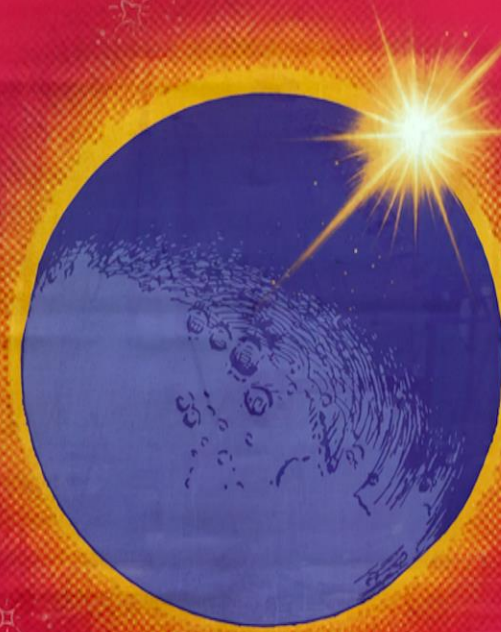


Mediterranean Europe and the August 12 Total Solar Eclipse

August 6-25, 2026

Viva um momento
tão único como
a sua visão.

ZEISS



A ZEISS, em parceria com
a Ciência Viva, patrocina o
Eclipse do Sol de 12 de agosto.

A photograph of two men standing on the deck of a ship. The man on the left is bald, wearing glasses and a dark blue t-shirt with a solar eclipse graphic. The man on the right is wearing a light-colored bucket hat with text, glasses, and a light-colored polo shirt. They are both smiling. In the background, there is a large window looking out onto the ocean and a distant landmass. A third person is partially visible through the window behind them.

Peter K. Detterline
4th trip to Europe

Gary A. Becker
9th trip to Europe

First trip to Europe for Gary in 1963



Ewald Marcus

Departing Newark, August 6, 2026





Gary A. Becker



Morning over the Atlantic





August 7 and 8, Lisbon, Portugal







Convent Square Hotel, Lisbon



Convent Square Courtyard



Insight Cruises Eclipse Pre-Cruise Gathering



Saint George's Castle... Note the steps on the left.





Steep climb to the castle







View while having dinner at St. George's Castle

















Steps to nowhere, 150 in total

















Walk along the Tagus River Starting at St. Vincent Tower

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Monument of the Discoveries



25 de Abril Bridge













Scenes from the Oosterdam, Holland America Line





Embarkation





























August 10, Passing the Rock of Gibraltar





Practicing for the August 12 Total Solar Eclipse









August 11, Alicante, Spain, Castle of Santa Bárbara

























This is more complicated than my income tax.



Calle de Las Setas, The Mushroom Street



La Aguadora: Built in 1898 to celebrate bringing channeled water to the city for the first time.





Australian banyan tree







Government Center, Alicante, Spain









August 12, Cloudy Total Solar Eclipse































August 13, Montserrat (serrated mountain) Benedictine Monastery





















The Black
Madonna of
Montserrat

Fr Michael Smith
Additional processing, G. Becker







Barcelona, Spain,
August 14



Why is
Columbus
pointing to
the East?



Basilica de la
Sagrada Família,
designed by
Antoni Gaudi











Government Center, Barcelona











Departing Barcelona

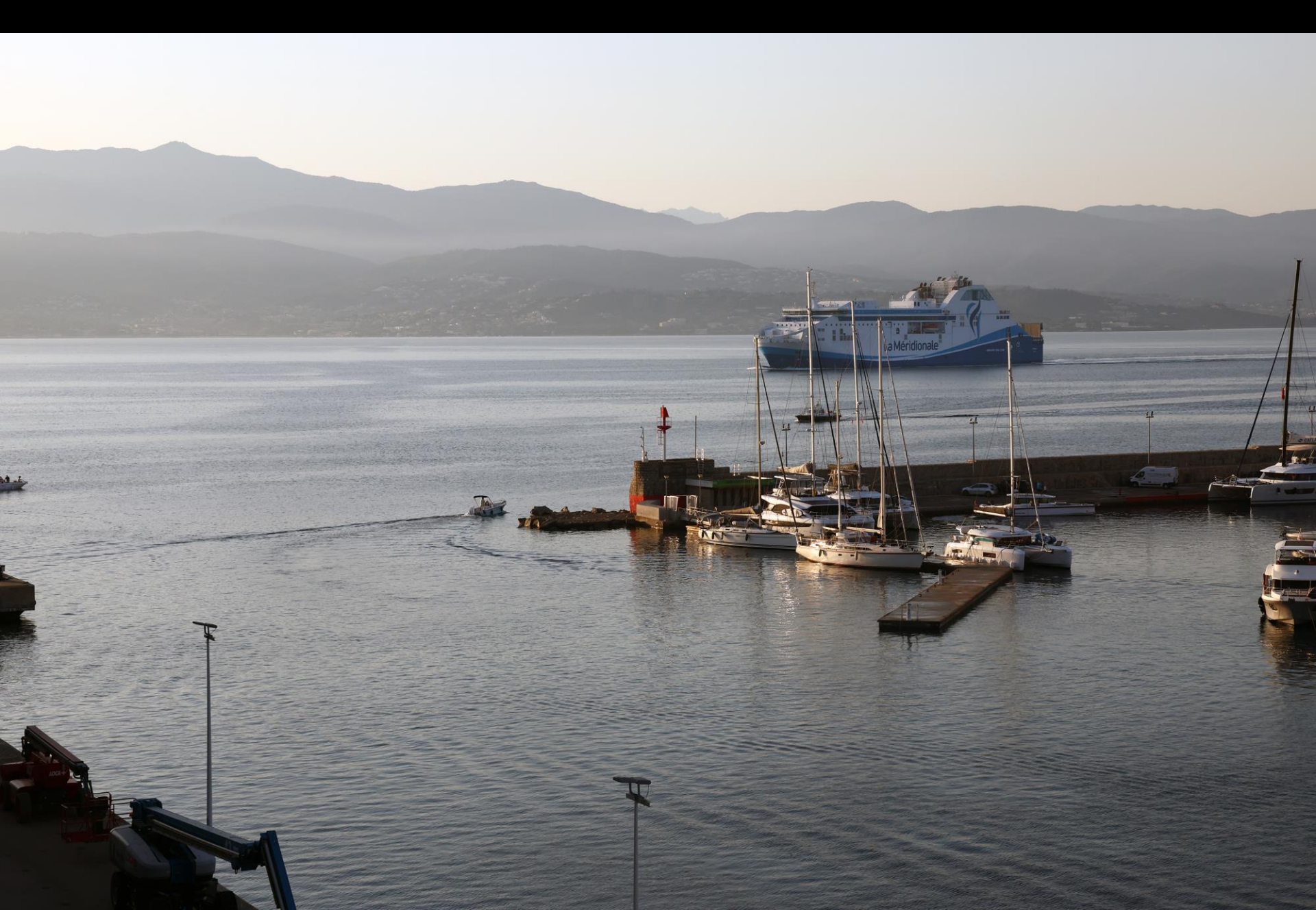






August 16, Ajaccio, Corsica, France, Birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte

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Sanguinaires Islands, Corsica, France









Monument to Napoleon



NAPOLÉON I^{er}
EMPEREUR DES FRANÇAIS
1769-1821

NOUS L'AVONS VU REVIVRE SUPRÊME
DES PREMIERS CHEF L'UN DES GLOUX



MONTENOTTE . MILLESIMO
LODI . CASTIGLIONE
MONDOVI . LES AREOLI
RIVOLI . LES PYRAMIDES
MONT-THABOR . ABOUKIR
PASSAGE DU SAINT-BERNARD
MONTEBELLO . MARENGO
ULM . AUSTERLITZ . JENA
EYLAU . FRIEDLAND . MADRID
ECKMÜHL . ESSLING . WAGRAM
LA MOSKOVA . LUTZEN
BAUTZEN . DRESDE . BRIENNE
CHAMPAUBERT . MONTMIRAIL
NANCY . CRAONNE . LAON
LIGNY . SOUS-FLEURUS

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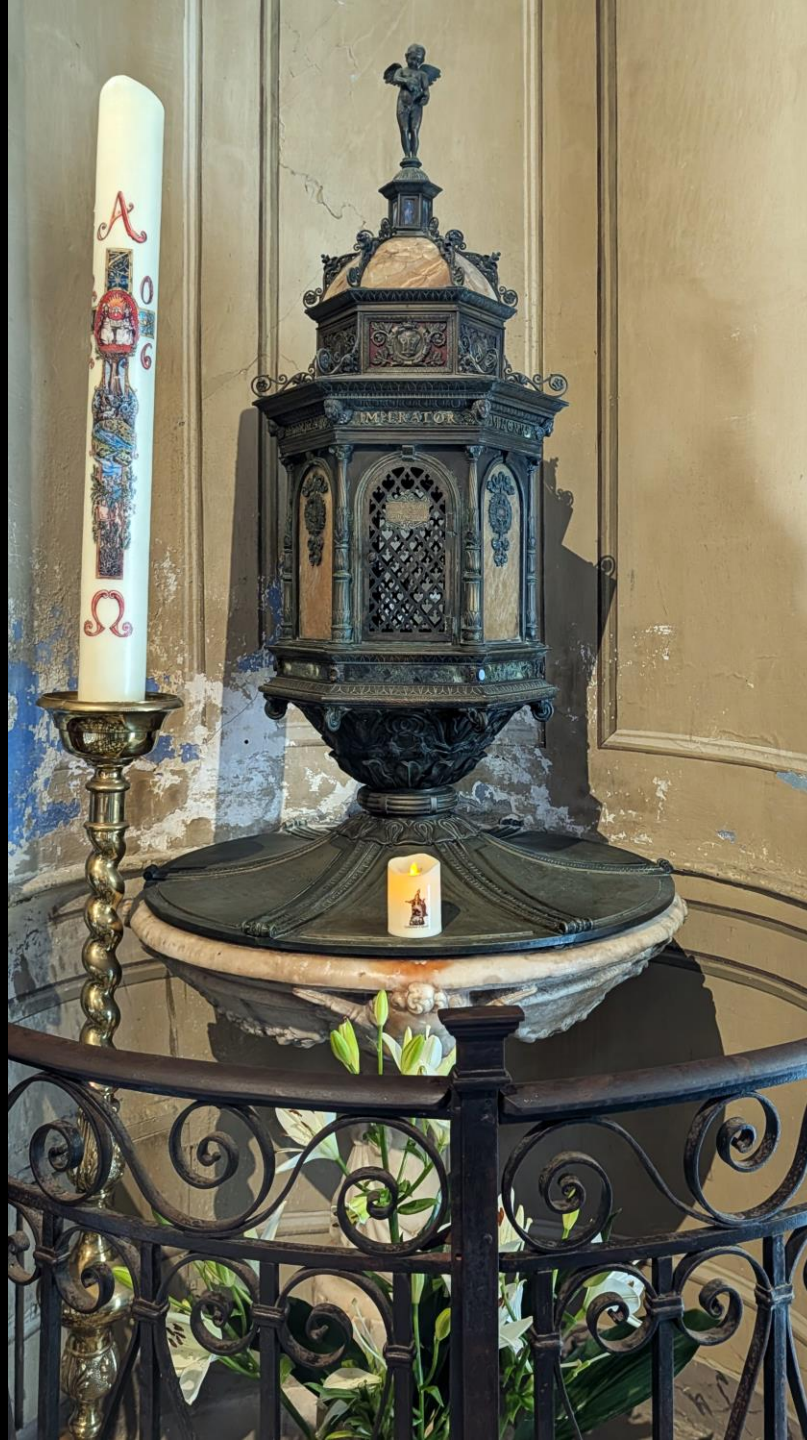


Cathedral of Our Lady of Assumption

Napoleon was baptized
here on July 21, 1771.







Baptismal Font



Napoleon's Birthplace

Napoleon II, 1811-1832



Saint Erasmus (Church),
patron saint of sailors and
fishermen (Notice the boats)



















August 17, Rome



Arch of Constantine, Roman Colosseum





Vespasian Arch/
Arch of Titus





Palatine Hill







Roman Forum area









AMPHITHEATRUM FLAVIUM
DIO MIBUS VETACULUS IN SEGNE
DUX GENTUM IMPRO CULTU DICATUM
MARTIRUM CAUSAM IMPULSANT PRESTITONE
EXPIATUM
NE FORTITUDINIS ANIMUS EXIDERET MEMORIA
MONUMENTUM
A CLEMENTE X P M
AN JUB MD CLXXV
PARLITINUS COLLEGIIS DEPICTUM
TEMPO RUM IN FURIA DELETUM
BENEDICTUS XIV PONT M
MARMO REUM REDDI CURAVIT
AN JUB MD CCL PONT X





















Saint Peter's Basilica













Michelangelo's Pietà





The Baldachin under
the dome of Saint
Peter's Basilica. The
Papal Altar lies
under the Baldachin.





















Gift for Susan









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Tiber River



August 18, Mt. Stromboli, At Sea

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Strait of Messina separating Sicily (left) from the Italian mainland



August 19, Bari, Italy: Basilica of Saint Nicholas







Saint Nicholas
270-343 CE







The Crypt of Saint Nicholas













Castello Normanno-Svevo (Norman-Swabian Castle), Bari







Museum of Castello
Normanno-Svevo













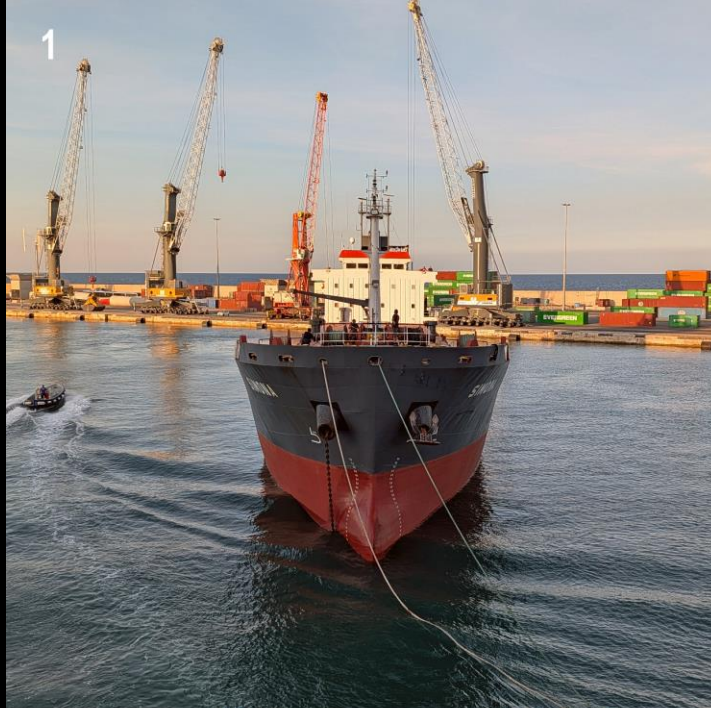


















August 20, Kotor, Montenegro

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Returning to the Oosterdam

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August 21, At Sea

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Corpuscular ray below Venus



Luggage out
by midnight

August 22-25, Athens Greece



Cubes on the Beach



















Tomb of the Unknown Soldier







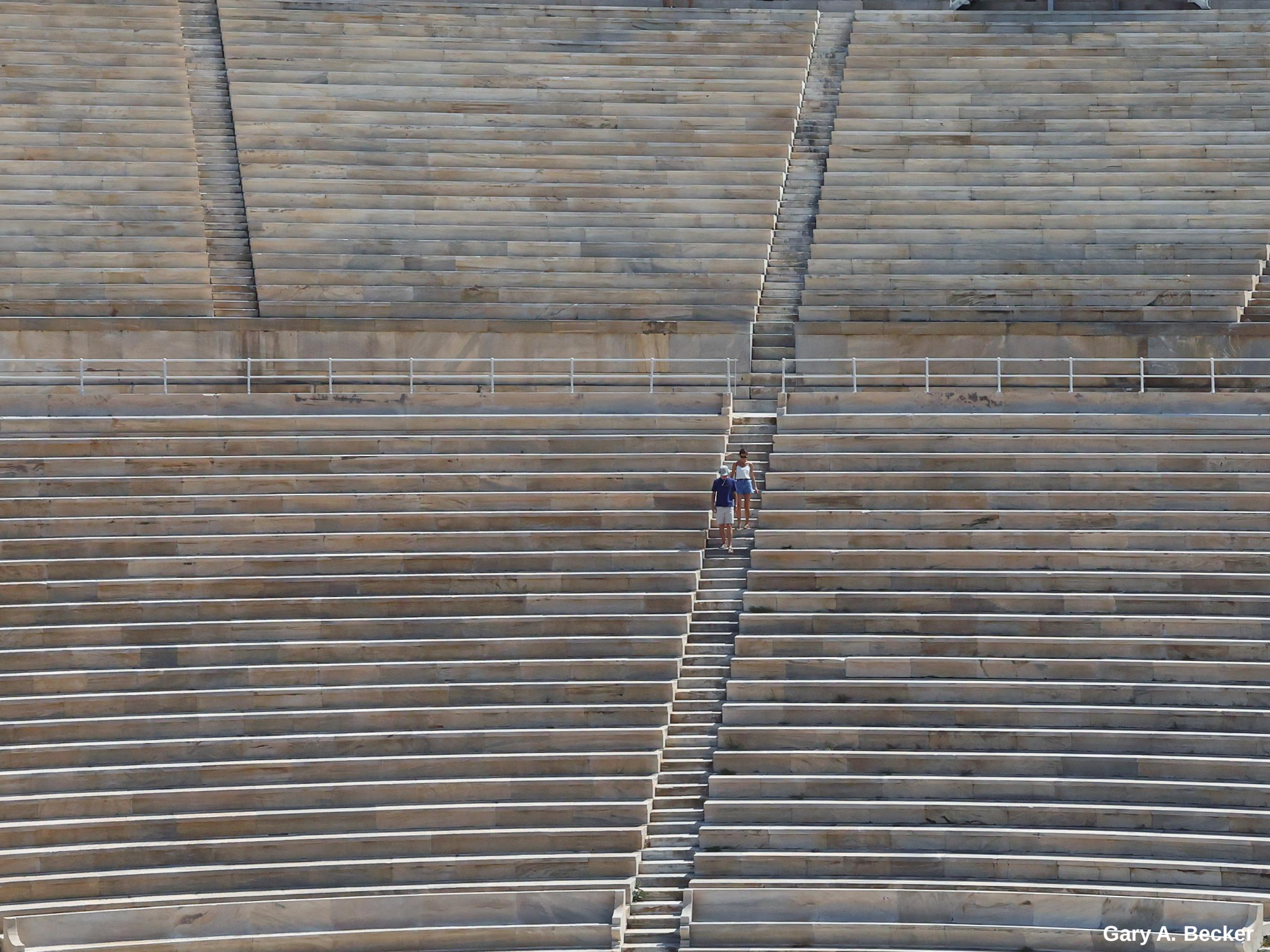


Panathenaic Stadium, site of the first modern Olympics, 1896













Hadrian's Arch





The Modern Athens Agora (meeting place, shopping district)

Tower of the Winds, below



The Ancient Roman Agora of Athens





Stoa of Attalos (Completely destroyed 267 CE, rebuilt 1953, long structure to the left)
This site is the ancient agora of Athens.









Roman Emperor
Antoninus Pius
Ruled 138-161 CE





Temple of Hephaestus







Saint Paul's Rock



The Acropolis from St. Paul's Rock



The Parthenon in 2026



The first image of the Parthenon. It was taken in 1839 by French amateur daguerrotype photographer Pierre-Gustave Joly de Lotbinière

















Temple of Athena Polias











The Temple of Athena Nike



Mount Lycabettus to the right



August 25: Homeward Bound via London



Departing the London area



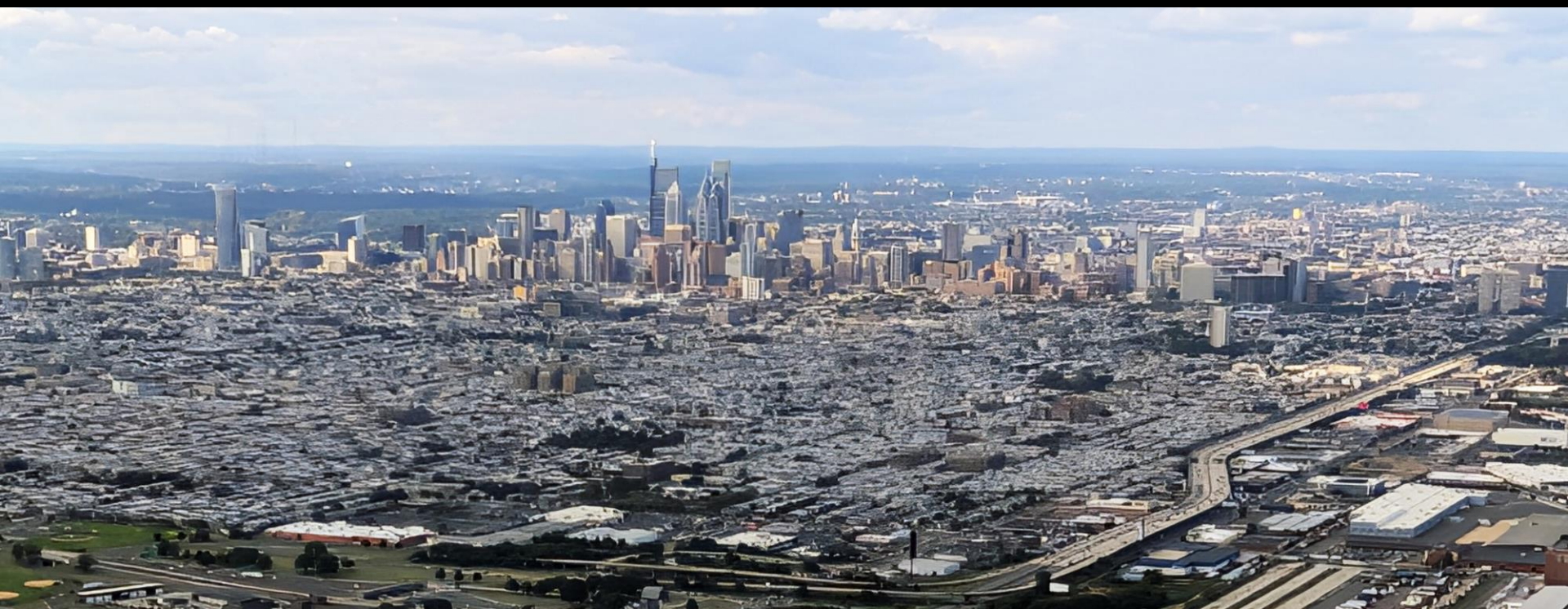


Cape Cod





Philadelphia



Conclusion to a wonderful trip to Mediterranean Europe

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