



ARIZONAS WESTCOAST

... OR WHO THE HECK BUILD A BRIDGE IN THE DESERT?

For years Beate and I visited Arizona West coast, better known as the Colorado River, the natural border to California. Reason for our first visit more than 2 decades ago: we saw the unbelievable story of an Oil baron, who had purchased a bridge. The London Bridge once stood in London, England and crossed the Thames River. Stone by stone was transported to the USA and rebuild in a desert stretch on **Lake Havasu**. Over the years more and more Tourist came to visit this bridge, that still has marks from German Air Attacks of WW II.



Now you find a little London Village with pubs, stores, restaurants and Boat rentals. Around this a city of nearly 55.000 grow!!!! Nice Golf courses, marinas, luxury homes and winter temperatures of 70° are the biggest attractions nowadays. This time of the year you also find a lot of “snowbirds” like us, who enjoy the blue sky, crystal clear waters and



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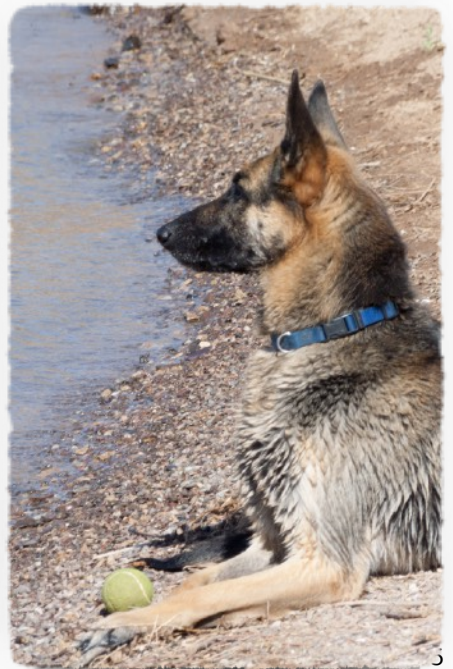
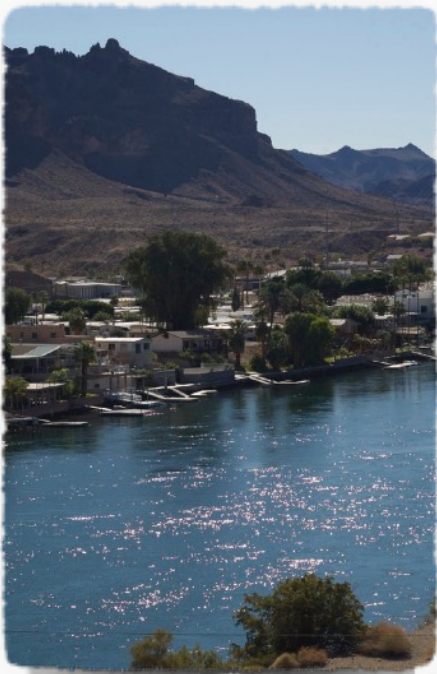
If your heart, your wife or your religion do not permit such activities,
than there are other areas you might enjoy!





With or without half naked teenager this place is a dream for soul and spirit. If you need a relaxing vacation, come to Lake Havasu in spring. You will not regret it!





The last 5 years we stayed in Ruidoso, New Mexico over Easter. There we opened our camping season and met with great friends for Easter breakfast, lunch or dinner. This year was different, but the sweets, colored eggs and some great food helped us to overcome the lack of close friends!



The Mother Road of the USA: Route 66. For more than 3944 Kilometer from Los Angeles on the West coast across the continent to Chicago on Lake Michigan. In 1977 they dropped the US-Highway, because the Interstate system took over. But nostalgic people with find still Striches of the original Route. You might remember, when we visited Saint Louis in Nov of 2015 I posted some info's in Newsletter No. 10 (Chain of Rocks Bridge). This time we explored a famous stretch between Topok und Kingman in Arizona.



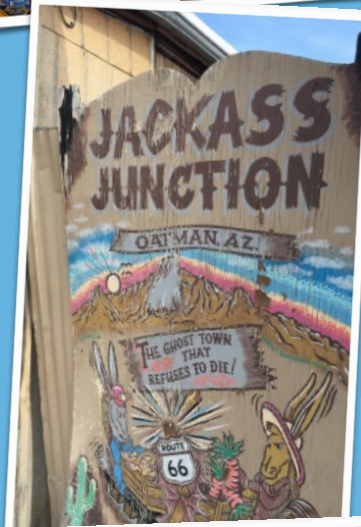
ROUTE 66

HIGHWAY 66 IS STILL FULFILLING DREAMS FOR TRAVELLERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

FOR MANY IT IS A PILGRIMAGE A QUEST, A RITE-OF-PASSAGE THE ROAD SYMBOLIZES A SIMPLER, SLOWER, SAFER TIMES WE USED TO KNOW

TRAVELLING OLD ROUTES ALIVE





In every corner old cars will tell you the story about the good old 50th and 60th. Turn the radio on and you get your kicks on route 66!



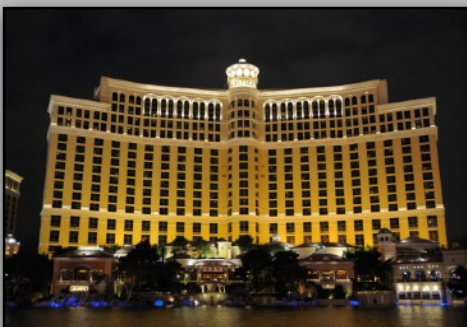
Even for our 20th time - we have to visit the Sin City Las Vegas



Beate and I don't gamble, we don't smoke, we don't participate in an congress, we don't look for another partner and Gucci, Ferrari, Rolex, Louis Vuitton und Cartier are not our preferred stores (they don't take coupons or give senior discounts).

So, why are we still coming back? Why can't we without this very expensive city? A beer will cost you \$ 8, a margarita \$12? The time when you could get a 99 cents shrimp cocktail are over!

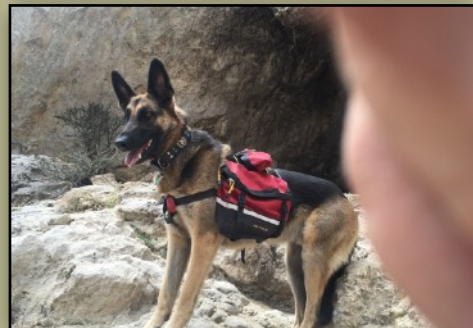
We are Voyeures and like to watch people from all over the globe: here a rich couple just lost \$ 167.000 and is still smiling, here an old lady in the midd 70th smokes her extra long cigarette and is locking for her last 25 cents and there are couples with bags and stuff, most our annual income would not fill them. On the other side of the road you see your 15th. Chinese tourist group of the day, guided by a guy who directs the group with the 100 photo cameras to every casino. Every 5 seconds on photo. In between we see big and tall, beautiful and... just the opposite, young and old, rich and poor! All this in front of millions of lights, fountains and buildings. That is what we like.





If you want you'll find great food in Las Vegas. The last couple of years, instead of gambling, we visit ÓTTÓ, a Italian restaurant owned by the famous chef Mario Batali. a great Nero D'avolo wine from Sicilia, cold cuts from Toscani and cheese from all Italian regions. Dolce Vita! That is heaven for us!





This is also Las Vegas: in only 30 minutes you are a mile high and in the middle of snow! Mount Charleston 3632 m high. In the 50th tourists used the top to view atomic tests in the Nevada desert nearby! Unbelievable. We climbed for 5 hours to a nice waterfall and enjoyed the much cooler temperatures and the humidity. On the other hand, being this high after week of 500 feet ==> we felt the lack of oxygen and had some hard puffs on our way up!!

Our Alfa needed a bath. A mobile RV wash did that very reasonable and with great quality. So I could use the Jacuzzi after that mountain climbing.

Las Vegas has some nice campgrounds! And the sun Hmmmmm



BELLA ITALIA?

Only minutes away from the Strip in Vegas: another world. Cobble stones, no traffic, quietness, once in a while a Vespa motorcycle, small Cafés and Italian Restaurants.

Nearby villas, palazzos and Golf resorts for people I mentioned 3 pages before. Beaches, pools and a lake with a cruise ship on it!

Bella Italia in Nevada. Where does the water comes from?

It's Vegas used water from the treatment plant before it goes back into Lake Mead! No joke, the water is pumped up!

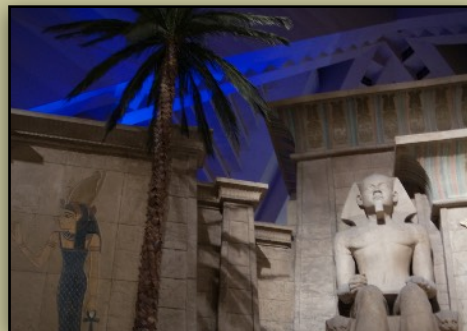
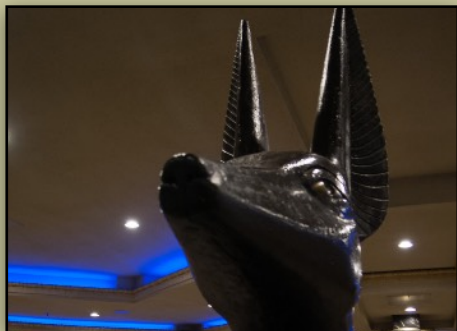


Red Rock Canyon





And then we found my old VW Golf in front of the Luxor Hotel. The new owner was on vacation. Small world!
We also met with two old time friends, one came from Germany, the other from El Paso. So we spend the afternoon with great talks together, had some food and walked the Strip.





LOST and Found: was sonst uns so beschäftigte



In Vegas you have to walk a lot. If your shoes doesn't make it and your are not the Gucci type than spend 10 buck on a machine for emergency footwear! In red, blue or black - for male and female and in between!

Enough Sin City. We want the coast.
California's Pacific is calling!
Two days!

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That's it for today.
We are 260 days on the road!

All the best

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