

The year: 1999.

Yet one more year has pasted through. We believed that a lot had happened for in the year 1998. But at the same time last year we didn't know the year 1999.

The start of the year was not too good for Claus. For the first time ever he was unemployed. Luckily it didn't last longer than the middle of February. Claus is now working just 10 km. (6 Mi.) from our place.

It was also the year where Marianne April 1. 1999 could celebrate her 25th anniversary at the same job.

As usual we have been traveling a lot this year. In the last week in January all our children and we went to Norway for skiing. In the Easter we were in France visiting Flemming and Bis in their rebuild house. It has now grown to a normal size. So now it's not "la petit maison" (the small house) any longer. During our stay in France we spend a really nice evening by Nicole and Alain (Flemming and Bis's friends) in Clermont Ferrand. (Central France)

This Easter it was a wonderful weather in France, with temperature over 20 C (app. 70 F).

Our summer vacation (holiday) was something special this year. We looked really deep in our wallet/pocket-book and decided then to go to Canada and USA for 4 weeks.

We had 4 weeks with so many experiences that it's hard to describe.

We left Copenhagen airport June 24 going via London to Toronto in Canada. In Toronto Marianne's aunt (Else), uncle (Verner) and cousin (Torben) picked us up in the airport. We were living by Else and Verner during our stay in Canada. During our stay we also said hallo to Laila and Alex (cousins). We had some very nice days in Toronto where we together with Laila saw Toronto downtown incl. CN-Tower. We were also in Niagara Falls together with Else and Verner. We hope some day, to have the opportunity to pay back all the hospitality we met in Canada.



CN Tower and lunch in CN Tower at 350 meter (app. 1050 feet)



Dinner at Else and Verner



After some days in Toronto we began crossing USA. Our first stop in the United States was Monroe in Iowa where we visited Joe and Jackie. Joe and Jackie were the family where Cecilia lived when she was exchange student in 1995/96. We had a nice day and evening together with Joe and Jackie. We stayed the night with Joe and Jackie. The next day we were going west

Our next stops was Mount Rushmore in South Dakota

Joe, Jackie, Marianne and Jette just before take off.



After Mount Rushmore we were going further west to Yellowstone in Wyoming. Yellowstone has the largest number of geysers in the world. Furthermore there is quite a lot of buffaloes, deers and other wild animals.

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A Buffalo so close than one could hear it eating the grass. We stayed in the car!



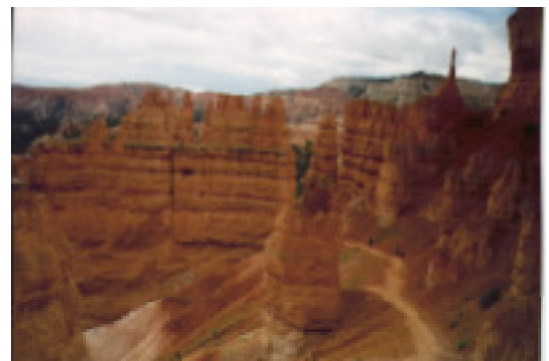
Old Faithful.
Old Faithful erupt app. every hour using app. 13.000 l (3.400 gal.) boiling water every time.

We stayed 3 days in Yellow Stone.

Now we turned south going to Bryce Canyon in Utah. As we were going south the temperature change from warm to hot.



A couple of the spectacular sight in Bryce Canyon



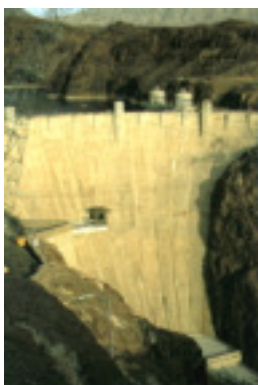
Bryce Canyon is rather small. You can't say that about Grand Canyon. Our next target only 200 km (125 mi.) from Bryce Canyon.



Yes we have been in Grand Canyon for hiking. The picture of Marianne and Claus is taken way down in Grand Canyon.

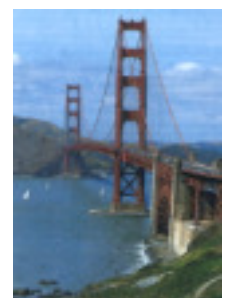


We think that both Bryce Canyon and Grand Canyon are places one must see. They are both so fantastic. Marianne and Claus were "just a little tired" after waking almost down and up Grand Canyon in one day. But as somebody says in the US - "the show must go on" Therefore - Next day we were going to Las Vegas via Hoover Dam.



Hoover Dam
An impressive construction, build about 1930. We were also inside the dam and saw the turbines in the bottom of the dam.

We spent only one night in Las Vegas. the next day we were going to San Francisco. We spent 3 days here. We were living in downtown at Lombard street.



Golden Gate & Cable cars

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After San Francisco the journey went on to Los Angeles along the coast highway. There is app. 800 km (500 mi.) to go. In Los Angeles we saw Disney Land - Hollywood and Beverly Hills.

After a couple of days in LA we spent the last 5 days in San Diego. San Diego is very close to the Mexican border. So of course we went to Mexico a couple of times. The only "must" in San Diego was to see Seaworld, which we did.



But we had decided that we would spend some days on the beach without doing anything special.

We actually were pretty tanned when we were going home to Denmark.

Also in San Diego we stayed in a Motel Six. Even it's rather cheap to stay in a Motel Six it was possible to see the ocean from our room.



That's the way a Motel Six room looks. No matter where you stay in all US the rooms were exactly the same. And yet - In Yellowstone the Motel Six was totally different from all the others Motel Six.

We think it looked more like a Norwegian hotel both inside and outside.

We arrived to Denmark on Friday. Marianne was really tough and started working already Monday. Claus had a week at home before he started in his new job.

After being in USA, Jette has decided to be an exchange student for one year in USA next year. She doesn't yet know where she is going to stay.

Klaus (Marianne's eldest son) has been a shipping man after two years education in the middle of July. August the 1 he started in a new job in England.



Cecilia graduated from high school in the middle of June.



Look how happy she is. We were all very proud.

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The autumn and the start of the winter has been a quiet period until December the 3 where a hurricane went over our country. The wind was blowing as fast as 180 km/h (app. 110 Mi./h) We lost our roof on our outhouse. But except for that there was no serious damage.

The autumn 1999 was the year where Marianne and Claus started on a French course on high school level.

1999 was the year where:

Marianne	April the 1	could celebrate her 25 th anniversary.
Marianne	April the 17	got one year older (her birthday)
Cecilia	May the 1	celebrated her 20 th birthday
Klaus	May the 28	celebrated his 23 rd birthday
We	June the 13	celebrated our one year wedding anniversary
Jette	June the 19	celebrated her 15 th birthday
Klaus	July the 15	was educated as a shipping man.
Henrik	November the 23	celebrated his 21 st birthday
Claus	November the 27	celebrated his 47 th birthday (now one year older than his wife)