

The Year 2007

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Once more we celebrated the New Year in France in a really nice weather. At December 31 in the afternoon we had a walk in the mountains in just T-shirts. We were sorry that we had not put on shorts.



Those two pictures are taken Dec. 31 at 4.30 pm.

At January 1 it was also a very nice weather with temperatures close to 20 C. Therefore we took a drive to Perpignan for walking at the beach. January 1 is the day where the French are using the afternoon for taking a walk at the beach boulevard showing their wife – husband – children etc. in their most handsome clothes.



This year was the second time we had a New Year walk in Perpignan

The very beautiful boulevard along the Mediterranean sea and one of the piers out in the sea.

January 2 the weather was still very nice – so we decided to have lunch at a very beautiful point of view in the mountains. There is a walk for app. 4 km. up to the point of view. After such a walk the lunch was delicious.



January 2, in the evening Jette and Jonas were going to visit us. But before they arrived it had turned to January 3. They had flown to Barcelona in Spain and were then going to drive from Barcelona to us in France. It's a drive for about 270 km. But their new navigations system teased them and conducted them to a place far north of our place. After several phone talks it succeeded to find out where they was. At that time, in the middle of the night, they had almost run out of gas and couldn't find a gas station. Lucky - we had a 20 l container in witch we could put some petrol. Then it was only to go the 150 km to the place where they were parking. It was almost morning before we were back in Saint Martin Lys.



A picnic at Mijarnés. Our local ski area only 30 km. from our place. In the beginning of January there was no snow at all. But still it's a very beautiful place with a fantastic nature and magnificent view.



We had some very nice days together with Jette and Jonas and some very nice trips in our area of France.

Jette and Jonas went back to Denmark from Barcelona January 6.

Also in 2007 we were in Saint Martin Lys during the Easter. We went to France the weekend before Easter and went back Easter Monday. In this way we had a rather long vacation/holiday. Normally we are driving in the Easter. In this way we are going from winter in Denmark to a very beautiful springtime in France. But this time we were going by airplane to Gerona (Spain) app. 160 km. south of our place.

Our summer vacation/holiday was something special this year. The first 8 days we were in Finland where we the first couple of days stayed at Lars and Päivi (Cecilia's parents in law) in Riihimäki a little north of Helsinki.

Then we drove the 200 km. from Riihimäki (in fact it's easy to pronounce when you first have learned it) to Turku where Cecilia and Teemu have bought a house in a suburb called Raisio. They had bought a nice two plane house where they are doing a lot of work making it their house.

We stayed there for a couple of days and went then to the Aland Isles / Ahvenanmaa isles between Finland and Sweden. We stayed there for one night and were also doing a lot of driving to see the islands. Already the next day we took the ferry back to Turku. The voyage between the Aland Isles / Ahvenanmaa isles is a very beautiful trip in the archipelago. The worlds most beautiful the Finns say. The last days we stayed by Cecilia and Teemu and had some really nice days together with them. We had gone by plane from Copenhagen to Helsinki and instead of going back to Copenhagen we went by plane to Barcelona and then drove the app. 250 km. from Barcelona up to Saint Martin Lys. In this way we could have a vacation/holiday both in Finland and France. In 2005 Claus had his purse/wallet stolen in Barcelona. This time Marianne show solidarity and had her rucksack/backpack stolen with her purse, passport, driving licence etc. Marianne had nothing left except her self. We had the credit closed at once and in couple of days she also had temporary passport so we could go back to Denmark. It's impossible to go by plane without a passport. They were very helpful in our local consulate in France.



Marianne in front of Lars og Päivis house in Riihimäki



Together with Lars and Päivi we are having something to drink in the beautiful Finnish summer. All the time we stayed in Finland it was a really nice weather.



On the voyage to the Aland isles/ahvenanmaa isles you are sailing very close to the small islands and rocks



One of the windmills on the Aland isles/ Ahvenanmaa isles



Cecilia and Teemus lovely dog "Bella" wrapped in three blankets without any protest. After a long time we had to take them of our selves. One of the last days at Cecilia and Teemu Bella had a bad stomach

So it was a god thing that we could take care of her while Cecilia and Teemu were working.

September 8 Heidi turned 30 and was celebrated in Grenå in Jutland. Heidi thought there only were her, Henrik and the two children to celebrate her. But Henrik had arranged a surprise party. We were a lot waiting for her when they were coming down for having a quiet supper.



Isabella got quite shy with all that people.



Uncle Mogens performs.

In November both Henrik and Claus could celebrate theirs birthdays in Saint Martin Lys. November 22 we went together with Heidi, Henrik, Nikolas and Isabella by plane to Gerona in north Spain and drove up to Saint Martin Lys. In this way we could celebrate Henrik's 29th birthday November 23 in Saint Martin Lys. It was really nice to have Henrik, Heidi and the two grandchildren together with us in France. We all really enjoyed being together and just doing what we wanted to do. Especial Nikolas enjoyed just walking over to our house seeing what we were doing and saying hello. Our two houses are very close to each other and there is no traffic because the roads are so narrow that no cars can pass through. November 27 we flew back. This day is Claus's birthday – so we celebrated the birthday in the morning before going to Gerona. A special kind of birthday in France, Spain and Denmark + 3 hours in a plane.



Nikolas is checking up whether there are some fish in the Aude river and the grandmamma is checking up her grandson.



Knight Nikolas with his sister Isabella

Picnic at our first point of view.





Nikolas and Isabella at cousin Cecilie conformation – they are cute - don't you think?

Also this year there have been family get together on both sides of the family. It's a really nice tradition we took up in 1998.

The year 2007 was also the year where Klaus and Mette bought a house in Hvidover (Copenhagen)

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Mette	January 11	turned 28
Marianne	April 17	could celebrate her birthday
Cecilia	May 1	turned 28
Klaus	May 28	turned 31
Vi	June 13	could celebrate our wedding anniversary
Jette	June 19	turned 23
Isabella	June 22	turned 2
Nikolas	July 21	turned 4
Teemu	July 27	turned 29
Heidi	September 9	turned 30
Jonas	September 16	turned 26
Henrik	November 23	turned 29
Claus	November 27	turned 55 (and once more one year older than Marianne)



Perhaps there were now snow in south France in January 2007 – But December 14 2007 there was a lot of snow.

This is just a little something from our *Year 2007*