

The Package

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First thing would be to check my passport, if I can remember where I put it. After endless searching I finally found it, and to my surprise it was still in date. Then there’s travel insurance, for someone of a certain age, and a list of ailments as long as my arm, I would no doubt uninsurable?

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So far, so good. Just the taxis to sort out and my “package Deal” will soon be a reality. My initial nervousness soon changed to excitement, the prospect of meeting new people, staying in a luxury room with a balcony overlooking the harbour, what more can I want?

Well folks, I’ve just collected my currency, my suitcase is neatly packed, so wish me “Bon Voyage” as I jet off to make more memories and a new zest for life.

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