

# I Finally Took That Step

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We've all been there. An idea crosses your mind. Perhaps it was a movie that provoked the idea, or a conversation, or a picture you saw on social media. You think, "I'd love to do that." Soon enough that thought turns to, "Is it possible that I could actually do that?"

I can't tell you how many times I had to tell myself that I really am in Germany, walking the cobblestone streets, visiting ancient landmarks, appreciating European architecture, and meeting people from all over the world. I then smile to myself because I took that first step. And then many more. And I made it.

It's not perfect, which is exactly what I'd



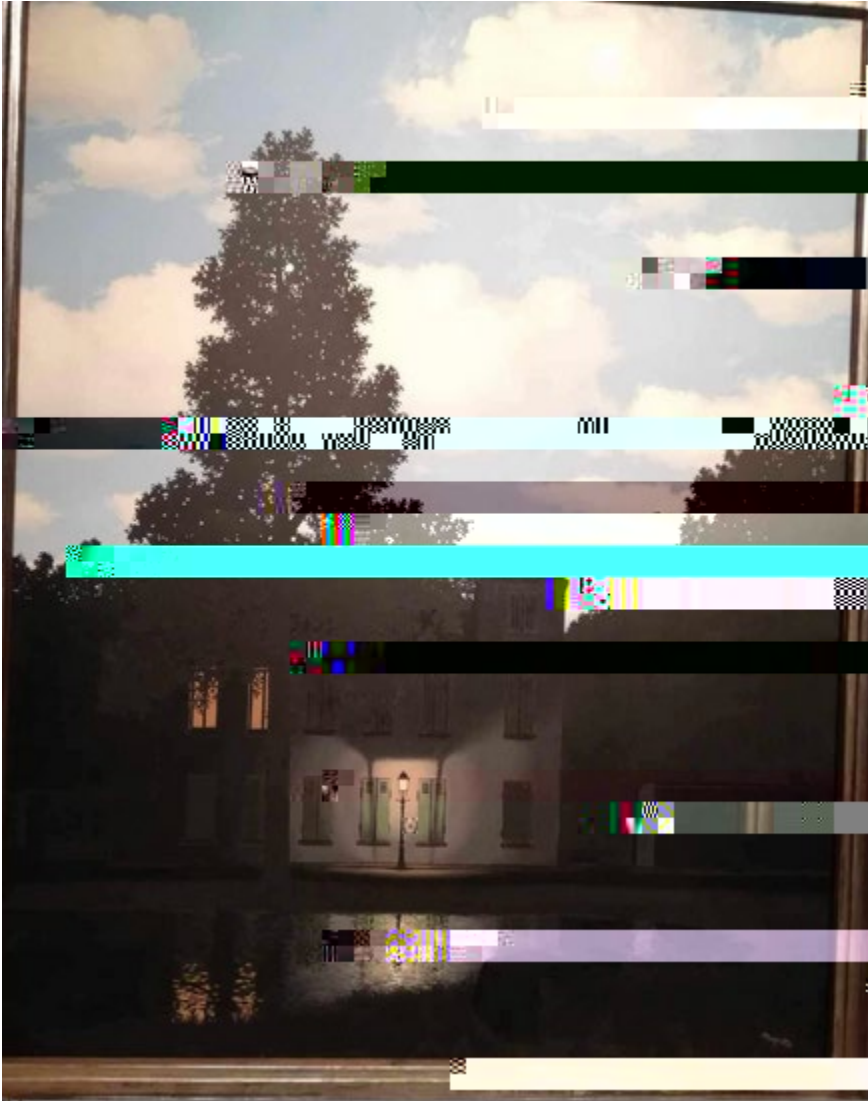
A Visit to Brussels.

A young woman stands in a tiled café, with a window wall as her background. Beyond is a green courtyard surrounded by Romanesque buildings.



The Cologne Cathedral

An impressive and massive piece of gothic architecture.



A Visit to Magritte

A painting by Rene Magritte entitled, "The Empire of Light".



Freiburg

A young woman sits atop a bridge railing as the sun goes down. She faces away from the camera towards a church in the distance.