

NON-PEEPING LEAF-PEEPERS

After returning from the Alaska motor home trip, it became necessary to go on a fall foliage cruise. We sailed with daughter, Vicki, two sisters, a brother-in-law, and a friend. The cruise started in the New Jersey port of Bayonne.

The port supposedly received accolades from the cruiselines that homeport there, however reality was different!

The new port is located in an abandoned industrial and warehouse district. The terminal was in a tent area for check-in, and after check-in you board another bus to go to the distant boarding ramp. Not good for old folks!

At the end of the pier area was a park area with this statue displayed. It was a 911 memorial given to us by the Russians. All the names of those who died are around the base. I have never heard anything about this gift. Apparently, New York City refused to accept it as well as other locations.



New Jersey agreed to accept it here and it is talked about moving it somewhere else in the future. Many people do not like it, and many read some sort of sexual content in to it. It is interesting how much controversy surrounds it. You can read more by right clicking http://www.bayonneira.com/Memorial_Brochure.pdf and selecting open link.

The ship went to Boston, Portland, Bar Harbor, Halifax, Quebec, and then a storm in the ocean canceled Sydney and Charlottetown, PEI.

The Captain chose to stay another day in Quebec, and stop at the town of La Baie, that was in the Saguenay Fjord. This was a wise move because the next ports were closed due to the storm.

The crowning blow was that we were about a week early to see any turning leaves. Glad we saw them on a motor home trip here 2 years ago!

Dave & Bonnie