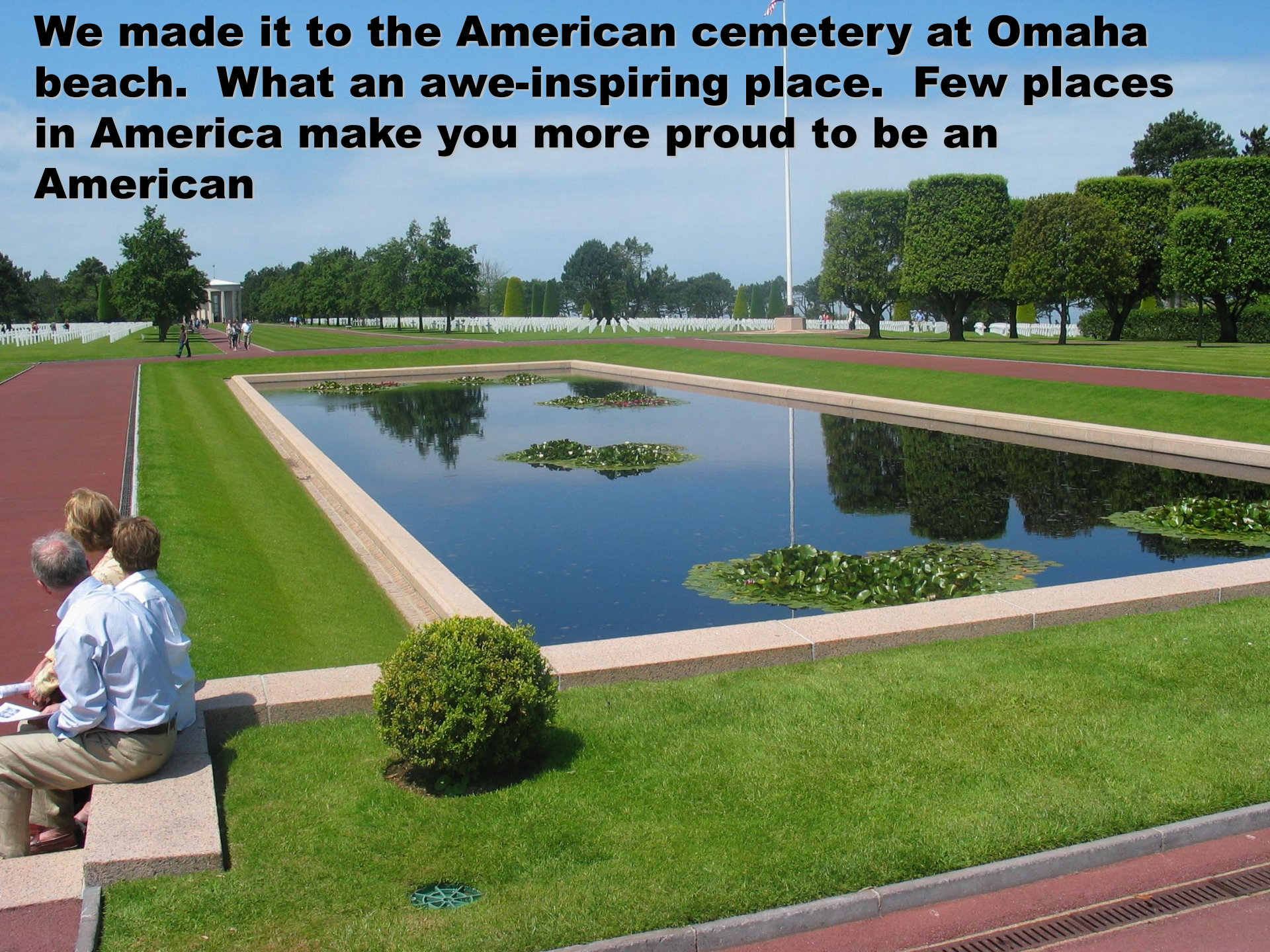


**A good mid-day
picker-upper**



This twenty-something kid had his own Big Red One Museum. Was cool to visit

We made it to the American cemetery at Omaha beach. What an awe-inspiring place. Few places in America make you more proud to be an American



This is where it happened June 6, 1944. 6,000 killed in an hour's time. You just can't get your arms around how it must have been 61 years ago



A tour group looks at the D-Day invasion map as the guide explains






From the beach looking up







JAMES E. CHANEY
PVT 313 INF 79 DIV
TEXAS JUNE 23 1944

**Grave of soldier
from Texas**



On the shores of Omaha Beach. Ed phones Steve Spooner as he scoops up a vile of sand





**Our next stop was
Utah Beach. Tractors
pull their boat
trailers... go figure**

467th AAA  AW BN (SP)

THIS MARKER COMMEMORATES THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 467TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BATTALION WHO LANDED ON THIS BEACH ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 6, 1944. THE BATTALION SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES IN THE NEUTRALIZATION OF THE ENEMY BUNKERS GUARDING THE BEACH.

A SPECIAL RECOGNITION IS MADE TO THOSE WHO WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED DURING THIS AND LATER CAMPAIGNS INTO WESTERN EUROPE.
MAY THEIR DEEDS NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

DEDICATED BY THE SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE BATTALION.
JUNE 6, 1984

PAX VOBISCU





Our next stop was La Pointe du Hoc. Long story short, the Allies climbed up cliffs while being shot at to take over the German stronghold against impossible odds



POINTE DU HOC RANGER MEMORIAL

This forbidding spur of land, which was considered by the Germans to be virtually unassailable from the beach because of its steep cliffs, affords a commanding view of both UTAH beach to the west and OMAHA beach to the east. Enemy long-range artillery on the point could direct deadly fire onto either shore. The Allies considered it a key defensive strongpoint which had to be taken out.

The task fell to three companies of the 2nd Ranger Battalion. Lieutenant Colonel James E. Rudder led the 225-man Ranger force. Their mission was to land on the beach, scale the steep cliffs with specially designed climbing equipment, and destroy the guns.

Despite rigorous Allied aerial and naval bombardments, the enemy remained and desperately attempted to ward off the attackers with grenades and small arms fire. Displaying raw courage and with the aid of the climbing equipment, the Rangers successfully stormed and captured the cliffs.

Upon reaching the top they found only empty gun emplacements among the craters of the pre-invasion bombardments. The force then gradually advanced inland where two Rangers spotted the well-camouflaged 155 mm gun battery, now positioned south of the point and sitting mysteriously silent. With the enemy guncrews close by, the two men employed thermite grenades and destroyed the guns. At the end of the day, Rudder sent a message to V Corps saying "Located Pointe du Hoc-mission accomplished-need ammunition and reinforcement-many casualties".

Due to navigational difficulties the assault had commenced forty minutes late and the follow-on force, assuming the attack had failed, landed to the east at OMAHA Beach. For two days the small force held out alone against increasingly aggressive enemy counterattacks. By the time the Rangers were relieved by V Corps units, only 90 combat-effective fighting men of the original 225 remained.

This 30-acre battlefield, turned over to the American government on 11 January 1979 for care and maintenance in perpetuity, is maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission.



Cet éperon rocheux menaçant - qui était considéré par les Allemands comme quasi impossible à prendre d'assaut depuis la plage à cause de ses falaises abruptes - offre une vue imprenable aussi bien à l'Ouest, sur la plage d'UTAH, que sur celle d'OMAHA à l'Est. De la pointe, l'artillerie ennemie à longue portée pouvait faire feu sur l'une ou l'autre des plages. Les Alliés estimaient que ce lieu de défense stratégique était à prendre.

Cette tâche incombait à trois compagnies du 2^{ème} Bataillon de Rangers. Le Lieutenant Colonel James E. Rudder commandait les 225 hommes du bataillon des Rangers. Leur mission fut de débarquer sur la plage, d'escalader les falaises abruptes avec un équipement spécialement conçu et de détruire l'artillerie.

Malgré les bombardements rigoureux de la marine et de l'aviation alliées, l'ennemi resta sur ses positions et essaya désespérément de contrer les assaillants avec des grenades et des tir d'armes légères. Grâce à leur courage exceptionnel et à leur équipement d'escalade, les Rangers purent prendre les falaises d'assaut.

Lorsqu'ils atteignirent le sommet, ils ne trouvèrent que des emplacements d'artillerie vides au milieu des cratères laissés par les bombardements qui précéderent l'invasion. Les Rangers avançaient pas à pas à l'intérieur des terres lorsque deux d'entre eux débarquèrent une batterie de 155mm bien camouflée et restant mystérieusement silencieuse - positionnée au Sud de la Pointe. Les pelotons ennemis non loin d'eux, les deux hommes utilisèrent des grenades et détruisirent l'artillerie. À la fin de la journée, Rudder envoya un message au V^{ème} Corps disant "Pointe du Hoc localisée - mission accomplie - besoin munitions et renforts - beaucoup de pertes humaines".

En raison de difficultés de navigation, l'assaut commença avec 40 minutes de retard et les renforts, persuadés que l'attaque avait échoué, débarquèrent à l'Est de la plage d'OMAHA. Pendant deux jours, la petite force armée résista seule aux contre-attaques toujours plus agressives des ennemis. Lorsque les unités du V^{ème} Corps prirent la relève des Rangers, il ne restait plus que 90 hommes en mesure de combattre sur les 225 initialement engagés.

Le 11 janvier 1979, ce champ de bataille de 13 hectares a été cédé à perpétuité au gouvernement américain qui a confié la charge de son entretien à l'American Battle Monuments Commission (la commission des monuments de guerre américains).



One of the blown out artillery pillboxes



Point du Hoc, where General Rudder charged on the enemies.

Many craters remain from bombing



Utah Beach





**This little town
had pictures of
itself at various
places from
immediately after
the war. From
the picture you
can tell this
church sustained
extensive
damage, but was
restored**

5:24 p.m.

The resort town of Arromanches, France, on Gold Beach



Whale Caissons - Mulberry B Harbour Gold Beach - Arromanches - Normandy - France



“Port Winston” as it was nicknamed. Mulberries still stand



IN PROUD MEMORY OF THE PART PLAYED BY MEN OF
THE ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS,
THE ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS,
THE ROYAL PIONEER CORPS,
THE ARMY CATERING CORPS,
AND THE POSTAL AND COURIER SERVICE OF
THE ROYAL ENGINEERS, IN THE ALLIED ARMIES'
LANDING OPERATIONS AT ARROMANCHES AND OTHER
NORMANDY BEACHES IN JUNE 1944.
THEIR CONDUCT AND ACHIEVEMENTS ARE OUR HERITAGE.

OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS
OF
THE ROYAL LOGISTIC CORPS.
JUNE 1994

L. S. T. & LANDING CRAFT ASSOCIATION



IN COMMEMORATION OF
H.M.'S SAILORS AND ROYAL MARINES
OF THE BRITISH ROYAL NAVY
WHO MANNED THE LANDING SHIPS
AND LANDING CRAFT
AND LOST THEIR LIVES DURING
THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE IN 1944
"THEY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN"



IN MEMORY
OF
MERCHANT NAVY SEAMEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE NAVAL
"Operation Neptune"
JUNE 6th - SEPTEMBER 1944
*They manned the merchant ships that provided the supply line for the Allies, and as such
they were a prime target in "Operation QUESSELGEB"*
the Normandy Landings, the first phase in the "Liberation of Europe"
ALSO IN MEMORY OF MERCHANT NAVY SEAMEN FROM 1939 - 1945
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN EUROPEAN COASTAL WATERS
UNTIL EUROPE WAS FINALLY LIBERATED IN MAY 1945.
*Look out to sea and say a prayer
For those who rest beneath,
They gave their lives that you may share
A Europe that is free.* DONALD HUNTER 2005
This memorial was erected by the Normandy Merchant Navy Memorial Fund.





**Getting later in the afternoon,
we did a quick visit to Juno &
Sword beaches**



It was about 7:30 p.m. or so by the time we reached the historic significant town of Caen. Was too tired after a full day to care to go into the cathedral. OK, it wasn't open. Tried the door.



We ate at Pizza du Chateau – nice French place. Had the special on the billboard. Was pretty good.

After driving awhile we found this place to stay in Caen.



Utah

Omaha

Gold

Juno

Sword



One of the first orders of business was to take a picture of the sand collected from D-Day beaches today. Then to the bar for a beer or two before crashing out.

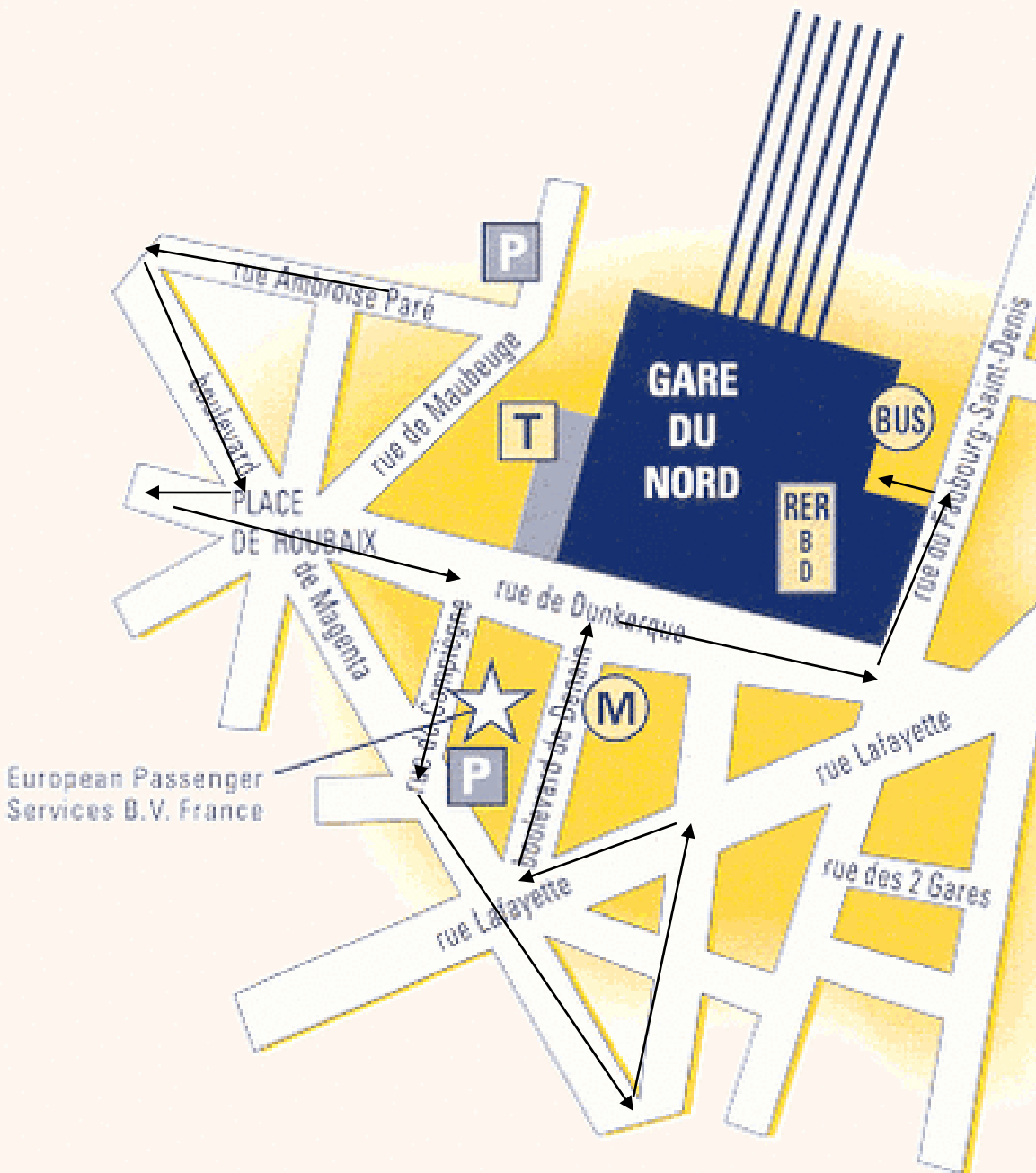
**A great
breakfast
here in their
restaurant**



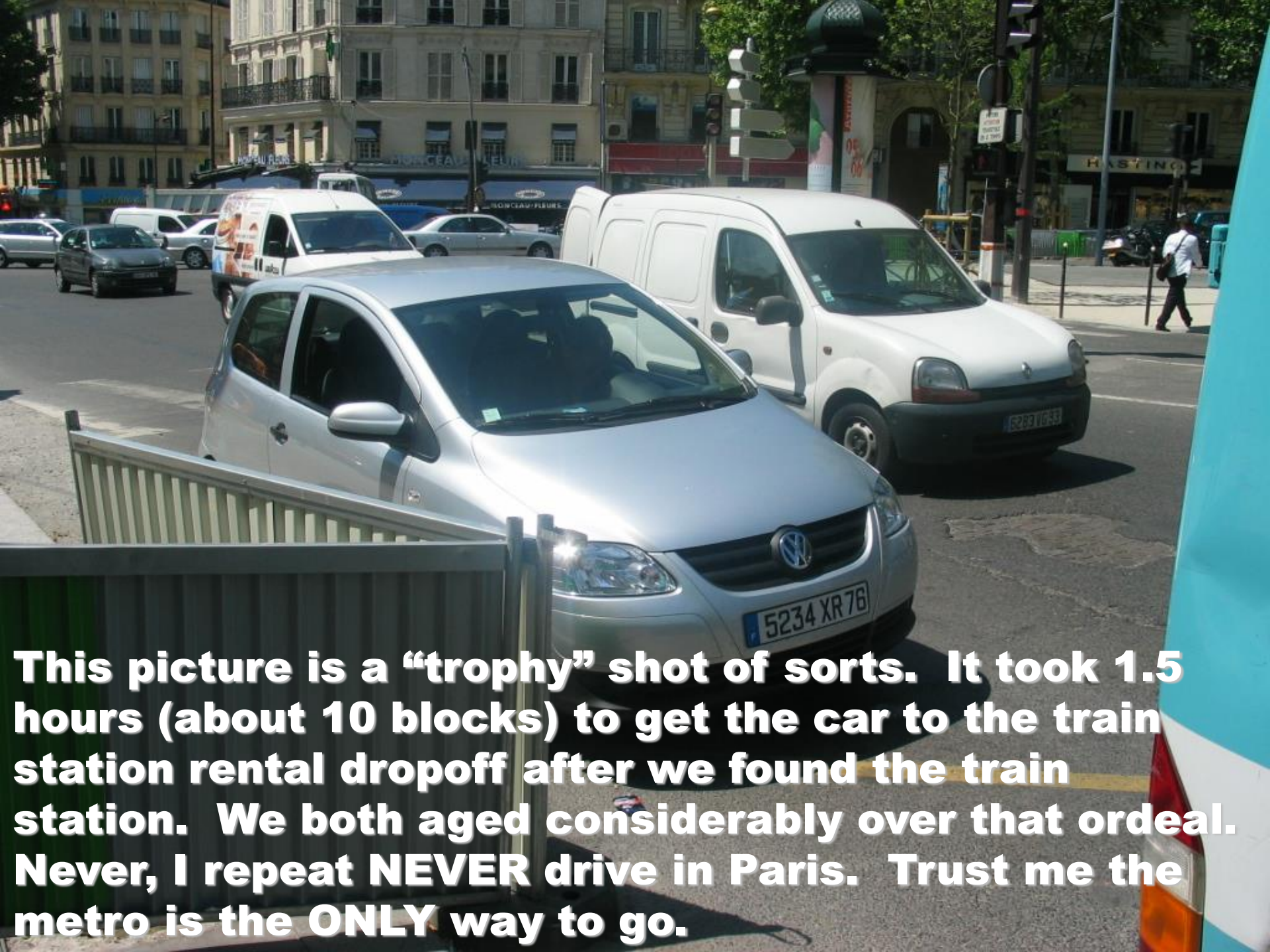


Day 4, June 13, 2005

After a hearty breakfast in Caen we began the sunny, cool day by heading to Paris... about a 3-hour drive... totally unaware of the heavy traffic stress of Paris



The arrows show the route we had to travel to return the car, once we found Gare



This picture is a “trophy” shot of sorts. It took 1.5 hours (about 10 blocks) to get the car to the train station rental dropoff after we found the train station. We both aged considerably over that ordeal. Never, I repeat NEVER drive in Paris. Trust me the metro is the ONLY way to go.

**We were free & clear
of the car by 1 p.m.
Time to get our next
game plan in order,
quickly followed by a
sandwich and shortly
after a beer here in
the train station Nord**



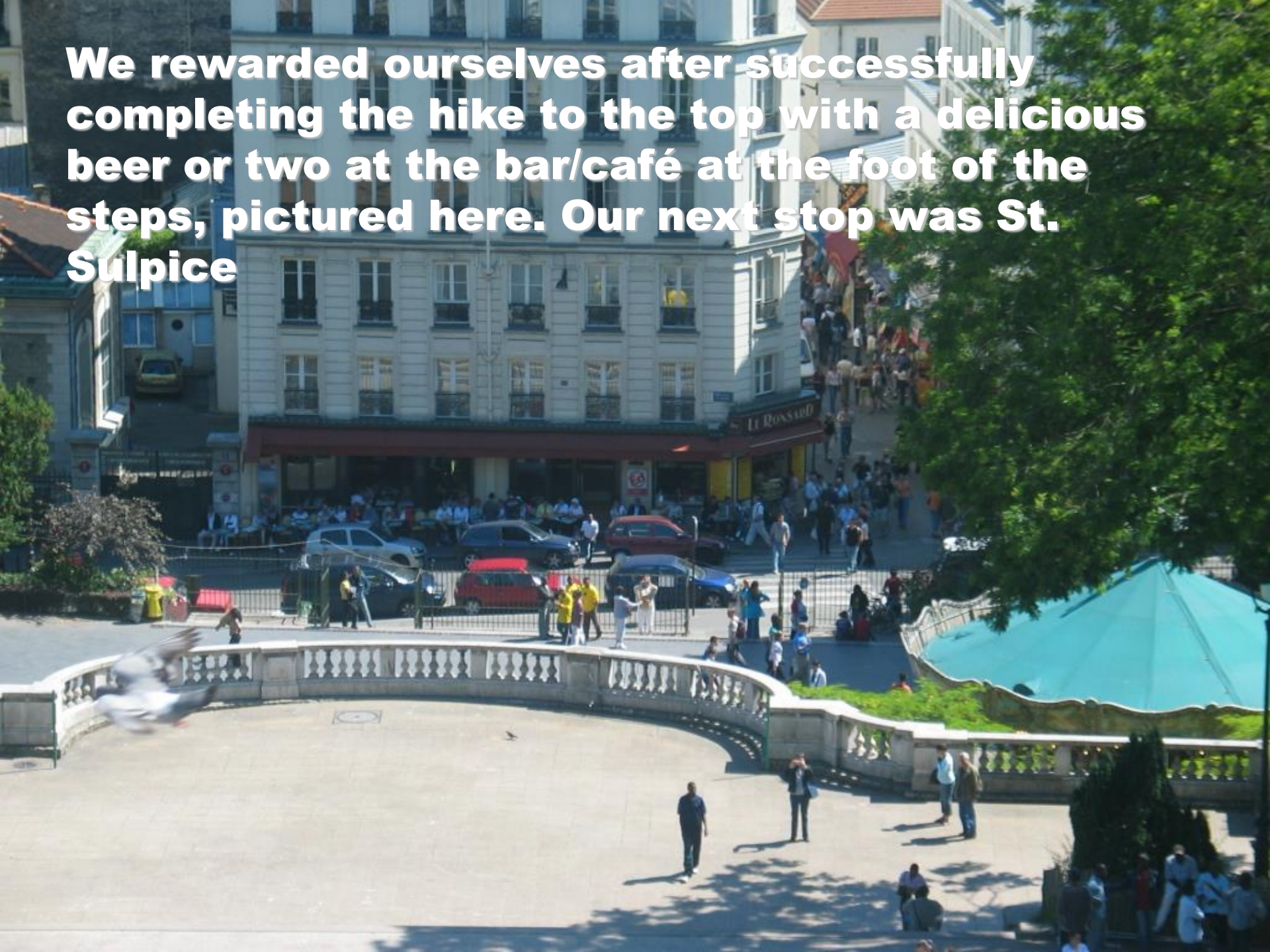
Basilique du Sacré Coeur was completed in 1914 – fairly new. We hoofed up the stairs with full backpacks



The view of Paris from Sacre Coeur was spectacular



We rewarded ourselves after successfully completing the hike to the top with a delicious beer or two at the bar/café at the foot of the steps, pictured here. Our next stop was St. Sulpice



**The great
Cavaillé-
Coll organ
(1862) at
St. Sulpice**

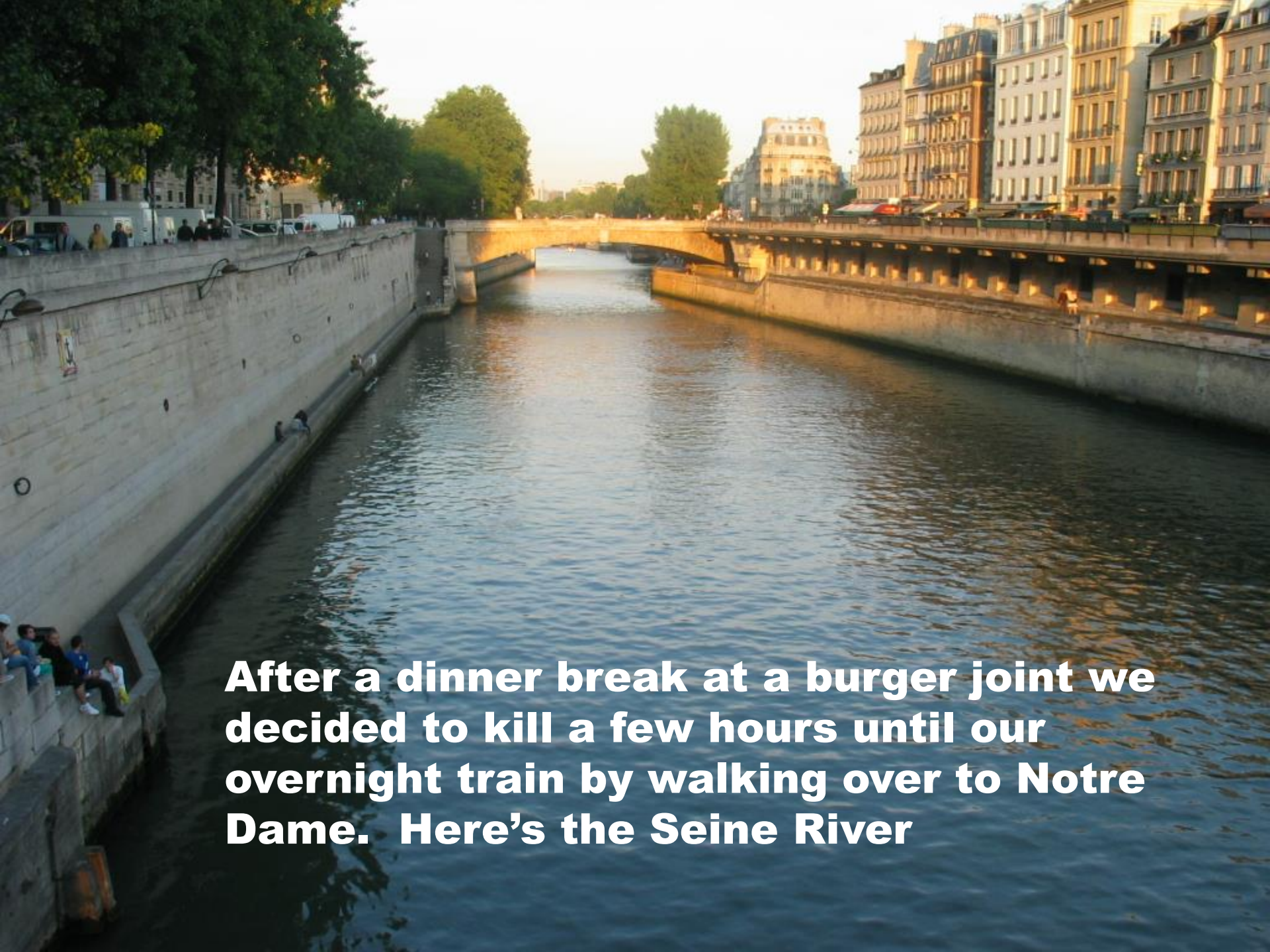


**Our next
stop was
the **Arc de
Triomphe**
that we
carried our
backpacks
up all 300-
some-odd
steps to
the top**



Once we reached the top we took some pictures, rested and listened to some high school-age guys discussing their philosophies on.... Life, I guess. What B.S.





After a dinner break at a burger joint we decided to kill a few hours until our overnight train by walking over to Notre Dame. Here's the Seine River



Kinda late in the day to get a great picture, but we took plenty of shots of this place back in '00



**On our way now to
Gare du Nord, the
Paris train station
north**



**Our first
beer on the
sleeper
train**



Our “roommates” on the overnight train were these two people. Neither one of us can remember their names. I think hers was Laura. He was a business man of some sort from Paris, she was a laid-off Enron worker from Houston backpacking Europe from April – mid July. Her stories of encountering Gypsy pick-pockets were interesting

Day 5 June 14, 2005




Once we got to Munich we headed to Nurnberg where we met Ottmar & Elfrieda Then. They took us for lunch at this great restaurant.

Ed's dad at famous statue in Nurnberg just after WWII. Ed the younger wanted to find this for a long time. Ottmar & Elfrieda knew where it was

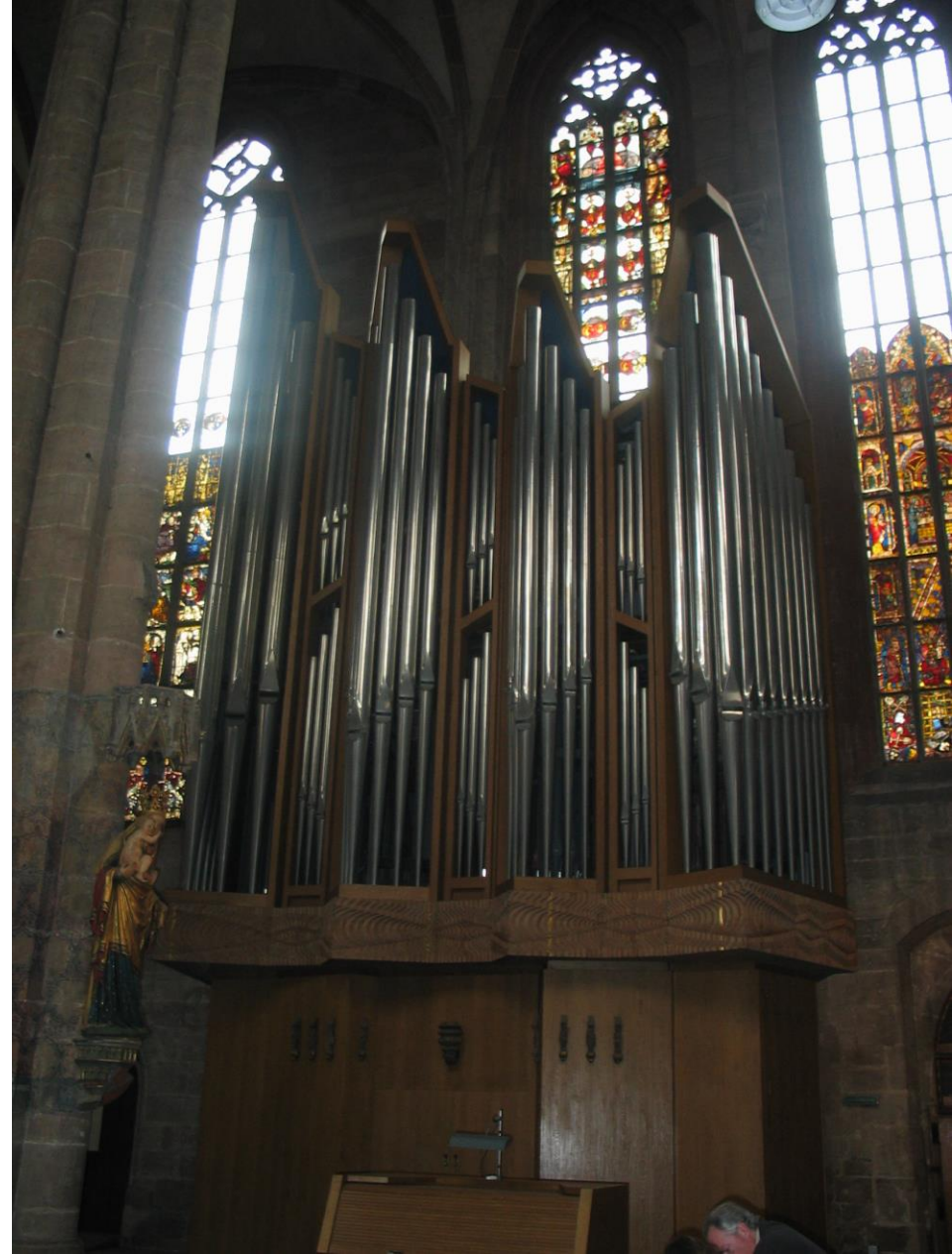


**Here we are
a generation
later. Same
statue,
different Ed.**



The image captures the interior of a Gothic cathedral, looking down a series of pointed arches. The architecture is characterized by its height and the use of stone. On the right side, a large, detailed stone sculpture of a woman in a yellow and blue robe stands prominently. The ceiling is a complex of wooden beams and stone arches. Light streams in from windows at the far end, creating a dramatic play of light and shadow. The overall atmosphere is one of grandeur and historical significance.

Loft at nearby cathedral where Ed the older played organ during his stay in Nurnberg



Same cathedral, new organ



After picking up Ottmar & Elfrieda's lovely granddaughter "Jenny" we went to their house where we spent the night.

Ottmar, Elfrieda, and Jenny showed great hospitality. It's quite an interesting story how Ottmar and older Ed met





**Helga, daugh-in-law, Ottmar, Ed,
Elfrieda, Rob, Gunter Then, Jenny**



**Ottmar's son
Gunter, wife
Helga and 13-
year-old son**

**A terrific
feast
ensued
after some
good
German
beer. This
dessert
followed the
feast.**



Ed & Helga... Jenny shows Rob German hospitality

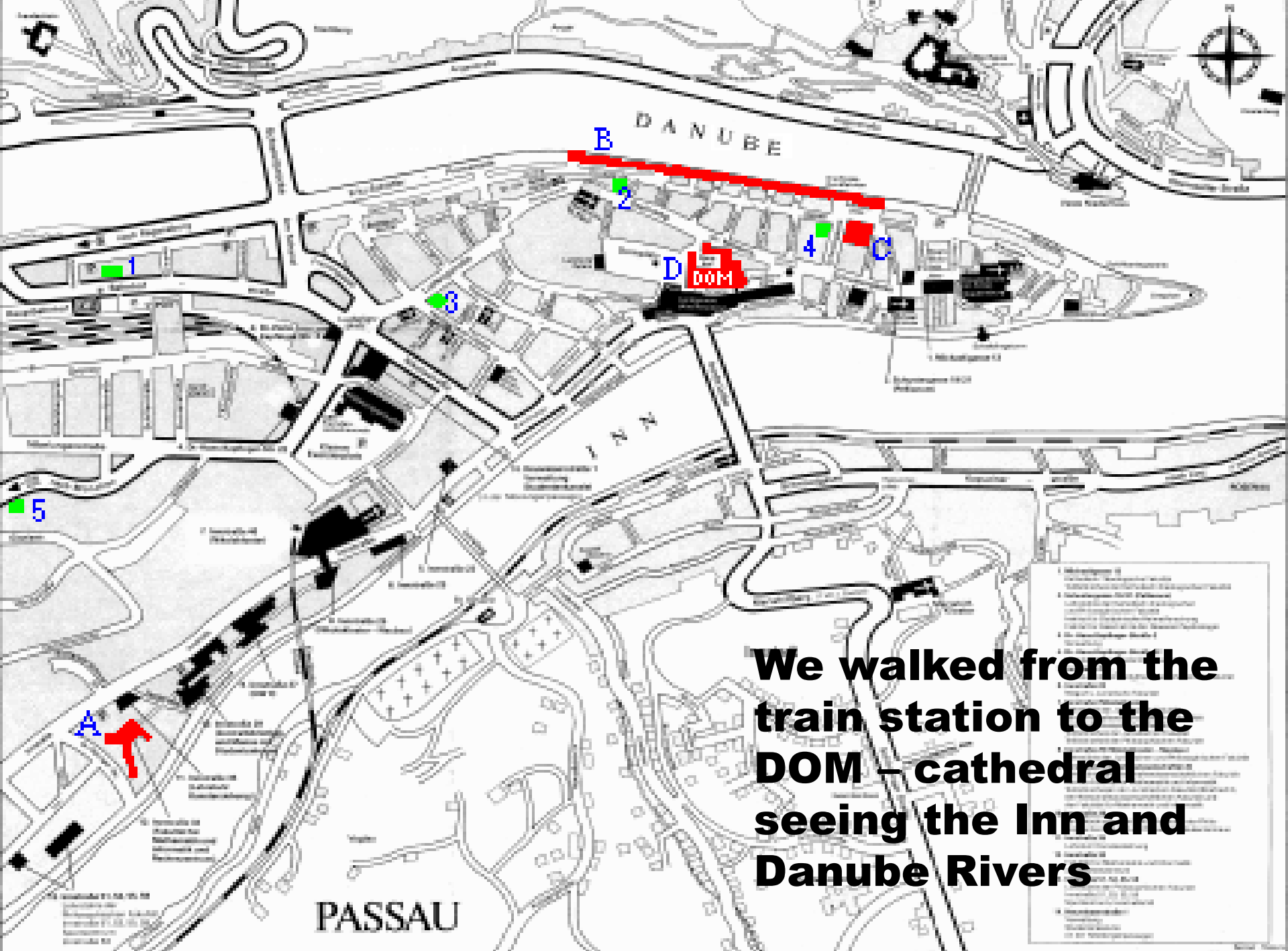




Day 6 June 15, 2005 After a huge breakfast, we say our good-byes. Ottmar & Elfrieda drop us off at the train station for our next destination: Passau



We rode the train from Nürnberg to Passau... reading novels along the way and enjoying sights of the Danube River



We walked from the train station to the DOM – cathedral seeing the Inn and Danube Rivers

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Here's where we were heading for the noon concert – the Dom



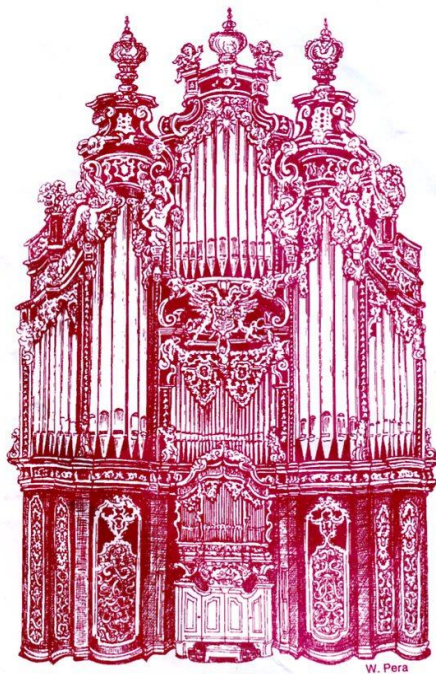
Die Passauer Domorgel wurde in den Jahren 1978 - 1981 von Ludwig und Wolfgang Eisenbarth in Fortführung der G. F. Steinmeyer'schen Orgel von 1928 erbaut. 233 klingende Register mit 17974 Pfeifen (dazu 4 Glockenspiele) stehen auf Schleifwindladen. Die Traktur ist wahlweise mechanisch oder elektrisch. Die Gesamtanlage ist in 5 selbständige, in sich geschlossene Orgeln gegliedert.

Im Altarraum links: Die Chororgel; 38 Register, Spielschrank mit 3 Manualen und Pedal, mechanische Traktur (Gehäuse von Leopold Hafner, 1978).

Über dem mittleren Gewölbejoch des Langhauses steht (dem Besucher verborgen) in einem Fachwerkhaus die Fernorgel, das „Echo“, mit 15 Manual- und 4 Pedalregistern. Ihre Klänge kommen durch das mit einem Ziergitter verschlossene, sogenannte „Heilig-Geist-Loch“. Diese Fernorgel kann vom III. Manual der Chororgel oder vom V. Manual des Hauptspieltisches aus gespielt werden (elektrische Traktur).

Rückwärts auf der Westempore steht rechts (im nördlichen Seitenschiff) die Evangelienorgel; 22 Manual- und 3 Pedalregister. Ihr antwortet auf der linken Seite (im südlichen Seitenschiff) die Epistelorgel mit 25 Registern, verteilt auf 2 Manuale und Pedal; freistehender, vollmechanischer Spieltisch. Die Windversorgung ist bei dieser Orgel auch durch einen Bälgetreter möglich. Die Schnitzereien an beiden Gehäusen fertigte Joseph Hartmann (1718). Bis um 1860 hingen diese Seitenorgeln als „Schwalbennester“ an den inneren Kuppelpfeilern (Verjüngung).

In der Mitte: die Hauptorgel; 126 Register, Spielschrank mit 4 Manualen und Pedal, mechanische Tontraktur, elektrische Registertraktur. Gehäuse von Joseph Matthias Götz (1733), Ergänzung von Hans Geiger (1979). Auf der Empore befindet sich auch der Hauptspieltisch, von dem aus mittels elektrischer Traktur alle Orgeln gespielt werden können. Er besitzt 5 Manuale und Pedal. Die Registersteuerung erfolgt über einen 4000-fachen elektronischen Setzer.



W. Pera



CD - MC - Verkauf
im Nordturm - Kiosk.

Sich Zeit nehmen - Hinhören - Nachdenken

Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele
und alles in mir seinen heiligen Namen!
Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele
und vergiss nicht, was er dir Gutes getan hat:
der dir all deine Schuld vergibt
und all deine Gebrechen heilt,
der dein Leben vor dem Untergang rettet
und dich mit Huld und Erbarmen krönt.
Er handelt an uns nicht nach unseren Sünden
und vergilt uns nicht nach unserer Schuld.
Wie ein Vater sich seiner Kinder erbarmt,
so erbarmt sich der Herr über alle,
die ihn fürchten.
Ehre sei dem Vater und dem Sohn und dem
Heiligen Geist
wie im Anfang, so auch jetzt und alle Zeit und in
Ewigkeit. Amen.

(aus Psalm 103)

Orgelmusik im Hohen Dom zu Passau

An der Orgel:

Domorganist Ludwig Ruckdeschel

Louis Marchand (1669 - 1732)
Versets sur „Te Deum“

Johann Pachelbel (1653 - 1706)
Choral „Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir“
Choral „Nun lob mein Seel den Herrn“
(nach Psalm 103)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877 - 1933)
„Lobe den Herren“ op. 65/58

Max Reger (1873 - 1916)
„Te Deum“ op. 59 / 12

Flor Peeters (1903 - 1986)
Partita über den Choral „Alles ist an Gottes Segen“
op. 68 / 10

Jean Langlais (1907 - 1991)
„Te Deum“ op. 5 / 3

Passau boasts this to be the worlds largest organ, though technically it's not. It is 5 organ divisions wired together with miles of cable. The sound was awesome.

Domorgel zu Passau

Orgelkonzert

€ 3,-

1733

Bitte aufbewahren und auf Verlangen vorzeigen

Größte Domorgel der Welt



Beautiful flower gardens near the Danube




How do you follow a really great organ recital? If you haven't had lunch, you get a sandwich from a deli, then a BEER at the beer garden across the street..

We had to go through Linz to get to Salzburg from Passau. There was no more than 2 minutes between trains in Linz.



Our next stop was in the beautiful city of Salzburg, Austria. “The Sound of Music,” Mozart, etc.



A photograph of a hotel room. In the foreground, a square dining table is covered with a white tablecloth and a pink table runner. On the table are two black remote controls and a small glass bowl. Four wooden chairs with curved backs are around the table. In the background, a bed with white linens is visible. To the right, a glass shower stall stands against the wall. On the left wall, there is a framed picture of a group of people. The room has light-colored walls and a ceiling light fixture.

We laughed until we hurt thinking about how our wives would NOT agree to a room with a see-through shower, especially for the 4 of us



**Two studly
musicians
honoring the
truly great
one: Wolfgang
Amadeus
Mozart**

After dinner on the town square we stopped at 3 more places to have a beer. Here was the first



Salzburg at around 11 p.m.



Day 7 June 16, 2005

After a good night sleep, we swapped out eating breakfast and showering in our less-than-private shower. Then we took a sight-seeing tour of Salzburg





**One filming location of
“The Sound of Music”**

Our tour concluded with a river ride on this boat with 2-350 horsepower engines





 **Tour I**

Datum - Date
16.06.2005

Abfahrt - Departure
11:00

Erwachsene EUR 0,-

www.salzburgschiffahrt.at
Ein Unternehmen der Firmengruppe Salzburger Festungskonzerte
A member of the Salzburg Fortress Concerts Group

**First beer of
the day here at
this biergarten
established in
1548**

Krimpelstätter¹⁵

er Augustinerbräu Kloster Mülln



Wein u. Gasthof

Bachmann ~ J.W.E.E.Z. Pächler







Next we headed back to the Salzburg Hbf pictured here. We figured Munich was a good place to go again.





HOTEL MARK
MÜNCHEN



Checked in at
**Munich's HOTEL
MARK on Senepelder
Strasse 12**





We made it back to Munich mid afternoon or so. Thought of a couple of interesting places to visit... like museums and such. After a mutual bitch-slapping, we snapped out of it and started with this cool beer garden called Chinesischen Turm that boasts seating for 13,000 people. Many sights and sounds awaited us here.

This wacky entertainment troope made us groan in between swallers-o-beer



**One of the more
comical sights
of the trip**





Our next stop for a ma of beer was Seehaus on this beautiful lake. We actually drank a beer here in 2000 but it was nearly dark and rainy out. Much nicer when the sun is shining.

**A great place
to just hang
out**





Augustiner Keller

Bierstüberl

80 Plätze im gemütlichen Münchner Stil

Grüne Stube

Veranstaltungen bis 120 Personen

Fabier-Schänke

Augustiner Edelstoff vom Holzfaß

Festsaal

bis 600 Personen

Traditionelle Bayerische Schmankerl-Küche

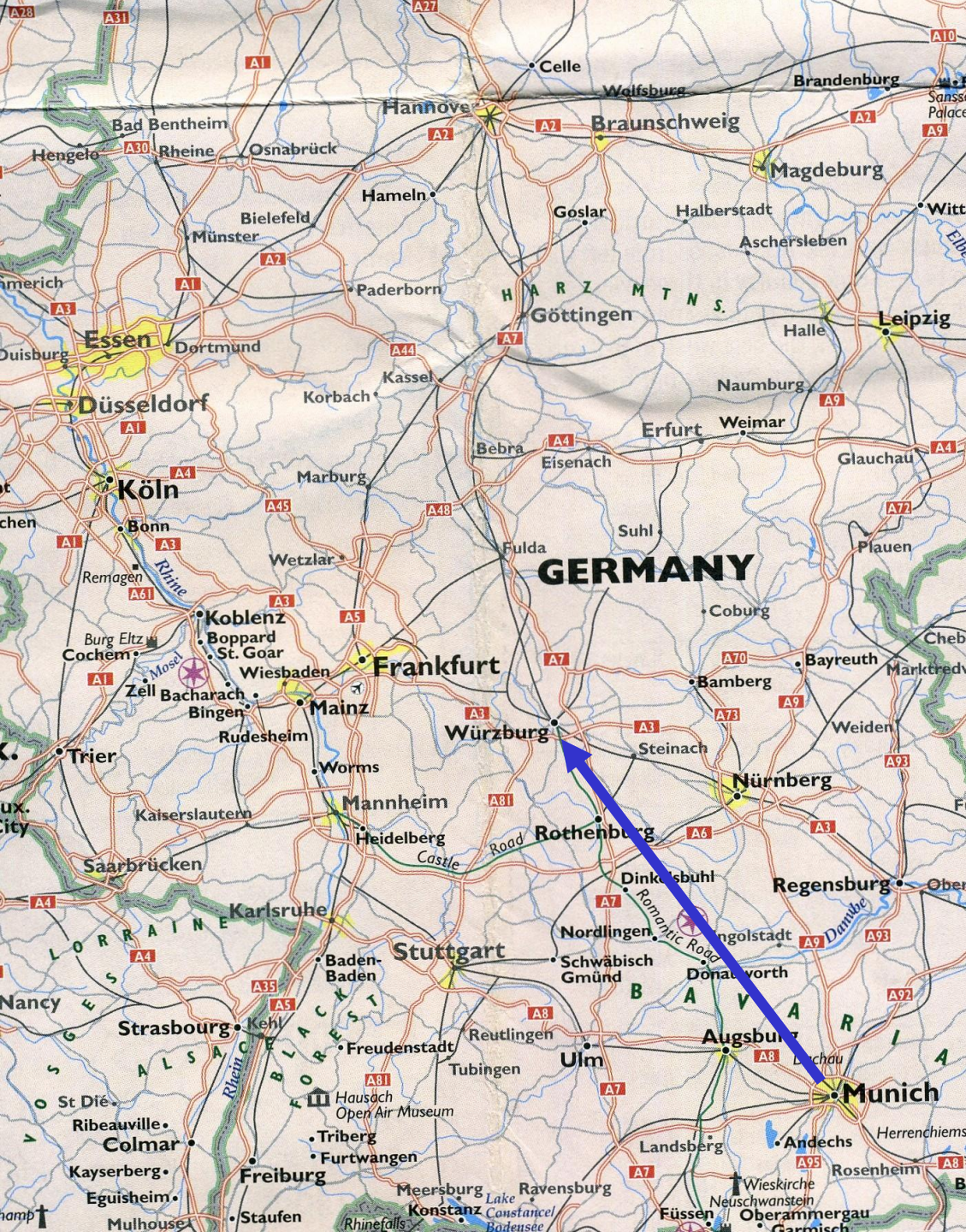
Geöffnet von 10⁰⁰ - 1⁰⁰ Uhr
Durchgehend Warme Küche
von 10⁰⁰ - 22⁰⁰ Uhr

Augustiner-Keller was a favorite back in '00 and certainly worth repeating in '05. Here we drank good beer and celebrated the life and memory of old Ed with a delicious traditional German meal





We crashed out after our celebration in Munich. The next morning we ate the hotel-provided breakfast before our next adventure(s).




**Day 8 June 17,
2005**

**After breakfast
we started by
train toward
Würzburg. We
decided to stop
and look
around. We
saw the
cathedral and
ate a good
lunch here.**

We ate about 1:15 and had a Paulaner Pils with a bratwurst lunch of some kind.





**The
organ
looked
nice**

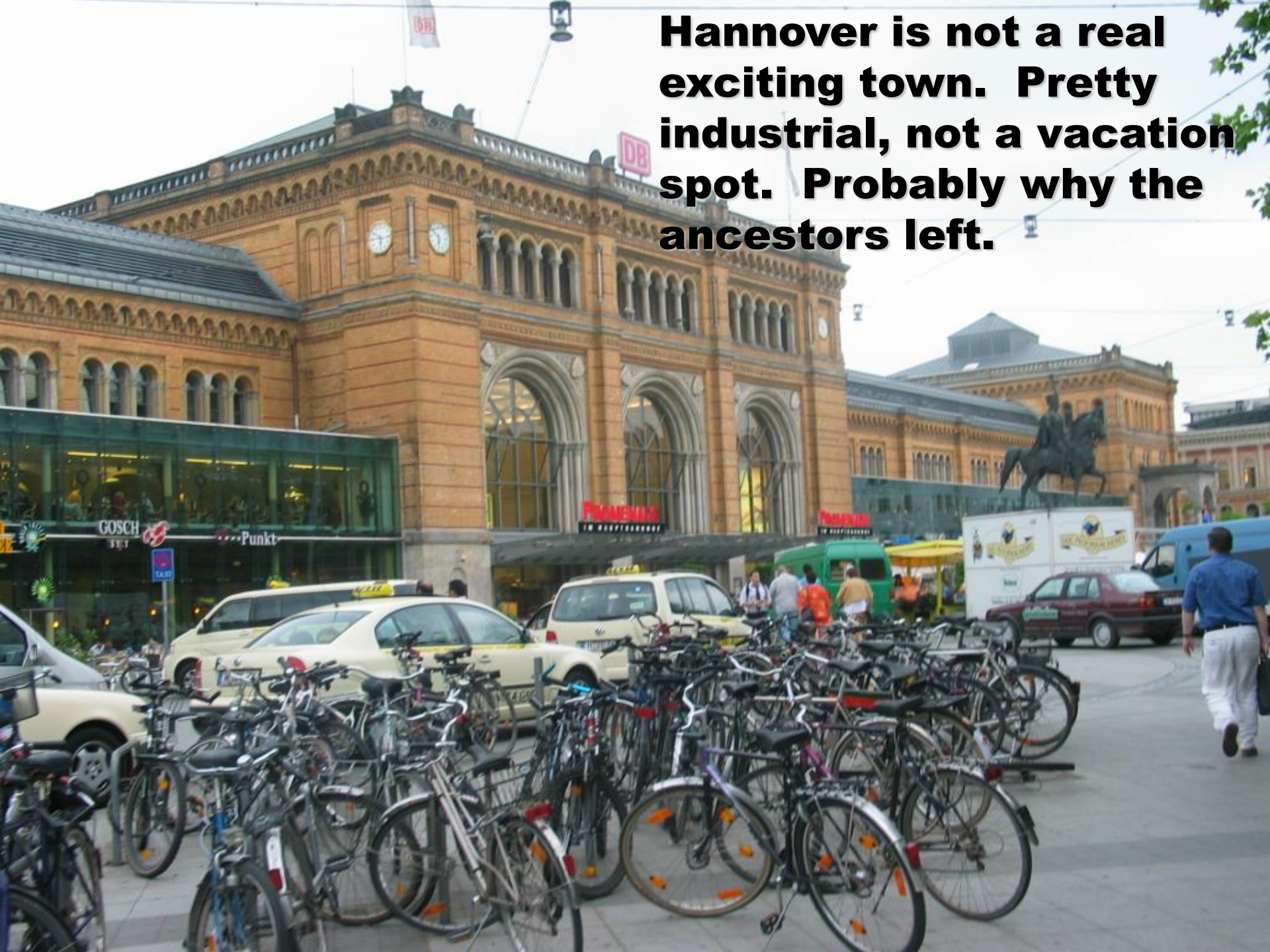
From Würzburg we traveled nearly due north to get to Hannover, the land where Rob's ancestors hailed from. Once we arrived, we drank a quasi-Starbuck's coffee outside the hbf and watched people.





We watched these young pups share a mini-keg. Surely they are mutual descendants from Rob's ancestors.

Hannover is not a real exciting town. Pretty industrial, not a vacation spot. Probably why the ancestors left.





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We stopped at a sidewalk bar for a beer to toast the ancestors and looked at a phone book to see if any Gerlach's remained. Only four pages of em! Since we couldn't get a good photo of the pages, we ripped out the pages



**Our next
jaunt on a
smoky train
car took us
from
Hannover to
where we
spent the
first night in
2000 – Köln.**



We walked around trying to find the Hotel Berg where we stayed in 2000, but were unsuccessful. Found another place. Ate dinner at a sidewalk café.





**By the time we
ate it was
getting kinda
late. We were
right across
from the Koln
cathedral.
Quite a
spectacular
sight.**



We ended the evening with a beer and a Grand Marnier at this little bar near the cathedral before retiring for the night

Zigaretten



Day 9 June 18, 2005

After eating the hotel breakfast we looked through the cathedral again as we did in '00. Just as spectacular as ever.

Old organ





30 ton
organ
suspended in
Köln
cathedral
with 4 steel
rods and an
8 inch gap
between the

KÖLN 1945





Ed searches out possibilities for the day's travel. We decide on Luxembourg. To get there we have to go south to Koblenz, then get another train ticket to Luxembourg

Here was our Koblenz to Luxembourg train



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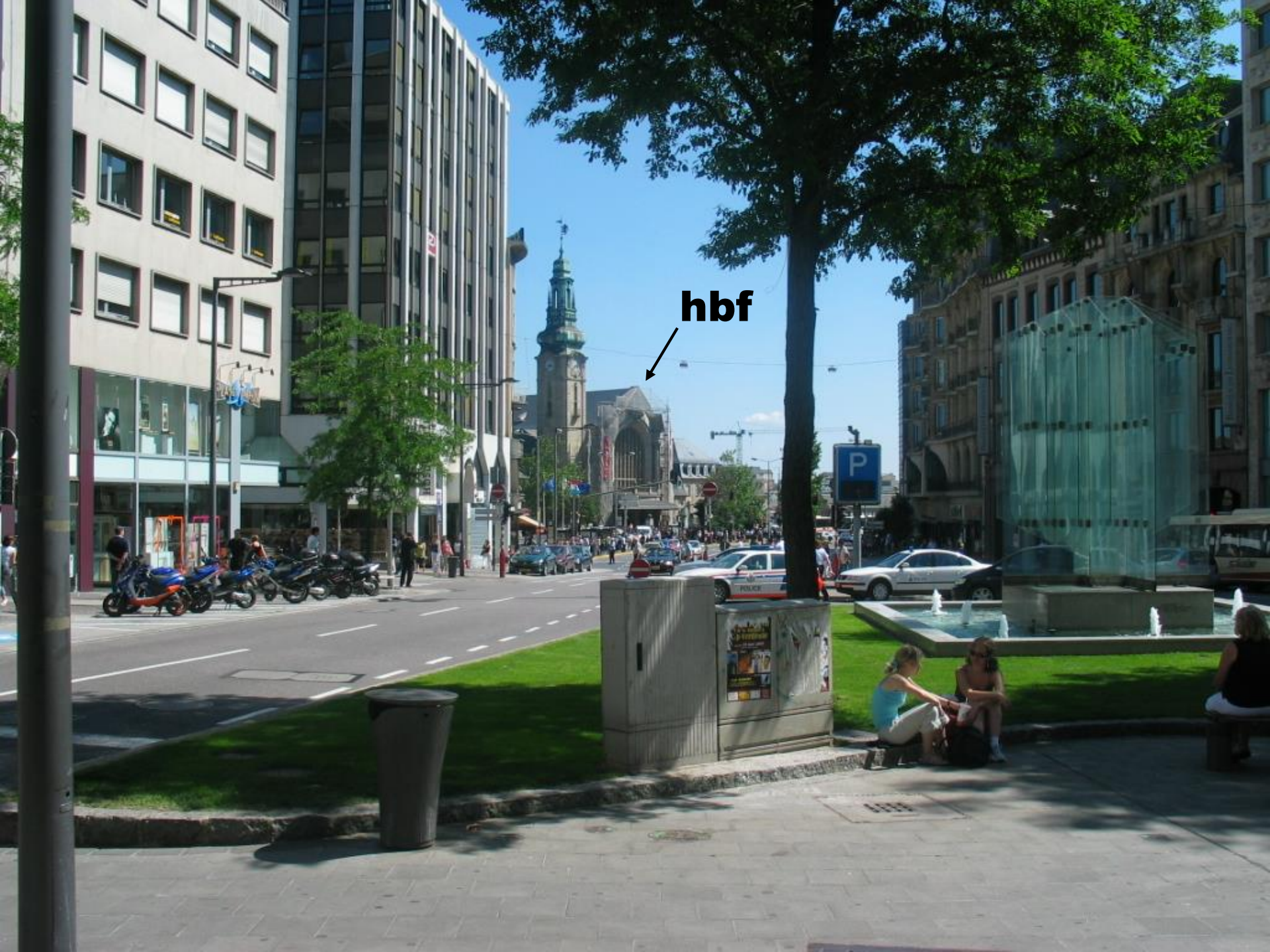
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A 2-hour bus tour of Luxembourg seemed to be the way to go to get a thorough overview. Time allowed a beer and sandwich about 6 blocks from the hbf.





hbf





**Time allowed
another beer at the
hbf in Luxembourg
before going to
Koblenz and
Frankfurt**

We saw many interesting sights on the way back including this huge bridge





**Apfel-
corn
schnapps**



**Good food and drinks
for our last night in
Frankfurt at Baesler Eck**

Walking back to the Frankfurt hotel about 10 at night. It's been a fun trip and we've covered a lot of ground. In the words of Seals & Croft, "Weeeee may never pass this way again...."



Our last night of the trip in Frankfurt drinking Calvados that is only made in the Normandy area of France. By definition, Calvados is Apple Brandy. We're a little sun-scorched from the open-air bus ride in Luxembourg.



**Day 10 June 19,
2005 Frankfurt hbf
heading to the
airport**





As odd as it seems, we flew from Frankfurt to London, to Chicago to Austin. Had this beer with lunch in London

Because of airline delays in London we missed our Chicago flight back to Austin. Managed to catch another. Celebrating with a Chicago/O'Hare beer

We were busy here calculating how many places in France we "marked our turf" paying rent on the beer. Was it 7 or 8?





A word of recognition to Rick Steeves and his crew for their travel books, and of course to Eurail

Another great time was had by all. Thanks again to Ed & Mary Kay for their flyer miles that made this trip possible for both of us.

Thanks to Ottmar & Elfrieda and family for their warm hospitality.

Thanks to Jenny for her warm hospitality and inspiration... oh yea, and translating abilities.

Thanks to the official on the Paris to Munich sleeper train for not charging us hundreds of extra dollars for not having the right ticket or whatever he said the problem was.

Last, and certainly not least, thanks to our wives Mary Kay & Joan for letting us roam, explore, and conquer new and exciting lands and beers.