

Trip to France + Spain July 4 - July 7  
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July 4<sup>-5</sup>, Thurs<sup>FF</sup> - got to Atlanta 1/2 early, 90°. Hated waiting, but plane to Paris quite empty + I had 3 seats + lay + slept! Got Hertz car very easily at same "SUB" terminal. Green Renault mehegeron - couldn't find reverse. Raining + cold. Drove, partly bumper to bumper traffic to Auxerre. Got tour of St. Germain Abbey crypt, fantastic 9<sup>th</sup> c. Sarcophagi + frescoes of Stephens Story. Drove on to Vezeley. Arrived in time for Vespers + Mass, sung beautifully by canons + nuns of the Abbey, who came down at loss of pace to ~~the~~ everyone. Nearly got in car accident on highway, so please men! toll - 40 fr. food 46,50 + 2,50 = 49,00 entrance 20,00  
postcards 12,00 hotel at ~~10~~ 290,00  $\frac{189}{32}$  290 5411 = @ 82  $\frac{85}{100}$  85,00  
(counting FF = \$204 altho actually I didn't get that much when exchanging)

July 6, Sat - slept for 9 hrs, freezing in morning. Drove straight for Autun. Fell asleep on road + hit metal rail on side + damaged car slightly. Absolutely beautiful countryside + vistas, Sun came out between clouds. At Autun parked in general municipal parking lot + walked up to Cathedral. Tympanum w/ Last Judgement scene (hand reaching down to him; St. Michael weighing souls, 3 wise men asleep, I got neat postcards!) Walked out to Roman Amphitheatre, then drove on to Clermont-Ferrand. Got gas (costs 25 to fill 1/2 the tank). Drove past Clermont exit + had to back track. Crazy traffic in Cl. minute I finally started paying the Hotel  $\frac{17,50}{14}$  was looking for (from guide book) boomed ahead, w/ parking!!! Hotel Gallieni. Went to  $\frac{117}{22,10}$  Cathedral but closed at 6:00. Went to fantastic Romanesque - 12<sup>th</sup> c. Church of Notre-Dame du Port. In crypt is blessed sac. w/ a small black Madonna (18<sup>th</sup> c) but nave of church w/ stain glass + Jesse tree w/ David, a black David, playing harp. Walked to Church of the Carmes + got tail end of Mass! (Communion!) Walked a bit @ "Old Clermont", but nothing of the feel of 6<sup>th</sup> c., more 16<sup>th</sup>. postcards 17,50  $\frac{380,60}{76.460,60 =}$   
toll 14,00 gas 117,00 food 19,90 + 2,20 = 22,10 Hotel Gallieni 250,00  $\frac{210,00}{250,00}$  = @ 77,00

July 7, Sun - overslept till 11:53! missed mass at Clermont Cathedral. Pouring rain. Immediately got in car + drove for Montpellier. Took 5 hrs bec pouring rain + constant detours off the autoroute due to work on the road. Dramatic views, very mountainous!! Poured all the way. Coming into Montpellier I again missed turned, did an illegal U + damaged front of car. Parked at Gare + found room near it at Hotel Royal 250,00. Couldn't find a mass at St. Roche or Cathedral. Hotel 250,00 food 3,70 = 253,70  $\frac{50}{254}$  @ \$51,00

July 8, Mon. checked out of Hotel Royal, put my luggage in car, which I left at upper platform of Gare + was scared @, but it was OK. Walked to library + there at 5 to 9. Immediately went in and

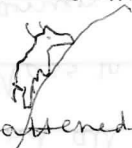
to work, copying for 3 hrs. 15 min. (Vial Minorelle very nice) walked back to car + drove to Barcelona. Bright sunshine @ 80 mph whole way, <sup>got gas + France 132 FF</sup> Stopped at border + got pesetas \$500 got 62,000 (128,00 to \$1.00) ~~FF~~. Barcelona was an absolute night mare to drive in. Finally found street of Hotel, but it was 1 way + couldn't get to Hotel, kept going round + round. Hit a "telecom" truck's rear light + smashed mine + his. Long delay while he filled out form + a nice English speaking girl came out + xensed all the docs. (my Herk contract, pass port, license + Herk registration). Finally parked in public underground parky <sup>230 ps.</sup> which turned out to be right next to Hotel I had reservations at: Hotel Mason Castilla, changed parky to their lot w/ help. Walked to Archivo de la Corona (<sup>to new address</sup> 1/2 hr walk). Food 17,30 FF, gas <sup>132</sup> ~~132~~ FF, toll 74 FF, toll @ 1500 pes, another toll @ 300 pes. parky 230 pesetas Hotel 7,700 + 2,000 parky, + 7% tax @ \$45 in FF + \$ 90 in pes = \$135

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Tues July 9 Sunny, but not too hot (<sup>cool</sup> wind) Breakfast on outside patio of hotel. Walked to Archivo de la Corona de Aragon (1/2 hr) at new address - very modern ugly buldy. Met Alberto Torro (young + humble, super nice, showed me every thing). Closed at 2:15 on Tues (wed open 8:30 - 6 straight). Walked out to famed Church of Sagrada Familia. Impressive on both facades (doves side + passion). Walked to Bibl. Univ. + saw 2 mss. Met Jodi Torra. Walked to Cathedral + saw crypt w/ relics of St. Eulalia (4<sup>th</sup> c. martyr) in beautiful tomb + saw Virgin (Black) of Montserrat + Mass + 7. Walked to several churches - back to hotel. Postcards 90 off 10,00 Food 45 Hotel @ 8,000 parky 2,000 <sup>82</sup> ~~10~~ 145 = @ \$82

Wed July 10 - sunny, but not hot. Breakfast on patio again. Walked to Archivo de la Corona de Aragon + worked there again for 2 hrs. Walked back to Hotel + left. A nightmare trying to drive out of Barcelona w/ 1/2 one-way streets. Then another Nightmare getting right thru way to Vic. Nice guy at gas station on highway helped. Holy Mackeral - impossible to describe drive after Vic towards Seo de Urgel !!!!! (stopped at Rich bur. Episc. Museum closed till 4:00). Incredible hairpin turns + breathtaking alpine scenery. Way up, like Maine - trucks

and cyclists made it crazy driving + slow. Then when I thought I couldn't last any longer - Bang - something opened up like magic, like we'd entered a plain or up in top of volcano + suddenly this beautiful level valley appeared at the top of all these mountains (some sides so steep cows didn't need to bend to eat: →  This was just before Puigcerdà + then another miracle, road flattened out + I sped into Urgel + then miracle after miracle unfolded @ 6:50 drove in immediately saw signs for center + free public parking. Parked in a nice high lot right near cathedral + as I was walking up, just then Tourist Office doors opened beside me + girl showed me nice hotel + map + immediately got room at "Hotel Nice" for 4,200 ps. Then went to Eps. Museum + still opened till 7:00! And saw wonderful S. X Beatus ms. and Virgins (postcards). Then ~~was~~ saw cloisters of cath. then got in to see Cathedral be/c concert that night! Walked @ + out to Park + River Segre. Then I had read there was a mass at 8:30 at Eglise de la Missio but no idea where church was - stumbled into it (just a door in street, just at the Canon + got Communion! Back to Hotel. Hotel 4,200 gas 2,700 postcard 510 admission 200  $\frac{121}{7,610} = \textcircled{\$60.00}$

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Thurs July 11. Sunny, not hot w/ cool air. Was at Archivo of Urgel at 9:00, but finally found a man who barked "Dix heures", so I went to mass in a side chapel of Cathedral, + bought postcards + mailed them to Diane Hood + Tony Keefe. At 10:00 went into episcopal palace + Marquis was there at door. Very kind. We went upstairs into ready room overlooking Segre Valley + he didn't ask for passport or anything. Just brought me the ms + one he had to go and get over at Museum. I was @ only person there. <sup>left @ 12:30</sup> Drove to Montserrat via Tunnel of Cadiz (1330 pesa.) Incredible Scenery (stopped at Mantesa, but just got in traffic snarl + had to make my way out again) Diving up to Monaster amazing + miracle - the Hotel had rooms - it has an adjunct cheaper rooms + I got one for 2,900 (like a monastery cell, but big double room. Now @ 3:30. 1<sup>st</sup> visited Our Lady of Montserrat w/ all the pilgrims

and touched her. She's Black & beautiful & way up high (epilegans) walk up a back passage. Then to Museums which had some nice Impressionists. Then funicular up to Mt. Joan & then took a walk past Hermitage of St Joan on a tiny path & rock face out to top of the world Ahhhhh!  
 Incredible! You could see the whole world! Barcelona & out to Majorca! How I wished Matt there!

It was hot in sun, but air very cool. Right hand useless bec I tripped & went flying on my face coming out of Cathedral. So crawled back down path & funicular using one hand. Then 'picked up' "souvenir" of Lady for Nam & Nina (Vietnam) & postcards & then put luggage in Hotel & then went to Vespers - sung by all the monks very beautiful & then went to another Mass (refrained from Communion) & then back to Hotel at 8:00. (Very tired).

Hotel 2,900 <sup>470</sup> <sup>actually came to 3200 w/ tax</sup> Food 210 Stamps & postcards 260 toll 1,330  
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Fri. July 12 - sunny & hot in sun. Woke at 8:00 to Montserrat beauty & air out my window. Went to Bibl. L'Abadia up stairs off to right of Cathedral entrance, after waiting 1/2 hr by porter, "Damien" came out to meet me & took me up 3 flights to Biblioteca. Nobody there & Xavier Poch away & Damien not librarian, but extremely kind, spoke English & tried to find all the miss I wanted to see. He had to rush off for great Conventual Mass in Basilica at 11:00. I was finished, so went to the mass & there was Damien presiding over @ 100 monks - sung mass!  
 Mailed postcards to Gail & Clint Cheppell & to Sarah Freedman & then drove to Santa Creus & Poblet (got tangled on back roads again, but fantastic country side. At Santa Creus everything closed till 3:00 & it was only 11:40 so went on to Poblet. Guided Tour by really nice guide. Amazing tombs of Kings of Aragon in nave sideways up in air. These Craterans, supported by royalty, sure weren't poor! someone parked right in front of

one r jammed me in, but a man got in my car + helped it out. Everyone looked at my old accident scars + thought I did them this time. Drove to Lourdes at 4:40 @ an hr beef of trucks - Better than expected - fantastic Cathedral w/ Altar alcaza behind it, but most of all the view! After switching Hotels (Many!) got nice view near car I parked along River (Segre) at Hotel Real for 4,500 w/ tax. stamps 180 parking 500 tolls 605 postcards 50 entrance 400 food 1,050 + 71 + 90 + 66 = 7,557 ps = @ 63.00

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Sat. July 13. Sunny, hot. woke at 9 + went straight to car + drove to Siquenza, 3 1/2 hrs. walked up to fantastic Moorish Castle, which is now a fancy Hotel. Cathedral very impressive w/ massive fortress towers, but everything closed till 4:30 or 5:00, so drove on to Madrid. Mailed postcards to mom + Chris. **MIRACLES!** Drove straight in Ave of Americas, turned onto a main street that led right into Paseo del Prado, turned on right corner that was Atocha + saw Hotel Mercator where I had reservations for Sun + Mon + found 1/2 legal parking on side street while I dashed in to see if they would let me come early. Yes, + great parking right beside hotel + icebox in room! Walked to Atocha station to see @ train for Toledo on Sun, then to Prado + it was opened (free) till 7:00 then Mass behind Prado at St. James Real at 8:00. Another fancy wedding! Then walked to Plaza Mayor + Porta del Sol + thru wonderful side streets w/ all the fish restaurants. Also - just bumped into Leon st + Real Academia de la Historia very near Hotel |||| (I was afraid it was far away + I also couldn't find Leon). Hotel 7,500 Parking 1,050 Food 145, toll 1390 + 100 post cards 55 stamps 175 = 10,415 ps = @ 85

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Sun. July 14 - went to 10:00 Mass at St. James behind Prado, then went to Prado (free) till 1:00 - can't get over El Greco - he is the entire Prado. Walked to train station + train to Toledo (12:25 → 13:40) Getting from station at Toledo to Cathedral was crazy! Tried short cut up steep steps + ended on dirt road behind a military academy. Finally got to center + finally found Cathedral (closed till 5) Went to Church of Santo Tomé (they say tom(ay)) which is <sup>small chapel</sup> entirely turned over to tourists to view El Greco's "The Funeral of the Count of Orgel" Well worth it! Then, in Cathedral - more El Greco's in

sacristy. I was struck dumb by his "Jesus" + beside it, "St. Peter in  
 tears" (got postcards + couldn't get over Jesus's eyes - made my whole trip)  
 The Cath is extraordinary! Retable, choir stalls! Monstrances of gold in  
 Treasury! Dashed back (the way I came!) praying I would make it in  
 time for 6:30 train back to Madrid. Did! Shopped in Madrid for bread + cheese  
 on Sun + found exactly what I wanted! It rained a bit + I stopped in at Cathedral  
 of San Isidore. Hotel 7500 Parking 1,050 off 100, <sup>Prado</sup> postcards 450, <sup>hans</sup>  
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Mon July 15. Sunny, hot. <sup>10:00</sup> Went 1st to Real Academia de la Historia + man said  
 opened at 4, so went on to BN. Hassle getting in by woman, but then a nice man who  
 spoke English immediately OKed everything. When he asked for my passport, I opened  
 my red portfolio + IT WAS GONE! I died! I was horribly distracted  
 + just kept on praying I had left it <sup>w/</sup> Hotel desk - yesterday someone had opened zipper  
 of my outer knapsack + taken everything in it (a pen). Saw mss after incredible  
 process of checking coat, being suspected in library - told use MF - a man came out  
 when I wanted to see BN 10029 (in Museum) + BN 10018 (s. 1x - tried to test  
 me I felt by asking if it was in Visigothic script) But they let me see it.

left at <sup>11-3:15</sup>. Prayed my way back to Hotel + PASSPORT THERE! HAIL  
 MARY! Then went to Real Acad. at 4:00 (very inauspicious rooms. Ladies  
 first said no way I could see mss w/out letter proving I was a Professor,  
 Finally one senior lady relented + said just today, then you must get a letter  
 from your "embassy" (!! Impossible) But then they handed me most  
 valuable codices "of Roda" w/out batting an eye. At 6:00 went  
 supermarket shopping in Cortes d'Ingles w/ whole world. Washed off windows  
 of my car in lot bef covered w/ sticky stuff from Llerida + bird dung  
 Went to 8:00 Mass at Cath. of S. Isidore. Sung w/ 1/2 sermon, incense +  
 procession to Mary side altar after that everyone seems to wait for

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each night. Hotel 7500 Parking 1,050 food 1318 + 80 + 175  
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Tues, July 16 - woke at 7:30 and drove straight to Escorial (8:15-9:15) incredibly beautiful countryside - like Maine - sunny but cool. Worked at Escorial till 2:00 - they are so incredibly nice - don't question you at all (Luz del valle not there) Drove to Avila - again - incredible countryside - vast w/ fields + mnts in distant. At Avila saw Cathedral + its sacristy. There was a major exhibition set up all thru the nave of crucifixes from 12<sup>m</sup> - 17<sup>m</sup> c. Big ones + tiny you walked right up to + @ - all Teresa's span! . Then to house where Teresa was born + garden she played in (now a church there) Then to St. Vincent's beautiful church w/ pillars all down so. <sup>side entrance +</sup> neat west portal of figures. Inside his tomb (14<sup>m</sup> c. martyr w/ sisters) is huge w/ funny canopy  (pagoda) w/ his story ~~carved~~ on tomb. Then to the Convent of the Incarnation (outside walls) where Teresa spent 20 yrs of her life. **INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE!** entered door she confessed at, parlor where she talked to John of the Cross + tog they had ecstasy, room she 1<sup>st</sup> entered w/ same pillar in middle + red brick floor + tiny small door to outside. Then a cell w/ musical instruments she played (2 harps, guitar, drums, violin, etc (This was not reformed when Teresa entered + furniture dowery that ladies brought was in downstairs parlor. Then a <sup>saw</sup> room she had when abbess for 3 yrs, another room housed: wooden log she used as pillow, key to her cell, handkerchief she used, 2 folios of her writing, crucifix she carried w/ her when founding new monasteries, chalice John of the Cross used (+ Pope John Paul II when he visited) John of the Cross was confessor to convent for 3 yrs - chair he sat in to hear confessions, etc! Quite extraordinary! Drove to Segovia at 7:00 to 8:00 - Fantastic town - drove right up tiny straight into main sq. + found parking + immediately a neat hotel "Las Ffienas" in St. Martin's square. Visited Cathedral + Roman aqueduct + watched incredible view of Segovia country w/ birds flying all over in sunset standy near top of Aqueduct

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Wed July 17 - Sunny, hot. Walked @ Segovia from 11-3:15. **WOW!** First to Alcazar + I climbed tower all the way to top w/ incredible view of city + monasteries outside walls. Also this is castle that Ferdinand + Isabella met in + I saw her bedroom + a lot of neat knights in full armor.

then walked all the way down + outside walls to the "Church of the Holy Cross" - a tiny octagon w/ tower-shaped church built by the Knight Templars in 1208 + w/ an inner temple of 2 floors grimley church of Holy Sepulchre in its octagon + "Temple" of Jerusalem I guess. After Templars were put to an-end in 1318, Church eventually came into hands of Knights of Malta. They Templars kept vigil in it all night, but it originally had a piece of the True Cross. Then walked on to Monastery de la Parral (grape) and walked in just in time for Sung mass 12:30 w/ 7 monks + 2 priests. They did everything so slowly, exactly, simply! Then walked back up into city, past famous Church of St. Stephen w/ its best Mudejar tower. Drove to Burgo del Osmos - a disappointment. In cathedral a priest yanked me out of a tour group, put me in another + then they had a system of locking groups into rooms as they went @. I waited out! + didn't find Beatus ms supposedly in Museum of Church. Drove on to Silos via Soria. WOW - What incredible country side - sometimes so flat you could see curve of the world, sometimes high pine like Maine, after Soria, then turn off to Silos - incredible rock formations. Was Pruggy I'd missed Silos (now 8) but then it appeared + a 3-star hotel "Los tres Coronas", where I immediately got neat room in this old hotel. Walked up a mount, past a youth camp on retreat I guess, but a whole bunch of monks were out under trees w/ individual youths hearing confessions! Quite amazing. Walked all the way to top of a mt + looked down at monastery + out over country. So many blessings! Put driftwood anchor on a statue of Mary. Hotel 5900 w/ tax @ 6300 entrancees:

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(got a parking ticket in Segona - also in Monastery of El Parrar - Its a Jeronimite order - finally found (Fr. Starb) Statue of St. Jerome - almost life size, kneeling, traled chest, beating it w/ lion on left + cardinal's hat on right - but its in the center of famous 15<sup>th</sup> c. altar retable of the church!) = 9,000 ps = @ 75



July 18, Thurs. Hot, sunny. went to 9:00 Mass at Monastery, sung w/ Gregorian Chant by all the monks of Silos. They processed in, 1st 3 oblates w/out robes, then 7 robed monks, then 16 priests-monks to concelebrate, then celebrant w/ 2 altar boys. Their singing is lovely, but not distracting. Then at 10:00 applied at Claustro entrance to go to Biblioteca. The man at museum desk called someone on phone + he asked if her name was Susan + then Padre Mate' Sadornil came personally to get me + we went up to upper cloisters + inside, they are redoing whole library + no books in it, but he had set me up in a separate room, had "Frag 18" ready + had made a xerox of it + brought me @ 15 books of bibliography! Then he left me. I proceeded till 12 + was finished + didn't know what to do, so I wrote

him a note + left. Drove to Leon - very hot + stomach ache. Stopped at Sahagan on way, got info at Tourist center but mid-afternoon roughly closed, but incredible flat huge land again. Leon was hard to find a hotel in + I ored for 4-star hotel, after having parked some ways away.

Went to Cathedral + Starch by judgment tympanum w/ bad in boiler, caldrons + St. Michael wrefly souls - inside - Stained glass!! The "museum" was a flop for 450 ps.

Then went to St. Isidore's - his relics over high altar. Then walked down to St. Marcos + @ Cathedral looking for postcards of tympanum. Hotel 8400 + 7% tax = @ 8800 postcards 275 Food 395 entrance 450. = 9920 ps = @ 82.00

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Friday July 19 - Sunny, hot. walked to St. Isidore Basilica for 9:30 Mass. Then to Bib). de la Cathedral. at the address, all was locked + barred, but a workman showed me to look for the Archivero on other side of Cathedral. The porter over there said he wasn't there - come back in 1 hr. Came back @ 11:00 - Manuel Perez Reiso was there I hollered for him he came out of stacks + was absolutely impossible - wanted me to come back Manzana or at 13:00 - spoke no English, but said he didn't get my fax saying I was coming in morning. Finally, I kept insisting "now" + he took me back across street, unlocked Archives, (fancy inside!) took me upstairs, got

the two mrs I wanted to see + led me to a ready room - said he was going to lock the doors + he'd be back at 1:00. I said OK + worked on Leon 22 till 1:00 (still tremendous stomachache) He came back + last I filled out a Passport ID + he led me out (w/ a weak smile - we sort of made up I guess) It was all quite weird. Drove to Burgos <sup>2-4:00</sup> - a hot, tortuous drive behind trucks. Got out + saw Cathedral (El Cid buried in center). Drove on to Santo Domingo de Calazá - not enough there to stay (cock + hen in Cathedral, but celebration going on). Drove on (skipped S. Millan de Logella + Najera) to Logroño <sup>8:30</sup>, Surprisingly Pleasant - found Hotel Murrieta (Franners)! Walked @ Cathedral looked bombed out + so did other churches, but I loved walking the poor back streets w/ children + singing "feed the birds, dipse a bag" - The night life really got going at 10:00 in lots of bars - famous for wine.

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Sat. July 20 - sunny, hot till Pyrenees. Drove from ~~Pamplona~~ <sup>Logrona</sup> to Pamplona - it was OK getting in (even tho market day) + even found place to park in impossible situation! walked to Cathedral + saw alabaster tomb in center of effigy of Henry of Navarre + his wife. Then went to Museum of Navarre. What a find! Neat 1<sup>st</sup> c. tombstones + stele + Roman votive altars + mosaic pavements, but prize was 13<sup>th</sup> c. capitals from cathedral w/ wonderful scenes of X's passion + Job (I also couldn't believe I found neat close-up postcards of them - bought 13 and I stayed till closing, but the man selling the postcards stayed late to let me buy them. It took 45 frustrating minutes to get out of Pamplona, but then a woman showed me <sup>to B<sup>l</sup>oo</sup> signs for St. Sebastian just @ corner from me! + I drove to Irun, thru Pyrenees - Incredible, but driving crazy w/ trucks + bicyclists + curves. Then over border + thru Bayonne to Pau arrived @ 6:30 + parked right beside front door of "Hotel Commerce" got room + walked @ 1<sup>st</sup> went to Mass at Cathedral of St. Jacques w/ beautiful alive priest + singing. Walked "Pyrenees Promenade" w/ great view of all the peaks (tho hazy) and saw

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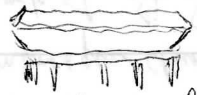
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Sun July 21. Sunny, hot. Went to 9:30 mass in Cathedral of Pan again + again wonderful atmosphere. Drove to Toulouse (intending to go to Auch, but went right by - wondered @ Lourdes, but it must have been led to Toulouse? WHO would have told me I'd run into the tomb of Thomas Aquinas in the Jacobin monastery-church in middle of Toulouse!!! (It was once Dominican + a bp ordered Thomas' bones to Toulouse in 14<sup>th</sup> c. <sup>a while</sup> at St. Severin's then in 1974 back to Jacobins. It seemed out of place + not enough glory to him. Just the box w/ his bones in dead center of this huge naked nave of Romanesque church, quite unadorned. But there is Thomas! I had 1<sup>st</sup> gone to Church of St. Severin WOW! I didn't realize there were so many saints in crypt! "Pilgrim's circuit @ the apse w/ altars + bones of many + in lower crypt St Honoratus' relics + what moved me most -- a relic in towering monstrance of a precious thorn of the Crown of Thorns. (I mean, if someone really saved the crown, I'm joking at something that touched + pierced very Jesus!!!))  
Wonderful tympanum of ascension (postcard). Then went to Augustin Museum (house in Augustinian monastery - wonderful capitals from St. Severin's, 3 Toulouse-Latre c's, a Van der Valde sea scene w/ towers + Van Dyke. I actually found place to park near St Severin's (Sun market w/ many blacks going on in full swing at 1:00) + made it out. Drove to Agen, by 6:00, but Cath. + museum closed so drove on to Pergeux, thru Bergerac (getting late, sun dead in my eyes, seat killing me, eyes very blurry, trucks + curves - and yet - God's grace I arrived at 9:00 + immediately spotted Hotel Talleyrand w/ parking (he said to) right in front. Walked in twilight @ - out to Roman tower neat w/ new moon + thru back streets past towers + a house from 100 yrs. war period to Cathedral, just at dark WOW! It rose up (lighted) w/ its tower + turrets + dome. Incredibly beautiful

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Mon July 22 Sunny, hot. exchanged pesetas for FF at bank. Walked to Cathedral (like St. Marks in Venice w/ 5 domes) + then Monoprix + then drove to Limoges - on only route N21 (1 lane, trucks, campers, grueling - I have now altered my route to pick up closest super highway. At Limoges found parky (it turned out) right next to Cathedral. Walked up to place of St. Martial's crypt, which just looks like a subway entrance in middle of a parky lot, but underneath they've done extensive excavations - Besides St. Martial's sarcophagus, hundreds of others ~~are~~ arranged close @ a Gallo-Roman name. w/ wonderful heavy lids (story in Greg of Tours of Anastasius!)

Bought Gail a porcelain thimble for 60 FF + felt good @ that. Drove on - last + gruel to Poitiers. What a joy to get to see baptistry again before it closed at 6! Then visited St. Radegund's church + got to rush down to her crypt + see her sarcophagus  just before church shut. Also saw Cathedral of St. Peter + Church of Notre

Dame w/ wonderful facade of Mary lying young birth + 2 men huggins (postcards)  
 Drove on SUPER HIGHWAY to Tours. Got room after

one said "bull" at ~~Musee~~ Hotel de la Musee for 180 FF. - Parky on side street right near! + right @ corner from Cathedral. But it felt a little seedy so I shopped at 3-4 AM near train station. Should be grateful - I took original room. Now 9:40 - walked across bridge of River Loire as moon

coming out - very buggy - Hotel 180 Food 22,55, Gail's thimble 60,00 gas 150,00 tolls 42,00 postcards + book of bap. 44, 7,50  
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Tues July 23 - Sunny, hot. Walked to Cathedral of St. Gatten - spent longer than I planned following the stones in the stained glass windows, beautifully explained in posters in English under windows (Life of St. Martin, etc). This Cathedral has ~~the~~ an arm bone of Martin. Walked out to Marmoutier, across Loire - a long, hot walk - I did find caves in bank (of river) where he lived, but place of Monastery of Marmoutier is now a college; I walked in, but deserted. Also a hermitage + church of St. Radegund out here were closed. Walked back past St. Symphonium's church (closed) back across Loire + to St. Martin's church **W O W W W!** Down in the Crypt they've marked the very spot his bones lay + where St. Clotilde, Joan of Arc, Louis IX, etc all came to pray. A few of Martin's bones are preserved over high altar. Most were scattered in 18<sup>th</sup> c. destruction (check - I bought history pamphlet). Drove to Laon via Orleans, Paris, Reims. At Paris, getting onto circuit to change routes was a nightmare and I circled Paris entirely 1 1/2 times before I found A4 (w/ Sun in eyes + 5:00 traffic). At Laon got room next to Gare in Hotel Commerce for 220 FF + walked up stairs to upper city, walked @ Cathedral, watched view, went to Bibliotheque to check hrs but not posted. Quite cool w/ very strong wind. Hotel 220, postcards 2 tolls 99, 11, 19, 20, 18, food 16, 90 gas 100, 00 = 506 FF = @ **\$101.00**

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Wed, July 24 Drove up to Citadel + worked at Library (BM) of Laon from 10-12 (they close till 1:30, but got all done) Raining + cold. Drove to Paris and not too bad getting to Gare de la Nord; but problem finding Hertz (not actually at Gare but on Blvd Magenta. I paid 1,500 FF extra for damage, which they said American Express would reimburse. They took a copy of the accident report. Found Hotel right near Gare de Nord "Hotel Appia" - clean 3-star for 300 FF + breakfast! **All the Saints!** Walked to Louvre to find times + found opened Wed till 11 PM Walked to Musee d'Orsay + that opened Thurs till 9:45! Went to Mass at 7 at German des-Pres + then to Louvre till 9:45 - loved Fra Angelico, Venus de Milo (winged Eros + Hera on ship, Mona Lisa) Hotel 300 tolls 18, 19, 20, 11 food 8 postcards + picture

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30 entrance 26 = 5632 PF = @ \$86

Thurs July 25. Cool, sunny. Went to BN - very easy getting 2-day pass & worked straight 11-5. Then walked to Notre Dame, then to Mass at 7 (feast of St. James) at St. Germain-des-Prés (my favorite). Then to Museum D'Orsay open till 9:45 on Thurs.

This time struck by Van Gogh's Starry Night over Bay of Arles.

Hotel 300 entrance 36 = 5336 PF = @ \$67

Fri. July 26 Sunny, much warmer. Walked to BN + worked 11-3:15. Then walked down along Seine to Bibliothèque de l' Arsenal (1 rue de Sully, past Notre Dame) They are open 10-5, I arrived 4:15 + wanted to check foliation of 663 (Libri Carolini) + they were very nice + a woman led me into a back room and

let me sit at a special desk + look at the ms. Walked to Louvre + Louvre <sup>book</sup> shop till Mass at 7 at St Germain des Prés, then bought postcards + 2 pictures at Louvre + checked how to leave (RER B line + Orly val) at Gare de Nord. Hotel 300 postcards 40

= 340 PF = @ \$68

~~Friday~~

Sat. July 27 - took RER Blue line subway from Gare de Nord to "Antony" stop + got "Orly val" train to Orly Sud (all cost 54 FF) Many French people coming to Olympics in Orlando. 10 hr flight back! Atlanta had just had bombing. Arrived

in Raleigh/Durham @ 7 P.M. Parking \$72.00

sub + train: 54 FF = @ \$10.00 + 72 = \$82.00

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