

Space Available Travel Notes for Retired Military Personnel - 28MAY2014

- Some things that you may need?
 - A desire to travel.
 - Patience.
 - A retired military ID card.
 - Want to go overseas?
 - A current US passport with a minimum of 6 months left before the expiration date.
 - Visas if required, for the countries you want to visit.
 - Tourist guidebooks for the countries you want to visit. (We use the Lonely Planet books.)
 - Time, energy and knowledge to do some advance trip planning.
 - Healthy enough to travel on your own. (Limited handicaps are accommodated.)
 - A carefree attitude.
 - A flexible travel calendar.
 - Don't try to fly during these dates:
 - 12 MAY to 18 SEP
 - 10 DEC to 12 JAN
 - Some disposable income.
 - You can get by in many countries on \$100 per person per day.
 - A credit card.
 - A debit (ATM) card.
 - Some clothes and luggage.
 - An active email account.
 - Lots of time to spare.
 - Being prepared to purchase a commercial flight if necessary.
 - The ability to entertain yourself while you wait and wait and wait some more.
- Resources to review:
 - Internet sites:
 - <http://www.pepperd.com> (Currently scheduled flights and some flight history.)
 - <http://www.takeahop.com> (An easy way to sign up for flights.)
 - <http://www.spacea.net> (FAQs, phone numbers, AMCGRAMS and other info)
 - <http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp> (Official Air Mobility Command site.)
 - <http://www.facebook.com> (You can see scheduled flights with a Facebook account.)
 - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/pljnh1cntli1xky/Space-A%20Brief.ppt>
(Space-A PowerPoint presentation by Rob Spofford.)
 - Space-A map
 - Available at the BX at Mt Home AFB or online.
 - Shows worldwide base locations and needed contact information.
- Nice to have tools:
 - A smartphone with WiFi.
 - The Skype smartphone app and an active Skype account. (Cheap international calls.)
 - The TAKEAHOP smartphone app.
 - The Facebook smartphone app and an active Facebook account.
 - The Pocket Earth iPhone app. (Street maps of the world.)
 - A tablet or small laptop with WiFi. (Not required, you can do it all from a smartphone.)