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WHAT READERS ARE SAYING...

Dear Zachery,

I'm encouraged by how you mention that you'd want to share these experiences with your wife. Because experiences are meant to be shared with our loved ones. Kudos to you!

Cheers, Janice.

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INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone, I'm Zachery Lin. I believe that everyone on this earth has a purpose to fulfil and a message to bring to this world to make it a better place. For me, I too have a message for you... here's my story.

How would you feel if one of your best holidays turned out to be your worst nightmare? Well, that's exactly what happened to me.



I can still remember vividly, as if it just happened yesterday...

“Ma! Ma! Can I go? Please? Can I? Can I” I asked, (trying to) giving her my best puppy look even though I was already 14 years old. I just came back from school and trying to act cute.

“Go where?” my mum asked.

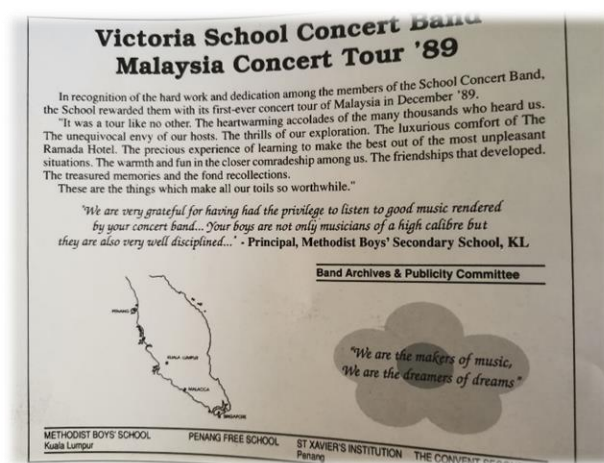
“To Malaysia, for a concert band tour!” I replied excitedly.

“Band Tour? Malaysia? For what?” She asked

“It’s the band first ever tour! In recognition of the hard work and dedication that we had put in, the school is rewarding us. 1st time ever! Never before!” I was nearly shouting at this point.

She turned and looked at me. “Slow down kiddo. Which part of Malaysia? How long? Who’s going? Will it be dangerous?”

“It’s a band tour, Mom! How dangerous can it be?!” I retorted. I then filled in the details.



And after much persuasion and begging, she relented.

I have always enjoyed playing music. Naturally, the chance to perform and on an overseas trip was like a dream come true!

Oh yeah! I was elated!

Can’t wait...lots of sleepless nights followed...



The wait was finally over! The day finally came. We boarded the bus chartered by the school. There was lots of singing, joking and of course, tons of snacks!

They say time passes quickly when you are having fun and true enough, before we realized it, we had arrived at the 1st stop, Malacca.

“Seniors, please guide your juniors to their respective rooms & let’s gather at the resort lobby in 15 minutes time.”, said Mr. Leong, the school band teacher. “Since it is a Sunday and we still have a little bit of time left for the day, we are going to have a beach soccer game!”

“Yeah! Go go go!” we all shouted and quickly rushed to our assigned rooms. Dumped our stuff on the bed and wasted no

time in racing down to the lobby. Probably one of those rare times where we were earlier than required.

Soon, we find ourselves on the beautiful beach, kicking the ball here, there, everywhere and, needless to say, having best time of our life!

Since young, I have been a plus sized kid.

Naturally my reaction was on the slow side. So, I did not see anyone approaching until I heard someone shouted out,

“Look out! Renning is coming!”

I turned and saw this guy approaching the goal post. I was the defender. Feeling fearless (this guy is by no means physically small but neither was I!), Friend or stranger, I didn’t care. I charged at him, determined not to let the ball pass, not on my watch.

Renning saw me coming. Stopped the ball and waited for me. He grinned. We must have been no more than 2 feet from each other.





He kicked.

I did not know whether he intended to shoot or pass.

All I know is, I felt an immense sharp pain on my left foot.

He missed!

I fell to the ground, holding my feet.

“Sucks! Sorry! I’m so sorry!” he said. “Are you ok? Did it hurt?” he looked sincere and apologetic.

“Of course it hurts, what do you think?” I thought to myself.

“Why don’t I give you a kick and see how you feel?!” I wanted to say to him.

But I didn’t.

Instead, I managed a smile, “A bit... but I’ll be ok.”

I mustered my remaining strength and managed to stand. And immediately went down again. My foot could not hold the weight anymore, not in its current condition.

By then, some of the other bandmates have started to gather around me. I didn't know most of them. But all of them had that genuine concerned look.

Mr. Leong came and helped me up.

“Can you walk?” he asked

“I think so....” I replied, in pain.

“Ok, let's sit down by that bench and see how bad it is” he said.

We walked, well, he did. I limped to the nearest bench. He removed my left shoe gently and took out the sock.



“It is not that bad.” He said after a quick visual examination. “It is swollen, but I believe you are going to be ok. Will you be able to limp back to the resort? I have some medication back in my room.”

I nodded, feeling more disappointed than the pain of a swollen foot.

When we reached the hotel lobby, Mr. Leong quickly asked the hotel staff to help get some ice and a towel & helped me to my room.

He then placed the wrapped ice on my now-getting-even-bigger foot.



“Here. Hold it for 15min. I’ll go get medication.” He said.

By the time he finished applying the oilment, it was already 630pm.

“Rest. Try not to move around too much. I will order room service for you later. I’ll call your family shortly.” He said.

And that signaled the end of my 1st ever band camp...

The next day, the swelling seems to have gotten worse. The left foot is now twice the size of the right one!

“Geez! What is happening?! How is that even possible?!” I wondered, somewhat worried. My left foot now looked like pig’s trotters...

By now, my parents have already arrived at the resort lobby, ready to pick me home.

I still remembered my mom berating me along the way. “Not dangerous you said?! Right...” she said repeatedly.

I could only look down, holding my silence, tears flowing down my cheeks that day...

Just a short 1 week later, the swelling has gone down, and my life seemed to be back to normal.



That is, until my mom asked how I got a bump above my left eye.

Bump? What bump? I did not even know there was a thing that popped up. It did not hurt, not unless I pressed on it.

So, we went to a GP to check have it checked out. The diagnosis was, in layman's terms, nothing to be concerned with. Take some antibiotics, apply some cream and should be fine.



Or so he said....

Another week gone. The bump was still there. Now, when I pressed it, my left eye started to twitch. Last week, it did not.

Now it was my turn to start feeling worried.

My mom decided we should go to a hospital to have a second opinion.



The young doctor took a look, touched here and there, asked whether it hurt, then took some tests, etc. The whole consultation took about 30 minutes. In the end, he told us he suspected it was a water clog of sort and that a day surgery was needed.

Wait! What! Cut me up?! I was horrified.

But my mom looked relieved.

Mom later explained that day surgery usually meant it was a minor operation, which also meant it was a small matter. She also explained that the surgery would last at most 2hrs and I could go home the same day.

So, a date was scheduled, and I was supposed to go under the knife 2 days from that day.

When the day came, I remembered being quite calm, probably because mom was there. Soon, the doctor came in, explained the procedures, etc to which I understood none of it, of course.

I only saw my mom nodding and that was all the assurance I needed.

The nurse helped me changed into an odd-looking gown and explained she needed to shave off my left eyebrow. I looked at my mom. I still remembered her calm smile. Everything would be fine, I said to myself.

Soon after, I was pushed into the operating theatre. I caught a glimpse of the time. It was near 10am in the morning.



The nurse then put a mask over my face and asked me to breathe.

And I did not know what happened thereafter...

I remembered feeling semi-groggy when I woke up. Could not really make out where I was. Plus the room was bright. All I could see were figurine shadows of 3 people against the light.

“Mom...?” I muttered.

“Yes darling... mummy’s here.” Her voice was trembling. It sounded as if she was crying.

Her warm hands touched mine.



“When can we go home?” I asked.

And that was when I KNEW she had been crying.

By then, my mind has cleared, and I could see, in front of me, were both my parents and the young doctor.

I could also see my mom, with her red blood shot eyes.

“What happened?” I wondered.

The young doctor sat next to me, tried to explain to me what transpired.

It seemed that when he opened me up, he discovered that the issue was much more complex than he originally diagnosed. And it was after a gruesome 8-hour operation that the team sewed me up, with a lump still popped up above my left eye.

8 hours!

I had been out for a day!

That revelation hit me like a bullet train.

How could a simple 2hr day surgery turned into an 8hr long operation that eventually led to it being aborted??!



My head started to hurt, again.

I did not understand what was happening. My mom was not in a good state. My dad was never good with words.

All I wanted was to go back to sleep, thinking that I should be dreaming. That none of this was real...

When I woke up again, it was night time. Only my mom was there. She sat there, next to my bed, her hands on mine.

I remembered her telling me what happened. That the lump is too big for the doctor to remove. And it was rested on some sensitive nerves. And that the young doctor was not specialized in neurosurgery...

“It’s going to fine. Mummy’s here”. That was all I could remember from that all “briefing”.

My brothers and I have been close when we were young and talked about anything under the sky.



This time, however, only after much begging & coaxing, I later learnt from my elder brother that my mom nearly fainted when

the young doctor came out from the operating room and informed them that the job was too complex for him to carry out...

It must have been hell for my parents to hear this from the doctor. I could only imagine the anguish that they felt at that moment.

A few days later, we were seated in a huge room and was facing this relatively senior doctor, Dr James Khoo. He was quiet, reading my medical file. After a while, he put it down and said I had to undergo some more tests, including MRI.



Things went swiftly from there onwards. Tests were carried out, schedules were hammered down and soon I found myself in that familiar awkward looking gown again, being prepared for surgery... yet again.

When I woke up this time, I only saw a smiling Mom. She told me the operation went smoothly this time and not to be worried.



While I was glad to hear but I felt funny though, as if there was something hanging from my head. I tried feeling around. I touched a tube. And I saw a bottle next to the bedside. There was a tube connected to the bottle.

It dawned on me then that there was a tube out from my head that was connected to the bottle!

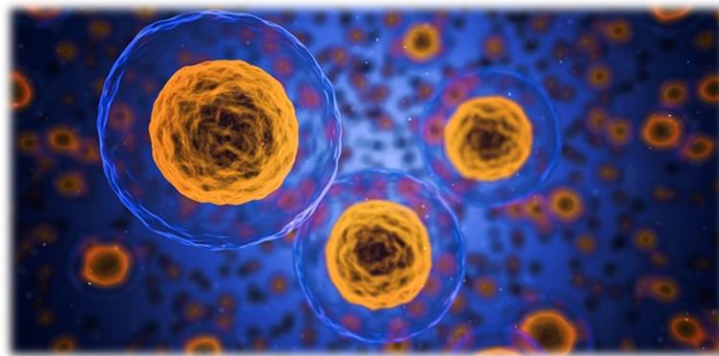
I panicked.

Mom must have seen my reaction and assured me that that is necessary in order to drain any excess blood from the area. I was only 14 then and so I didn't really understand but if Mom said so, it must be right, right?

I asked for a mirror. Panic turned into amusement. Gosh! I looked like a Cyborg! Cool!

So, for the next day or so, wherever I go, I had to bring along the bottle which occasionally has yucky blood droplets dripping down the tube. I vaguely remembered feeling proud, having strangers stared at me weirdly.

When Dr Khoo came to remove my “Cyborg” bottle, he also updated us on the “lump”. After diagnosis, the “lump” was actually a benign tumor, a rare blood disorder known as histiocytosis X. Only 1 in 200,000 children age 10-12 would be affected.

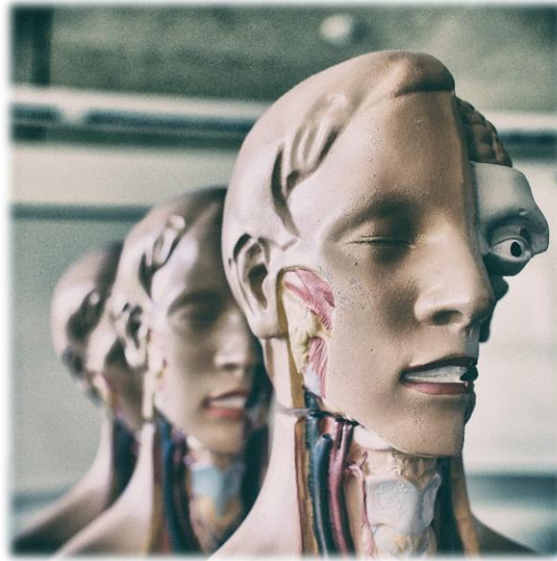


Apparently, it had something to do with blood disorder in the bone marrow. It was then that he also told us that I was fortunate. Had we delayed the operation by another week or so, the tumor would have eroded/eaten through my brain’s membrane. That would have made me a retard.

Phew!

After bringing the good news, he had some “bad” ones too. Unfortunately, the swollen portion “damaged” my natural skull and he had to replace that area with a plastic skull.

Now I’m really a cyborg!



And he wanted me to go for a bone marrow examination. A bone marrow examination, he further explained, was necessary to aid for further test but would be painful as it involved extracting a sample of the bone marrow.

Goodness! Take out a piece of bone?! I was terrified!

Since it was necessary, my parents reluctantly agreed.

On that day, I thought I would be put to sleep, like previous operation. But no! I was made to lie on my side. Then the doctor applied some cooling liquid on an area slightly above my hip.

I was trembling! Can you imagine...? A 14-year-old kid, going through this ordeal...

I initially felt something, like a needle prick. Hmm...not too bad...Then I heard it. Craa..c....k.... Argh! The pain felt like being struck by lightning! Then I felt like something was screwed into my bones. It was excruciating! Tears started flowing, uncontrollably.

“There. Done. What a brave boy!” The doctor said, patting my bottom at the same time.

“Rest for a while and you should be good to go home soon.”



About a week or so later, I found myself back in Dr Khoo's office and he delivered the lab result of the bone marrow examination.

Negative!

It was a relief for all of us.

My mom said I should count my blessing, that the foot swell resulting in the bump on my head. At least we knew there was something wrong. Otherwise, I would have been a retard by now. Whether these 2 events were even related or not, I was one damn lucky kid.

Finally, an end to a horrifying & trying period that started all from a beach camp.

Or so I thought...

But about 1 year later...

I was combing my hair one day when I felt a bump, this time on the left rear side of my head, somewhere just above the left ear.

I freaked out.



I quickly informed my mom about it. Not taking any chances, we quickly made an appointment with Dr Khoo's office.

A series of tests were run. Then came the devastating news.

I had a relapse!

My whole world collapsed. My mom broke into tears.



“Why me? Again? What did I do to deserve this?” I asked softly, almost crying. But I don't think I heard the doctor's explanation. I was completely crushed by the news.

“I'm not recommending another operation. I'm recommending chemotherapy instead. But I need to advice that there could be side effects.” Dr. Khoo cautioned.

“Such as?” my dad asked.

“It might affect his reproductive system, amongst other things.”
Dr. Khoo replied.

Mom asked, “Is there no other alternative?”

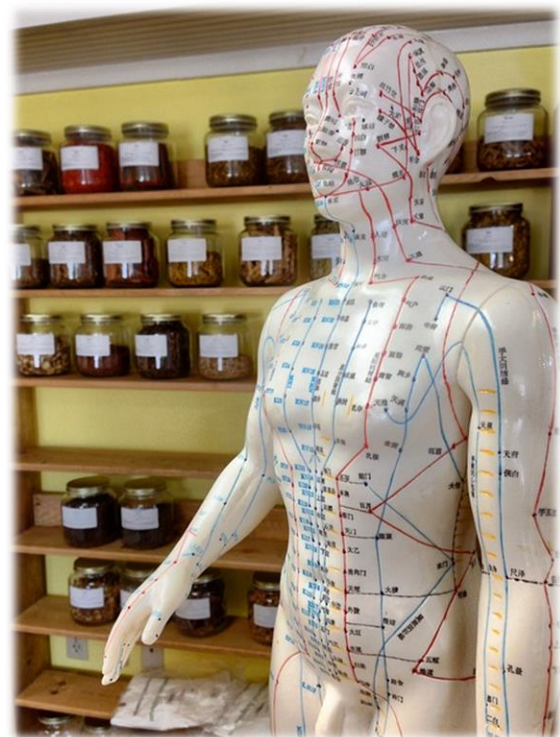
“Not at this moment” was the reply we got.

All of us left Dr. Khoo’s practice with heavy hearts. I did not know what chemotherapy was but from the looks of my parents’ face, it was not good.

“There has GOT to be other options. There HAS to be! If not western, then we explore eastern medicine.” Mom said firmly.

What happened thereafter was a frantic search for an experienced “sinseh” (or also known as a TCM doctor) who can cure me. I could remember how long that search took but I was sitting in front of a middle aged “doctor” one evening.

He took my pulse while Mom explained the series of events that happened.



After a long while, he looked up, smiled gently and said something in the hokkien language that I could not understand. Mom only nodded. He then scribbled something on a piece of paper and passed to Mom, together with what I gathered to be instructions on what to do with the contents of that paper.

We left.

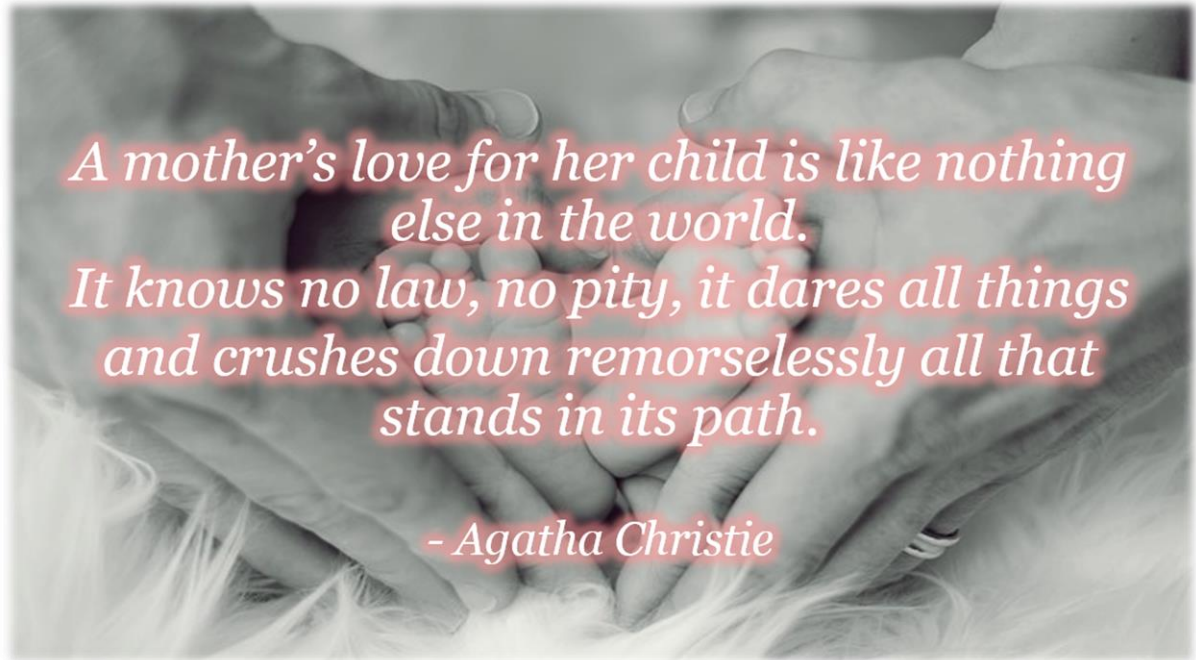


And for the entire week, Mom tirelessly brewed some black, bitter, horrible tasting medicine and forced me to drink it. “It’s for your own good!” she said. I also noticed our diet changed as well. No more chicken and lots more vegetables.

The following week, we went back to see the “doctor”. And we repeated the whole cycle again. Yucky tasting medicine and bland meals.

And we must have repeated the whole process week after week. Then weeks became months. I did not know when we stopped

seeing the “doctor”, but I noticed that Mom had become considerably more tired & aged much more.



I was merely tasked to drink. I had the easy “job”. She had to do all the heavy lifting, with the housework, taking care of me and my 2 brothers, and the family in general, of course. It must have been hard on her.

This 2nd ordeal took a toll on us for 1 year or so.

Throughout this period, the swelling miraculously started to become smaller.

Then one fine day that when I touched that area, I noticed not a swell but a dent instead.

“What could this mean, Mom?” I asked.

It was time for us to visit Dr. Khoo again.

Dr. Khoo gave a puzzled look after seeing the lab reports.

“I don’t know what you did but you are cleared of Histiocytosis X!” the doctor informed.

Best news ever!

We left the practice, never happier. Grateful that we survived all these.



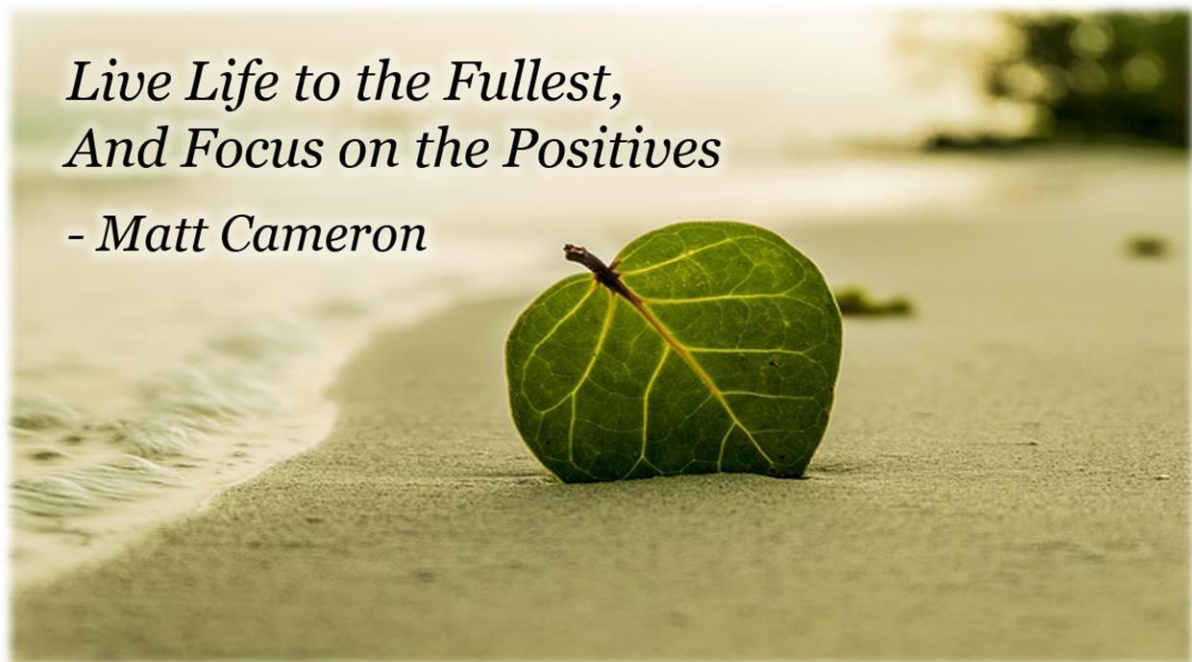
Till date, there has been no further signs of relapse. There was even a letter from the good doctor many years later.

I am extremely and eternally thankful to Dr. Khoo for saving my life once.

I'm also forever thankful that I have such a loving and caring mom.

If there is any regret, it would be the fact that I did not have a chance to thank the “doctor” who prescribed those horrible tasting medicine. I learnt much later that the reason why we stopped seeking “consultation” was because he simply disappeared.

Apparently, he was in some financial difficulties and rumours had it that he owed some people some money. I did not even know the name of my savior....so thank you sir, wherever you are, for saving me.



Lesson learned is, don't take things for granted. You never know what may come in future. That's why I decided to create a

bucket list, so I have many awesome things to look forward to, to fulfil and to seize the day and live life to my fullest!!

So, in this eBook, I am going to share with you these 77 Amazing Things to Do on my bucket list!

Make sure you read on till the end!

1) JETPACKING



Maybe you were wondering... what is Jetpacking?

It's the closest you get to being a flying superhero!

So how does that happen?

The water-propelled jetpack elevates you 30 feet up in the air all through the use of controlled water pressure... and with that you are “flying”.

2) ICE SKATING IN SWEDEN



Growing up in sunny Singapore, where winter is not a season which exists in our climate, the best we get to do our ice skating is at an indoor ice-skating rink.

Often, our ice-skating rinks also tend to be rather congested, especially during the weekends when people are there for recreation.

I look forward to the day where I get to ice skate in Sweden. That's because they have many big lakes. Ice skating there will allow me to bask in the wide expanse and beautiful scenery of the surrounding nature. It's something I'll never be able to enjoy in sunny Singapore.

3) DRIVE AN F1 CAR



Hey! I definitely love my wife. However, I also love my car, and I love driving. Since I love driving, then why not experience driving the best car at least once in my lifetime, am I right?

So, that's on my bucket list too...

To Drive an F1 Car!

Of course, its not practical to drive it every day as a mode of transport... so.... Moving on to my next bucket list item...

4) OWN AN ASTON MARTIN CAR



This is going to be the car I drive around and take my family around in. My every day mode of transport.

I just love the sleek look of Aston Martin's cars... and so I have decided that I want to own one!!

5) OWN A PRIVATE JET



Well, the world is so connected these days, travelling overseas is becoming very common. What's the best way to travel in style you think?

Sitting in first class?

Well, for me this is my own definition of travelling in style – owning my own private jet, and flying around the world on it!

No more long queues at the airport customs, no more long waits due to flight delays. And most of all, no way my luggage is going to get lost due to baggage staff errors!

6) PLAY PIANO IN AN ORCHESTRA



Piano is one of the first instruments that I got to know about in my life. That's because during my growing up years, it was very common for friends or peers to have piano lessons.

It was such a commonly known instrument that sometimes I'd take it for granted and not think too much about it. Until one day, it suddenly dawned on me that instruments are usually categorized into woodwind, strings and percussion in an orchestra... But where does piano fall into?

It has strings, it's made of wood, and the way its played is similar to percussion. People are still divided over this, and

while they're debating... I'm actually more interested in playing a piano in an orchestra.

That's because a piano in an orchestra can take on varied roles. It could be the lead solo taking the melody, or it could be the percussion holding the beat and harmony. I would love to experience playing in both capacities.

7) PARAGLIDE



This is paragliding.

Me, alone... gliding over the beautiful sceneries, hills, valleys and rivers. All I can hear is the wind blowing against my face.

This is what I imagine it to be...

But to be really sure, I will need to go experience it myself!

8) TAKE FLIGHT IN COCKPIT (DONE)



Sitting beside the pilot during this flight was a really good experience for me. I got to see first hand what it is like to be a pilot. What things they look out for during a flight, how they ensure safety of the flight.

Kudos to pilots!

9) PAT A LION! OR A TIGER!



Oh wow! Don't the lion couple look royal in this picture? They're the king of animals and their roar is to be feared.

While definitely their fierce roar invokes fear in my heart, but I want to conquer my fear and get to pat a lion on their thick, luscious mane.

And well, if I can't do that with a lion, I'll settle for a tiger since they're almost as fierce anyway!

10) VISIT A REAL PYRAMID / THE GREAT SPHINX



Ancient Egypt was arguably one of the most well established and powerful civilizations during the period of 3100 B.C to 330 B.C. It actually lasted a good long 30 centuries!

Every civilization leaves behind a testimonial of their strength and power in the form of monuments. Hence, I want to go experience for myself, the power and wisdom of the ancient Egyptian civilization!

11) SING WITH JACKY CHEUNG



Have you heard of this Hong Kong based Singer called Jacky Cheung? He's a different person from the Jacky Chan who acts in the Hollywood movies with the difficult stunts.

Well, Jacky Cheung is my favourite singer of all times. To me, his vocals are just unbeatable. He's just amazing.

That's why, I need to include this item on my bucket list – to be able to sing once with him!

12) TAKE A PICTURE WITH QUEEN OF ENGLAND!



Amongst all the royal families which still exist in the world today, the British monarchy is often covered the most in the mainstream media.

As such, I'd love to have a picture taken with the Queen of England. Currently, the position is being held by Queen Elizabeth, and as of now the next in line queen is still yet to be known.

13) BUILD A HOSPITAL AND NAME IT AFTER MY GRANDMA



As a young child, I observed how my grandma had such a heart of gold. She would always help other less fortunate people in society as much as she could.

Hence, when I was very young, I made myself this promise: That if I have the financial means, I would build a hospital as part of my contribution to this society. However, I would name the hospital after my grandma.

That's because, grandma, you're just such an inspiration!

14) BE A CO-FOUNDER OF A HIGH GROWTH TECH STARTUP



The journey of entrepreneurship is one of constant evolution, improving and taking on new challenges. I like this challenge, and I like the growth that I can achieve personally.

As such, this is another thing I want to embark on to push myself to greater heights!

15) OWN 5 PROPERTIES IN 5 COUNTRIES IN 5 YEARS



To be more specific, not just properties in any part of the world, but these 5 countries: Singapore, New Zealand, USA, Paris and China.

This is definitely a milestone worth celebrating for me!

16) A VISIT TO TWELVE APOSTLES BEFORE THEY DISAPPEAR (DONE)



When I hear about the “12 Apostles”, I had initially thought about the 12 Apostles of Jesus in the bible. However, there is a collection of limestone stacks off the shore of Port Campbell National Park that also bears this same name!

The huge limestone stacks stand at a height of 45 meters tall. However today, only 8 of them remain. 5 of these stacks have already fallen. So that’s why, be quick to go visit them before they’re gone! That’s what I did!

17) SEE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS



The Northern Lights, or the Aurora Borealis, is one of the most beautiful natural phenomena you can see on our planet. The colours it paints in the sky looks so magical you wonder if it's just made up of pixie dust!

If there is such an awesome display of lights, why should we miss it? That's why I've made up my mind, I have to go see them!

18) GO WHITE WATER RAFTING



Life is an adventure! But if we shelter ourselves all the time, then we wouldn't have lived at all!

As such, I have listed a few of these outdoor adventure activities which I must conquer and experience!

The first of which is white water rafting.

19) BUNGEE JUMP



Next up is Bungee jumping.

How many of you have tried this before? How did it feel?

20) GO SKYDIVING (DONE)



Not forgetting skydiving! I've already completed this on my list...

That's me in the picture above. 😊

21) RIDE A JETSKI



Whoosh!

Definitely a once in a lifetime ride on a super speedy jet ski!

22) GO SNOWBOARDING



Another sport which some people consider extreme is snowboarding...

But that's also the reason why I must at least give it a shot one time!

23) SWIM WITH SHARKS



Get upclose and personal with these huge mammals in the sea.

Just thinking of it makes me feel excited!

24) GO VISIT LOUVRE MUSEUM



Just in May 2019, the Louvre Museum has been declared the most popular museum in the world! At the same time, it is also the world's largest historical art museum.

One of the main highlights at the Louvre Museum is the well-known art piece named the Mona Lisa, by Leonardo Da Vinci.

It's definitely a must visit!

25) GO VISIT STONEHENGE



The Stonehenge is the most architecturally sophisticated stone circle in the world, and attracts curiosity and speculation on how and why it was built by historical men. Because of that, it is one of the most well-known stone structures in the world.

I personally want to experience for myself, what it is like to be in the midst of those stone structures, and understand more about the prehistoric culture that was there so many years before our time.

26) GO VISIT GRAND CANYON



The Grand Canyon is one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World! Some of the rocks there are found to be dated back to 2 billion years ago!

Just this picture alone already makes Grand Canyon look amazing, how much more if I was there in person. Definitely must go for me.

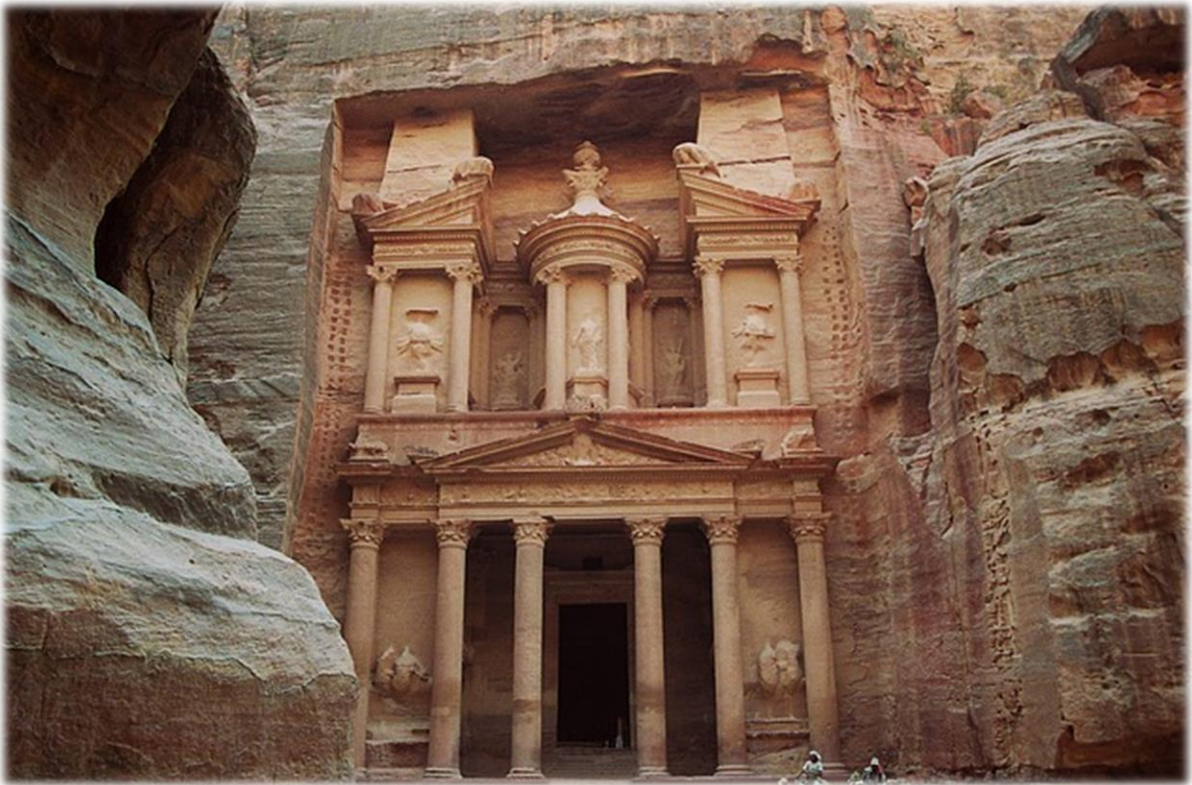
27) GET MARRIED (DONE)



This would not have been possible without my lovely wife. So, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her once again.

Thanks Dear.

28) WALK THE SIQ TO PETRA, JORDAN



If you haven't heard about the Siq before, it's passage way that was made because of tectonic plates movement which caused a split between those stone walls.

This passage way is one that leads to the ancient city of Petra at its exit. Some people rush through it to quickly get to Jordan, missing out on savouring this journey itself. I am determined not to be one of them.

29) SLEEP IN AN IGLOO IN CANADA



My early memories of igloos are only from cartoons on television, alongside polar bears and eskimos.

However, fast forward to today, there are actually hotels who operate by housing guests in igloos! I want to sleep over night in an igloo just for the experience!

30) COME EYE-TO-EYE WITH AFRICA'S GORILLA



The Gorillas are 95-99% similar in genetic make up to us humans! Also, they've been shown to exhibit intelligence in nature, like using a stick to gauge the depth of water.

Unfortunately, the gorillas as a whole species is under serious threat of going extinct.

I want to be able to see a real gorilla with my own eyes before the unfortunate trend of extinction progresses!

31) DO CHARITY WORK IN LAOS



Did you know that in Laos, 25% of the population lives below the poverty mark? This is high compared to global average of approximately 10% below the poverty line.

This is why I believe that they need some serious help. So among all the many countries, I choose Laos to go for a charity work trip.

32) ABSORB IN THE FESTIVITIES OF OKTOBERFEST IN GERMANY



What started out as a 5-day royal wedding celebration has now evolved into the world's largest beer celebration! This is Oktoberfest.

With 6 million people attending this event each year over the 3-week long Oktoberfest, I'm sure that the atmosphere must be so fun! This is definitely on my bucket list!

33) EXPLORE THE LAND OF THE FAIRY CHIMNEYS IN TURKEY



Turkey is home to some of the super unique cave structures that's not found in other parts of the world!

Definitely a must see for me!

34) TAKE A HOT AIR BALLOON IN SAVANNAH



I've heard that the Savannah is one of the best places to take a hot air balloon ride. That's because of the wide expanse of never-ending land, and also the variety of wildlife that we will get to see during the "Great African Migration" season.

Just so much to look forward to!

35) PAT THE GOLDEN ROCK IN MYANMAR



It's said that this golden rock is held in balance by a strand of buddha's hair which is stored in the golden pagoda above the rock.

This rock perched on the top of the mountain precariously... looking like it could roll off anytime.

It's just such a miracle that I want to witness it for myself!

36) VISIT THE DEVIL'S THROAT AT IGUAZU



The Iguazu falls form the largest waterfall system in the world, and among all of the waterfalls at Iguazu, the Devil's Throat is the MOST impressive.

Some people say that its even more impressive than the Niagara Falls! That's why I must make a trip there to visit!

37) FLOAT DOWN GEIRANGERFJORD



This is a scene that I have seen so many times in the movies. A nice peaceful river, with lush green mountains and snow-capped peaks beside it.

However, this is a REAL place on this amazing planet that we live in. This is the Geirangerfjord, one of the famous fjords in Norway.

I want to take a cruise and leisurely float down this peaceful river and soak in its beauty.

38) EXPERIENCE WILD WEST AT CALGARY STAMPEDE



One Million people gather here for the annual 10-day event at Calgary. And this tradition has been ongoing for 100 years!

It takes us back into the era of the wild wild west, with cowboys and rodeo shows! I'm so looking forward to it!

39) TAKE A PLUNGE AT ANTARCTICA



The waters there are negative 0.5 deg C. Some would think it crazy to even give it a shot. However, what's life without a little adrenaline rush?

I'm determined to take the Antarctica Polar Plunge! If you've done it before, share with me how did you feel!

40) VISIT THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA (DONE)

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is one of the most remarkable architectural structures from medieval Europe.



Taking close to 200 years to build, it was designed to be perfectly vertical initially, but it started to lean during construction, as the foundation in which it was built upon was moist and muddy.

In fact, at 5.5 degrees off tangent, the risk of collapse was deemed to be so high that the tower was closed to the public in the late 1900s. With such an interesting history and renowned UNESCO World Heritage site, it is definitely one of the visits not to be missed in life.

41) WATCH A REAL LAUNCH OF SPACE SHUTTLE IN PERSON



At first, I thought that this was a far stretch from my reality when I first added this to my bucket list.

However, a quick search online revealed it is more possible that I ever thought! Thanks to the power of internet!

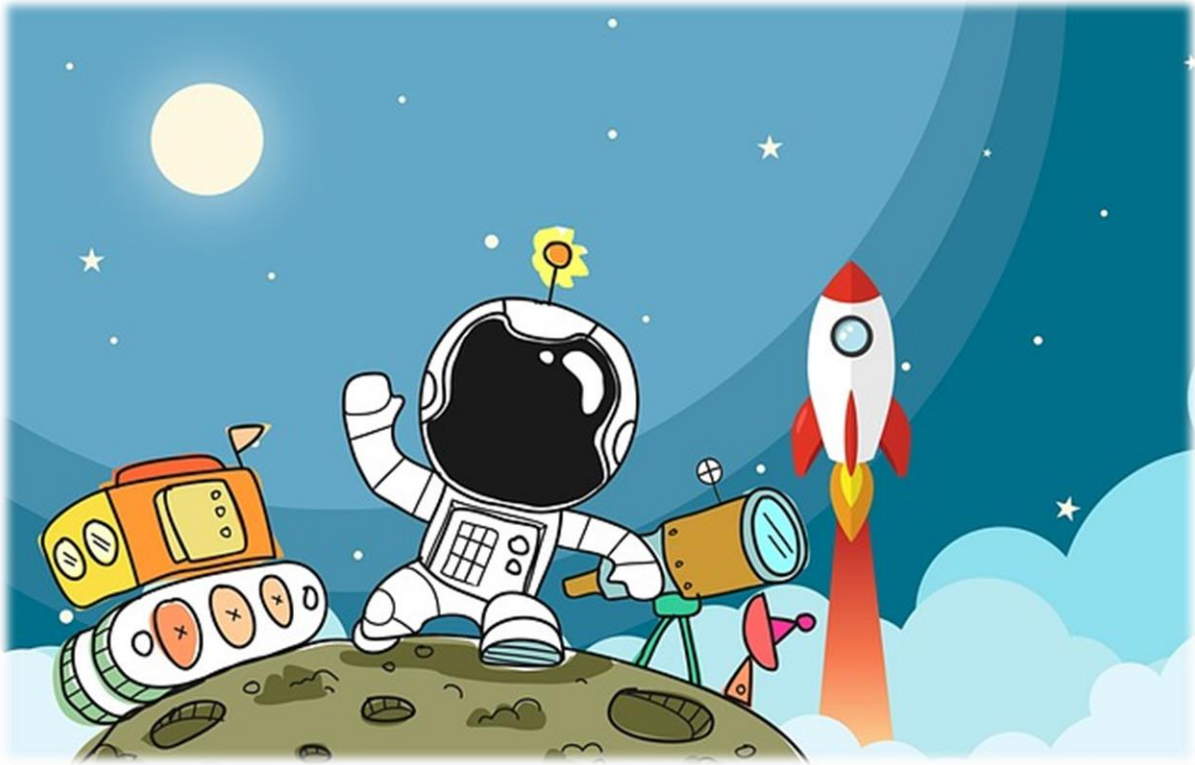
42) ACT IN A MOVIE



What kind of role in a movie would be suitable for me?

Let me know what you think!

43) BE PART OF A TEAM TO FLY TO THE MOON



Can you believe it? “Fly me to the moon” will no longer just be a song...

It will take on new meaning when passenger rides to the moon become commercialized within the next decade by SpaceX.

I want a seat there for sure!

44) TAKE A PICTURE WITH ROBERT DOWNEY JR



Of course, I don't have a picture with him (yet!), so I can't post it here!

Have you watched Avengers End Game? No spoilers here, but I was so awed by his performance and role in this release of avengers that I must get a picture with him!

45) LEARN TO PLAY GOLF EFFECTIVELY



Among all the many sports that one could take up, I think golf resonates the best with me.

Hence, here's my item on the list, that is – to play golf effectively!

46) VISIT THE STATUE OF LIBERTY



The Statue of Liberty is a well-known landmark in New York City. It was a gift from France to the United States of America in the year 1886.

Just like most monumental structures, I feel the need to visit it in person so that I can match reality with the pictures that I get to see whether it be from television, or postcards, or social media.

47) RIDE A CAMEL IN SAHARA DESERT



The Sahara Desert is the largest hot desert on our planet. Its well-known for the sand dune fields which can reach almost 183 meters high!

Compared to humid Singapore where I come from, this is definitely going to be a different experience!

48) RIDE THE TRANS-SIBERIAN EXPRESS ACROSS RUSSIA



The Trans-Siberian Railway is the world's longest rail journey! It cuts straight across Russia, Mongolia and into China. This allows us to experience the awesome landscapes along the way, no short of beautiful meadows, lush forests and blue lakes.

One just needs to be there in person to witness the depth of beauty in the landscapes!

49) BE A MENTOR TO A STARTUP



Life is about gratefulness, remembering the people who have helped me along the journey to success. Also, it is about contribution, that when I have attained success, I can help other people achieve theirs as well.

This is why I have this item on my bucket list.

50) EXPERIENCE THE JOYS OF FATHERHOOD (DONE)



Fatherhood is a different journey for different people. But for me, it was indeed a good one. A journey where I reflect and understand myself better, and at the same time also think further into the future.

Having a child indeed changes perspective!

51) EXPERIENCE WEIGHTLESSNESS



Every day we walk around with the effect of gravity on us, while we don't really think too much about it. It has become the status quo.

But do we ask ourselves, how does it feel if earth loses gravity? I did, and that's why I'd like to feel it for myself.

52) SET UP A PASSIVE INCOME MACHINE ONLINE GENERATING 6 FIGURE A YEAR



Most people today work for money. In other words, they exchange their time for money. However, time is actually the only resource that once spent, we can never get back more of.

There are so many things I want to do before I leave this earth that my time is so precious. Hence, I want to set up a passive income generation machine so that I can enjoy my time into the future without worrying about money.

53) DO SOMETHING THAT NO SINGAPOREANS HAVE DONE (DONE)



Do you want to make a guess from this picture what was this activity that I participated in?

Well, I had actually delivered Singapore's one and only pair of Panda to the Singapore Zoo. This was a very delicate process, but I'm proud that they arrived safely!

54) ISLAND HOPPING IN GREECE WITH WIFE (DONE)

It was really the adventure of a lifetime, I'm glad that I had decided to go with my wife!

If you haven't been there, you really should!



55) LOSE AT LEAST 10KG OF WEIGHT (DONE)



Do you see the big difference on my face?

I did it!

I had successfully shed off the 10kg I wanted to!

56) VISIT UYUNI SALT FLATS, BOLIVIA



Look at how reflective the surface is. This why the Uyumi Salt Flats is also known as the World's Largest “mirror”.

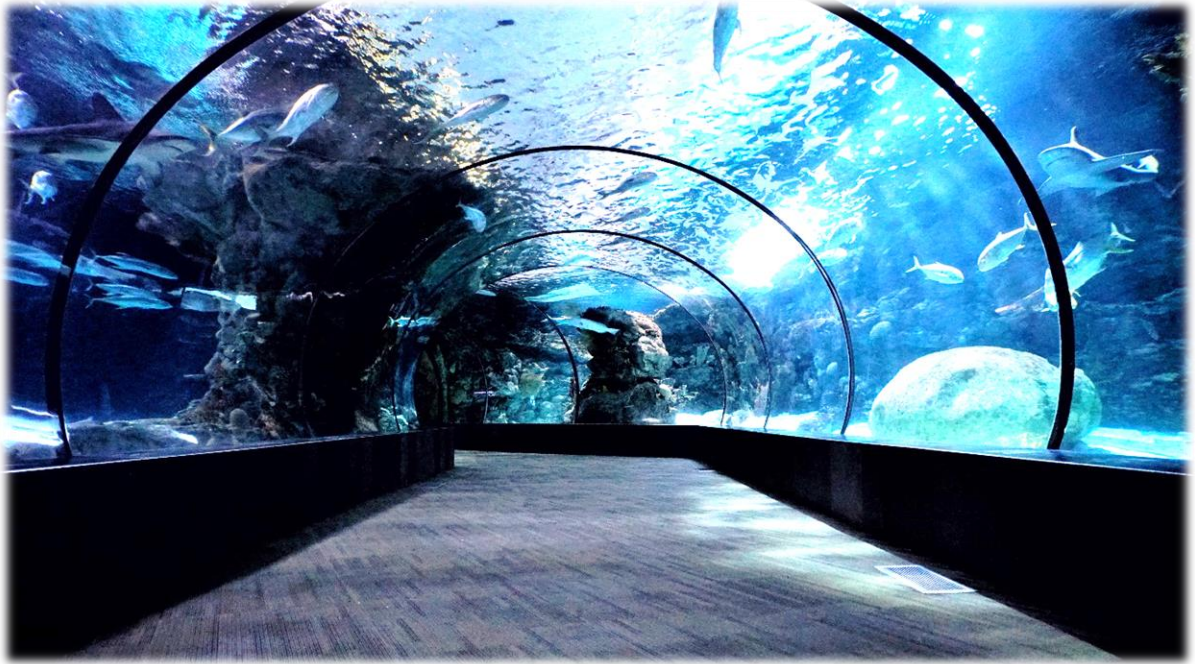
It looks so awesome from pictures that I need to see it for myself!

57) TAKE A SWING RIDE AT EDGE OF THE WORLD IN ECUADOR



Well, the highest hill in Singapore stands at approximately 160 meters above sea level. So, imagine my excitement at the thought of swinging over the side of the cliff at a height of 2600 meters above sea level!

58) HAVE A MEAL IN AN UNDERWATER RESTAURANT WITH MY FAMILY



Imagine having a meal with this nice view of the underwater sea passing by. I can only imagine it for now, but I want my whole family to be able to also enjoy this experience with me!

59) TOUR GOOGLEPLEX



Google is considered to be one of the top 4 technology companies globally. The most well known is their search engine google. However, google is also into other areas of technology such as cloud computing, software and hardware.

As such, they are always at the cutting edge of technology! I want to visit Googleplex to be able to have the opportunity to tinker with the latest technology that they are working on, or soon to release! Just thinking of it, makes me all excited!

60) FLOAT IN DEAD SEA



The Dead Sea is one of the saltiest bodies of water on earth, with a salinity of 33.7%. This is also the single reason why there aren't many living organisms in it.

For this same reason, the water density is higher which allows us to float, without swimming.

I do look forward to bringing a magazine and float in the Dead Sea while reading it!

61) ENJOY NBA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AT COURTSIDE WITH MY WIFE



Watching NBA life in the stadium is not cheap. However, the best (and naturally most expensive!) seats are actually the courtside seats.

That's because court side gives the best unblocked and close up view of what's going on in the game! I want to have this experience alongside my wife.

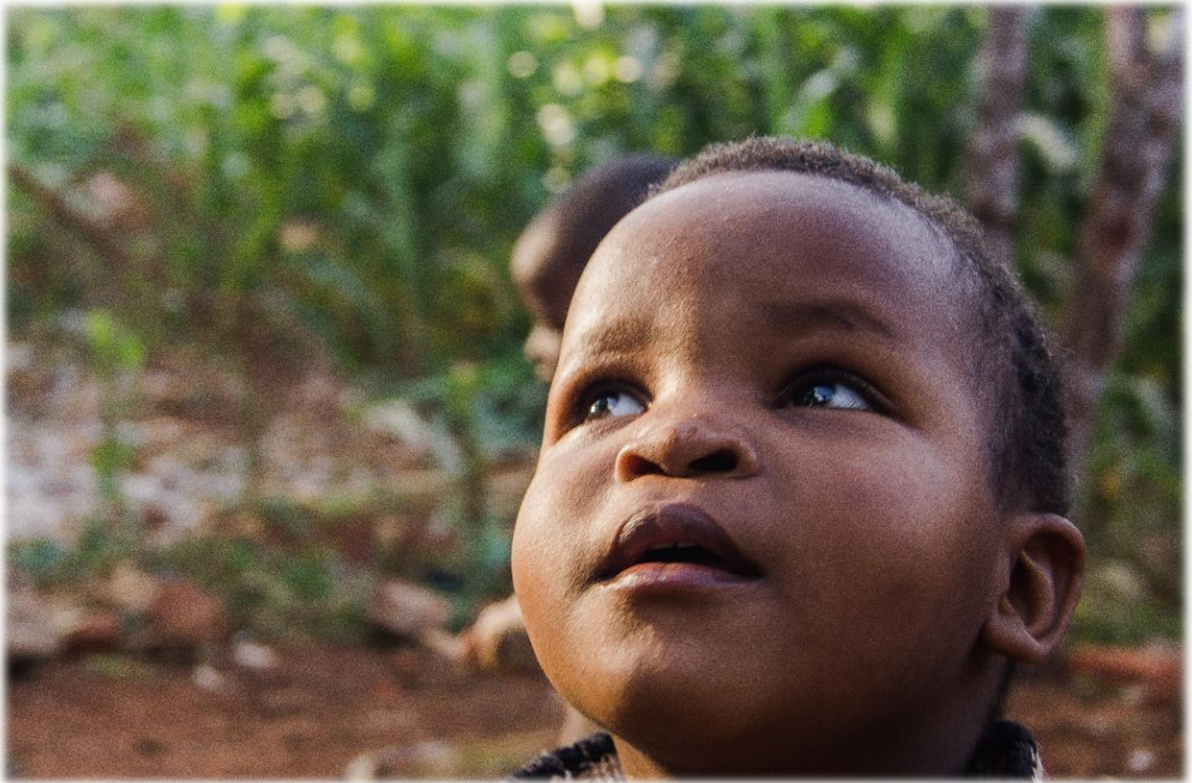
62) ENJOY A COUPLE'S HOLIDAY AT SONEVA FUSHI, MALDIVES WITH MY WIFE



While most of the resorts in the Maldives have their chalets on the beach, Soneva Fushi is one of the few which have their chalets in the jungle.

It's a place that I would want to enjoy together with my wife!

63) VOLUNTEER AT ORPHANAGE IN TANZANIA



In Tanzania, there are 1.3 million children who are orphans because their parents passed away from HIV. It just aches my heart to know that the numbers are so high.

I want to have the chance to make a difference in the lives of these children, even though I may not be able to help all 1.3 million.

64) BE A CERTIFIED CYBERSECURITY EXPERT



Nowadays, cyber threats are on the rise. In recent few years, there has been more and more cyber attacks and even successful ones on Singapore's system.

This is something I want to in the area of my professional development. At the same time, also contribute towards my country's security.

65) TAKE A BIKE RIDE IN SAN FRANCISCO (DONE)



That's the golden gate bridge behind me in this picture. I've completed my ride there in San Francisco!

Been there, done that, item checked.

66) TAKE A HELICOPTER RIDE



Taking a helicopter gives a bird's eye view from the top yet we can see clearly each of the architectural landmarks. It gives us a very different perspective of places that we may even be familiar with!

That's why I want to be able to ride in one someday!

67) HAVE A WHITE CHRISTMAS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY



As you know, winter is not available as a season in sunny Singapore.

Hence, we don't have White Christmas here.

If I were to choose a location to enjoy a white Christmas, it would be in Yosemite Valley.

That's because with the pine trees and the white snow on it, it would make a beautiful scenery to have a very memorable Christmas!

68) LEARN TO SURF (DONE)



There I am! After a couple of hours' worth of lesson, I managed to control the surf board well enough to take on the waves!

Give it a shot when you have the chance too!

69) SPEAK AT TED



As I had mentioned at the start of my eBook, I believe that everyone has a story to tell to illuminate this world. I want to spread my story on a stage such as TEDx, so that more people can benefit from it!

70) TOUR COLOSSEUM, ITALY (DONE)

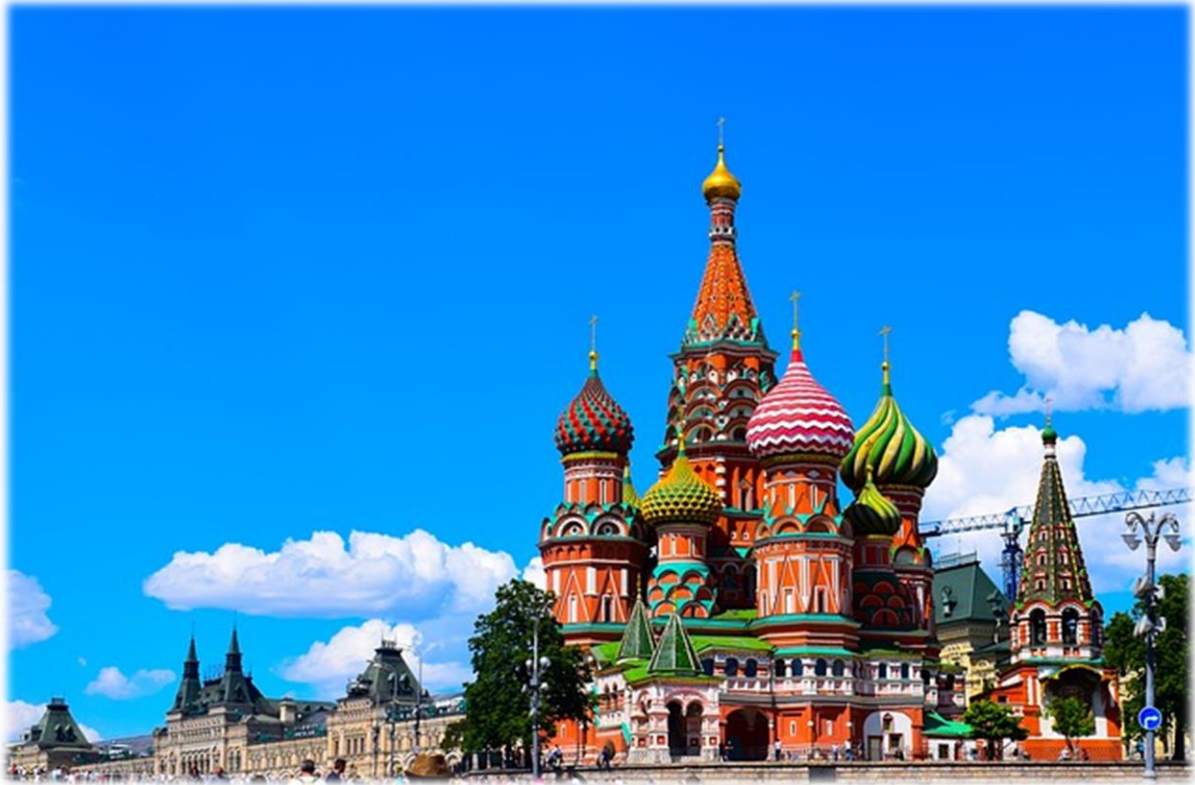


The colosseum plays a very significant role in Roman history. It is the largest amphitheatre ever built and battles between gladiators used to take place there.

Despite going through many years of weathering and part of history where the rulers decided to take materials from the colosseum for other construction, it still stands tall today with some restoration works done.

Awesome place to be!

71) STAND IN RED SQUARE, MOSCOW



The Red Square is the heart of Moscow, Russia. It's the area between the St. Basil's Cathedral and the Spassky Tower of the Kremlin. Its name "Red" came about because the Russian word for "red" resembled that for beautiful.

If there is one place in Russia not to be missed, this is the place!

72) TAKE A VIEW FROM THE WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDING



Standing in all of its glory at 828m tall, the Burj Khalifa gives an stunning view of Dubai.

This is the tallest building in the world. At 2nd place is Shanghai Tower which is 632m only.

It is a once in a lifetime experience to be able to stand at the tallest building in the world,

and I am not going to miss out on it!

73) GET ALL COLOURFUL AT HOLI FESTIVAL IN INDIA



Holi Festival is also known as the Festival of Colours. It is celebrated in Indian culture as a triumph of good over evil.

During this festival, people celebrate it by throwing coloured powder and paint around in an atmosphere of spreading happiness with the colours.

It is also celebrated in other parts of the world, but isn't it always better to experience it from its land of origins?

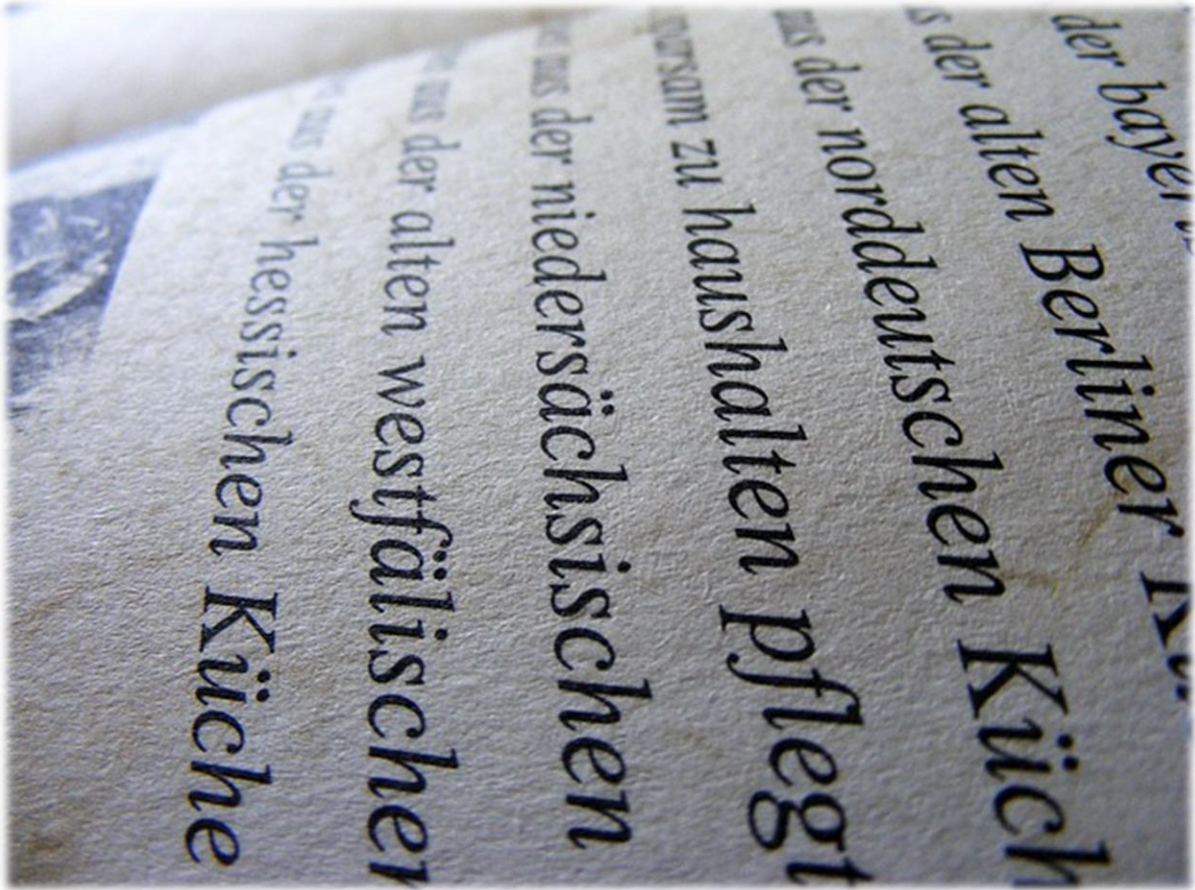
74) TAKE THE BERGENLINE TRAIN FROM OSLO-BERGEN, NORWAY



This railway line is highest mainline railway line in Northern Europe, running at 1300 meters above sea level. It takes us through the Hardangervidda mountain plateau and offers various beautiful mountain landscapes of Norway.

I'm heading there some day for sure!

75) LEARN TO SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE FLUENTLY



Language is part of culture. In fact, it is said that the primary language one uses affects the way one thinks.

I want to take on a new language to open up my perspective to understand more of this world and its culture too!

76) VISIT THE LION MONUMENT, SWITZERLAND (DONE)



This monument, the Lion of Lucerne was sculpted as a memorial for the swiss guards who were lost their lives during the French Revolution in 1792.

The Swiss guards were brave and loyal to their employers the French Royal family and fought valiantly to protect them against the angry Parisian mob. In doing so, many of them sacrificed their lives.

I'm glad that I was there to hear this tale of bravery and loyalty.

77) GO UP A SNOW MOUNTAIN TO EXPERIENCE SNOW (DONE)

Now for the last, but definitely not the least...

Is for me to experience snow on a snow mountain!



CONCLUSION

Now my friend, you have my list of 77 Amazing Things to Do while living on this planet! There is a lot more to life than just the standard routine that we sometimes get so used to – our comfort zone.

You can always add more to the list of 77 if you have anything else that comes to mind! Do also send me an email to share with me if you have something that you'd like to share with everyone!

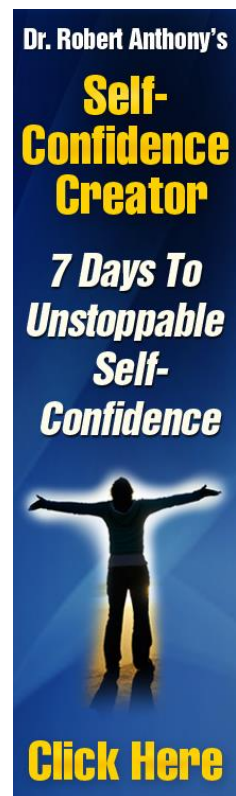
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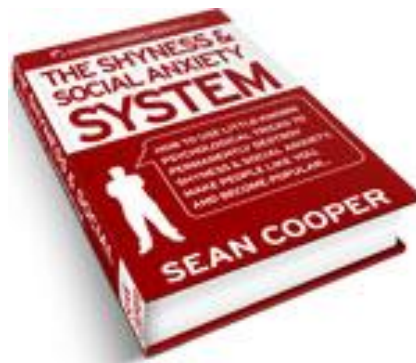
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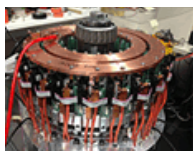
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