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Since I started this course talking about my black bag that I bought while I was in Europe. I thought I would tell a story about that same trip where I bought that bag.

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The trip happened in between grade, 11 and 12, and my husband, who was my boyfriend at the time we traveled to Europe for eight weeks in the summer.

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During our trip, we had some crazy stuff happening. It started off with being able to move up into first class on our very first flight that we'd ever been on. We showed up to Calgary to get our flight into Amsterdam, and it had been overbooked. And so here's 217 year olds in their backpacks, we got moved up into first class, we had to fly into Frankfurt and then go to Amsterdam. Not only did we get first class they gave us 200 bucks each. And back in 1992 That was a huge amount of cash so we jumped on that opportunity. So we had a really nice flight over. I had our first experience with the drunk guy in first class but made it safe and sound into Frankfurt.

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After enjoying the benefits of the first class including the hot cloths on the face and the, and the nice food. So once we were in Frankfurt, we just had to wait a little bit before we caught our flight up to Amsterdam. And so it was a smaller plane for flight from Frankfurt to Amsterdam and well I looked fairly young at the time I was 17, but looked quite a bit younger. And so we thought it was pretty hilarious when the flight attendant brought me a coloring book and crayons to keep me busy on the flight from Frankfurt to Amsterdam.

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I still have the coloring book actually from the trip.

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So once we made it in to Amsterdam, we had a wonderful couple days there.

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We were really silly right young didn't know about traveling. Didn't Know About Time changes. And so when we showed up at the hotel, my mother in law had booked us in Amsterdam. We went to sleep. Well, that's was clearly the wrong thing to do to show up in the middle of the morning and then take asleep because what we did is I woke up at about seven o'clock, thinking. It was seven o'clock in the morning. And so we came down we were supposed to get breakfast at our hotel. And so we went down, and the owners of the hotel, were quite lovely we told them we'd have some eggs and toast. They obliged and made us some breakfast. We were asking them about what museums and what we could go do for the day. And it wasn't until that point, that we all figured out that it was seven o'clock at night, and that we had thought we had slept through the entire night already, and actually we had just kind of fallen asleep for a few

Hardart hours, and we were up and ready to go for the day and it was actually evening time.

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So on our travels with in Europe we bought a Eurail pass. And so with your Eurail pass you can get on and off and kind of basically have unlimited travel throughout Europe, for the time period that we had booked, and we were, again, right, we'd never traveled anywhere we were young from a small town. And we got on the one of our train rides, and all of a sudden, they came through, and we were I believe in France, and we weren't able to speak the language. And they looked at our passports and all of a sudden, took our your rail passes, and we weren't sure what was going on what they confiscated we just kind of started our trip. And so we, my courtesy jumped up to follow this guy through the train cards to figure out what was going on. And in the confusion and we were all stressed out that also we were going to lose our stuff and I think they may have even taken our passports to which is crazy. I he followed them into the next train cart, and discovered that yeah, they were just having to check it off, back then, right 1992 Everything is paper tickets, and none of this stuff was, you know, electronic, and so we just weren't aware of the processes that were in place for that. So those are just a few stories that started off our trip to Europe where I got that really awesome black leather bag that I carry every day.

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