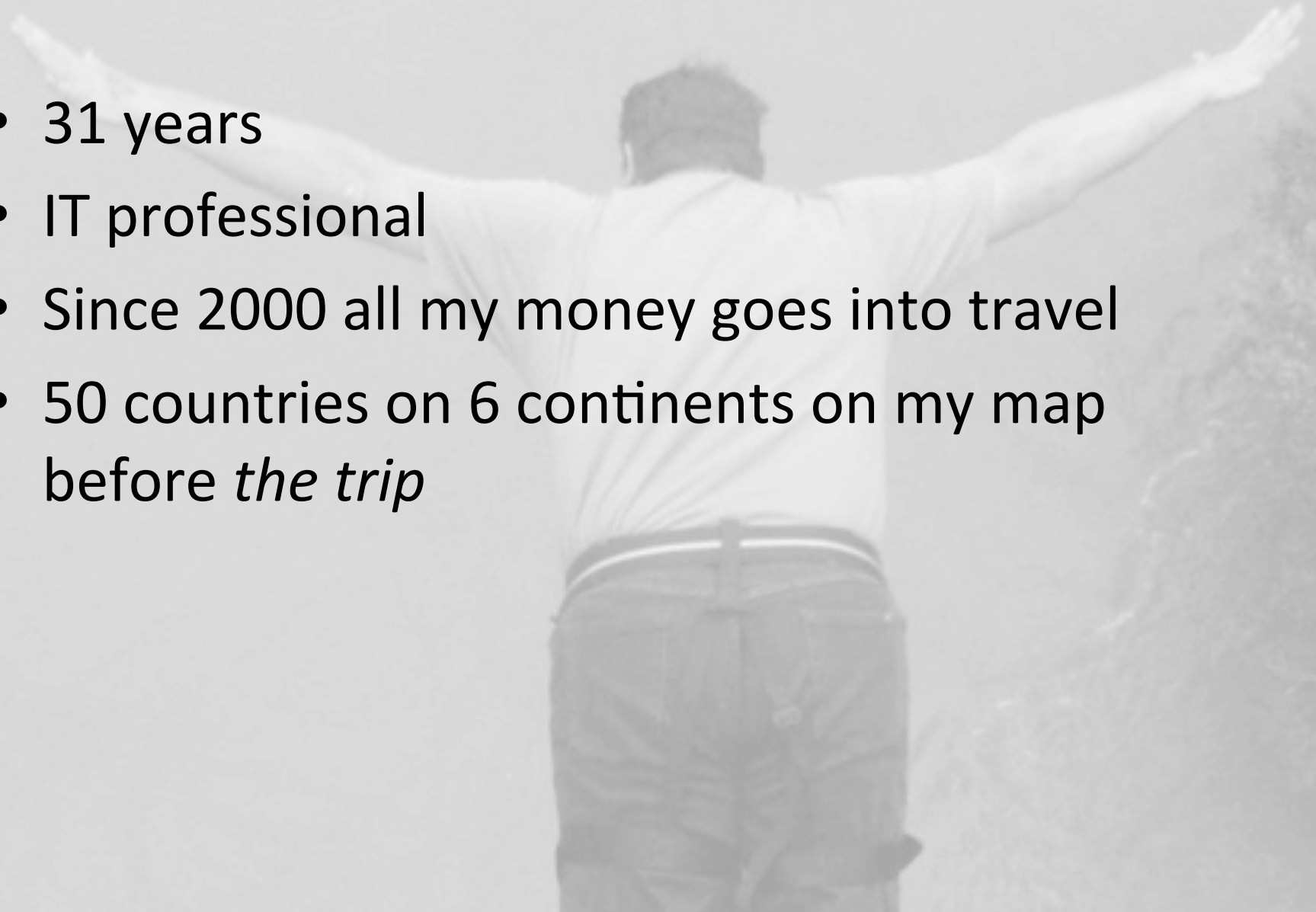




19 months around the world

About me

- 31 years
- IT professional
- Since 2000 all my money goes into travel
- 50 countries on 6 continents on my map before *the trip*



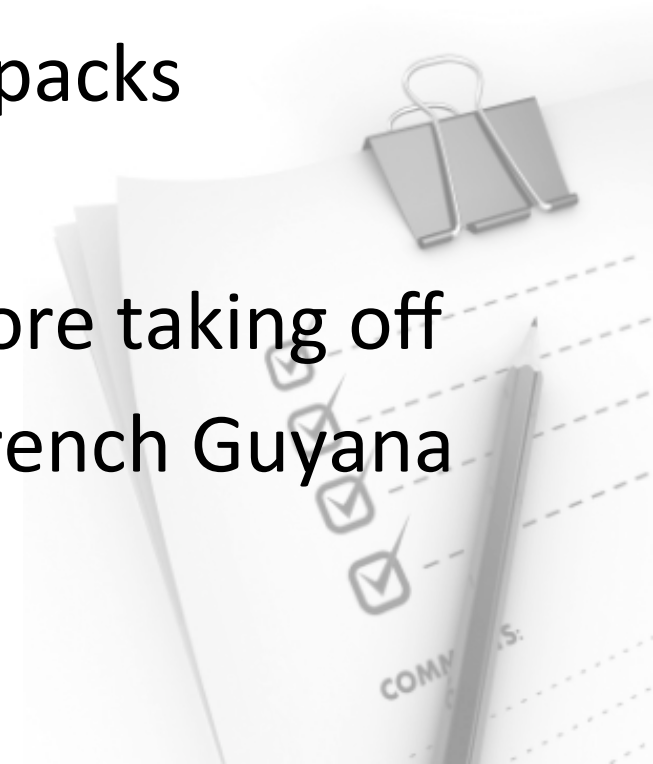
Why go around the world ?

- Age is still good to go crazy (sex, drugs and rock and roll)
- Need to satisfy my craving for new (people, experiences, cultures)
- No obligations at home (no wife, no children)
- NOW I have the money
- Why not ?!



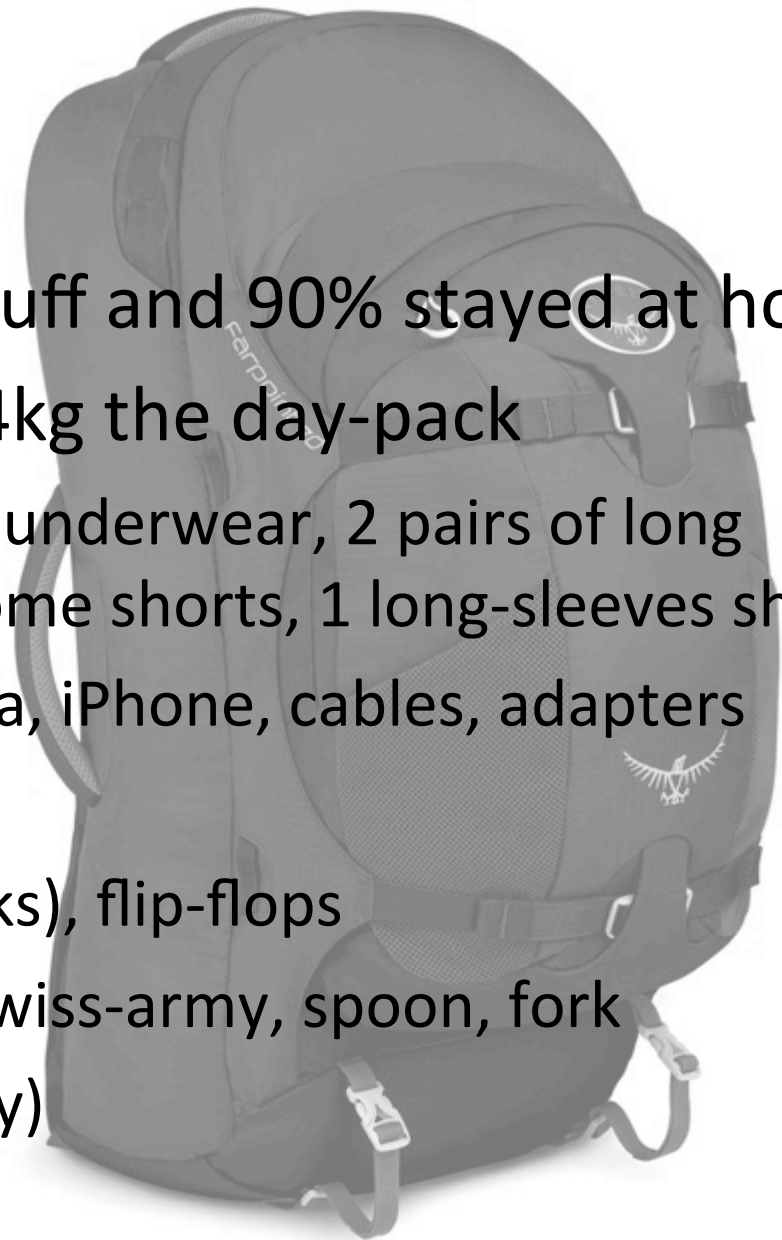
Planning

- The first step was 8 Apr 2010 when I took the first vaccine
- I booked my flight out in Jul 2010
- Flew to London to try-out backpacks
- Gear ordered online in Oct
- 5th of Jan 2011 last vaccine before taking off
- 6th of Jan 2011 on my way to French Guyana via Paris



What to pack

- I bought shitload of stuff and 90% stayed at home
- Backpack has 12kg + 4kg the day-pack
 - 15 t-shirts, 10 pairs of underwear, 2 pairs of long trousers that can become shorts, 1 long-sleeves shirt
 - Laptop, Kindle, Camera, iPhone, cables, adapters
 - Medical kit, hand-gel
 - Hiking-shoes (and socks), flip-flops
 - locks (various sizes), swiss-army, spoon, fork
 - Ear-plugs (to give away)

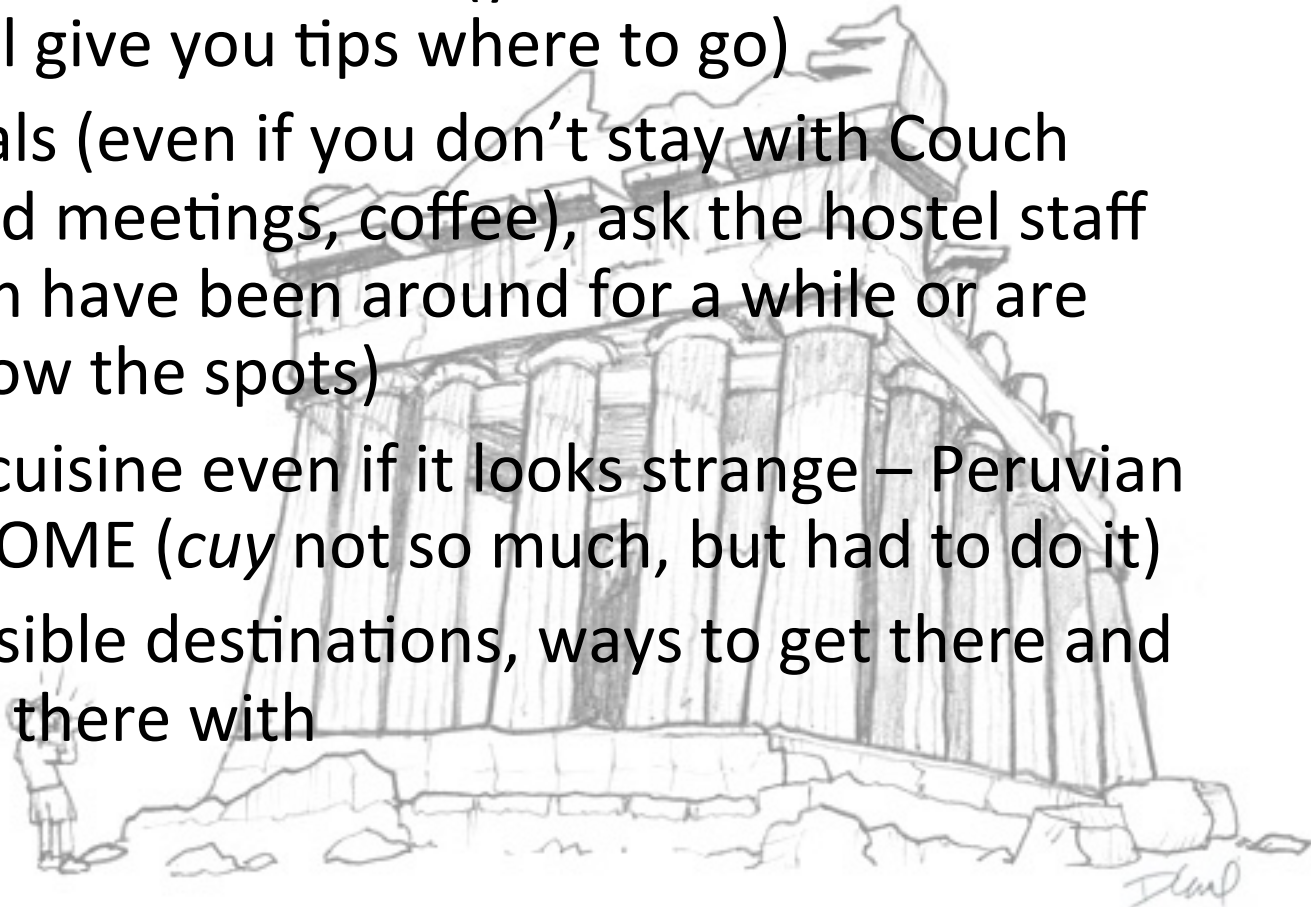


Life on the road

- From 5* to hostel... you need some practice, visit a local hostel
- Be ZEN and OPEN minded, you're going to meet lots of people: rude, funny, smelly, horny
- Do some research, but not too much.. Be flexible. Sometimes it pays: my Antarctica trip booked 16h before or the raining season when I got to French Guyana

What to do when you get there

- Do the touristic spots
- Do off-the-beaten track stuff (your new friends from the hostel will give you tips where to go)
- Meet the locals (even if you don't stay with Couch Surfing, attend meetings, coffee), ask the hostel staff (most of them have been around for a while or are locals and know the spots)
- Try the local cuisine even if it looks strange – Peruvian food is AWESOME (*cuy* not so much, but had to do it)
- Research possible destinations, ways to get there and people to get there with

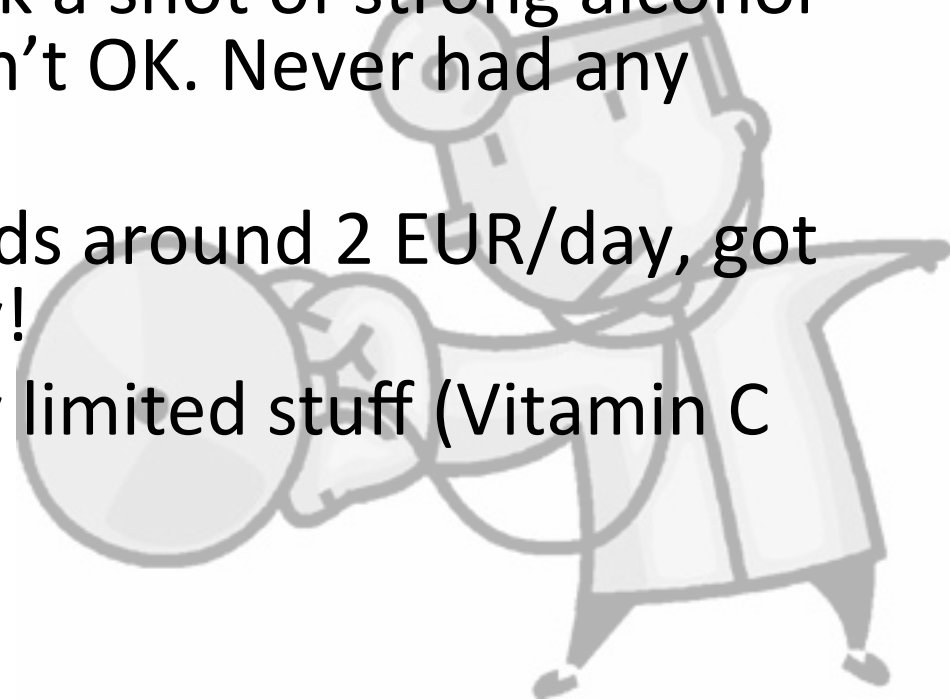


Staying in touch

- Met only 3 people without Facebook accounts (1 gave in eventually)
- Internet is everywhere (the cheaper the place, the cheaper the internet will be)
- Photos on Picasa and Facebook
- SIM cards are cheap (don't buy them in Airports). In Hanoi airport they were asking US\$ 50 while downtown I got the same SIM for US\$4 good for 1 month with 1GB internet

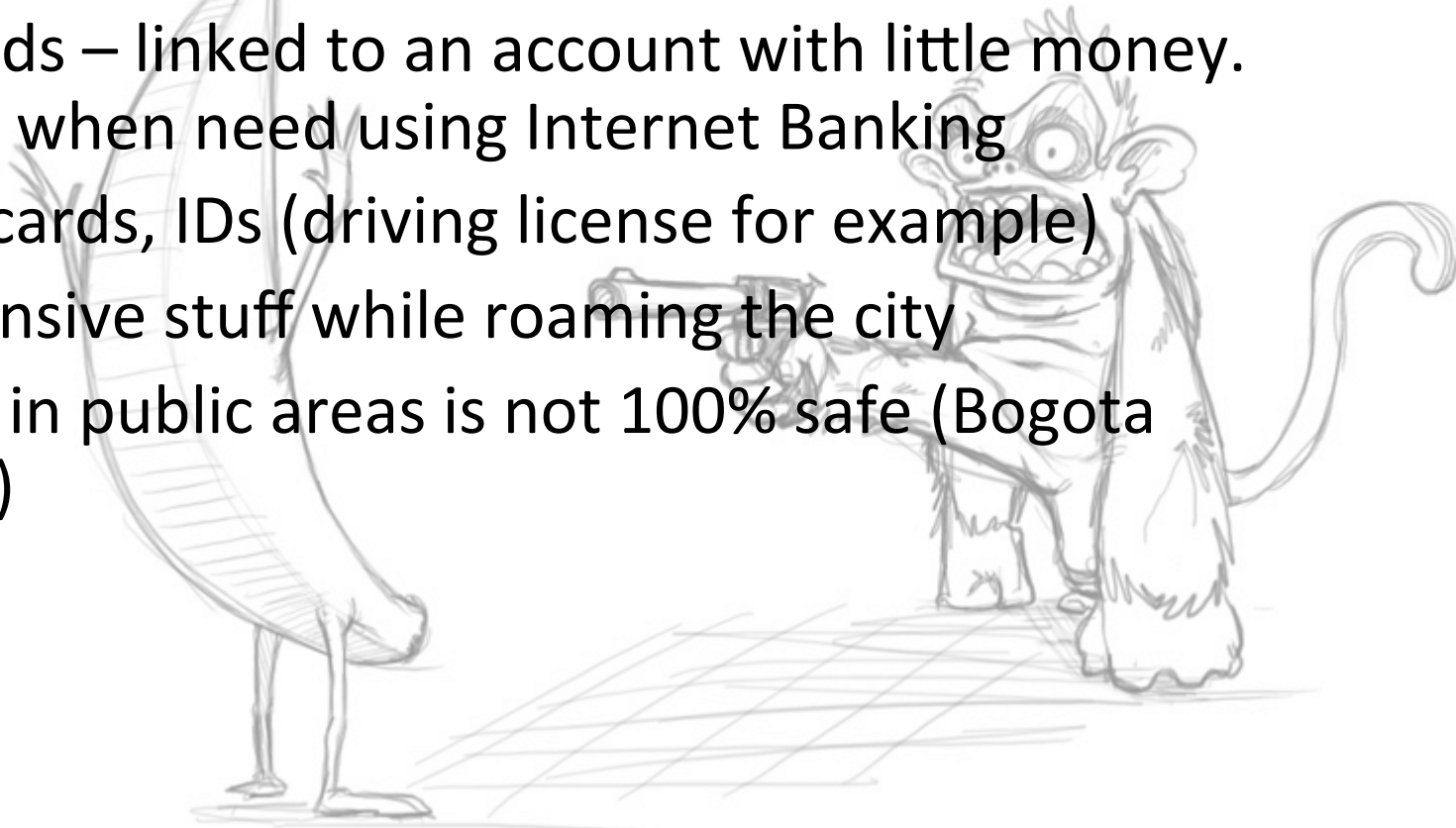
Staying healthy

- Laundry : for \$2 in Argentina you wash lots of stuff (2 weeks worth)... for \$2 more you get them ironed as well (by a chinese family)
- Water : bottled water is available everywhere
- Louise & Tina's tip : drink a shot of strong alcohol if you feel the food wasn't OK. Never had any problems.
- Insurance: World Nomads around 2 EUR/day, got it but never used it.. Yay!
- Not a fan of drugs, carry limited stuff (Vitamin C does the trick for me)



Staying safe

- Most of the hostels have lockers. Bring your own locks
- Carry copies of the passport, scans of everything online (Google docs, Dropbox)
- ATM cards – linked to an account with little money. Transfer when need using Internet Banking
- Backup cards, IDs (driving license for example)
- No expensive stuff while roaming the city
- Walking in public areas is not 100% safe (Bogota incident)



Money

- Hostel is US\$ 10 in South America, US\$ 40 in Australia
- Accommodation is 20% of total costs. Cheapest US\$ 3/ person in double room (Cambodia), most expensive US \$ 950 (Ritz Hong Kong)
- Transportation is 30% (flights are EXPENSIVE if you don't book in advance or don't use local sites)
- Food and Entertainment is another 30%
- If you slow-down, costs go down
- I spend US\$ 4000/month – includes everything
- I've seen people who spent 5000 EUR in 6 months

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THE MANY THOUSAND WORDS



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Machu Picchu, Peru



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Ceviche in Lima, Peru



Blue Moon, Lima, Peru



Easter Island, Chile



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Salto Angel, Venezuela



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