Fellow bikers,

Dave Clark and Leslie Gregersen signed up nearly a year ago for the Vermont Bike Tours' 9-day trip to Normandy and Brittany.  (My wife and I are also on the trip.)  VBT trips tend towards the higher end...historic hotels, great service, attention to detail, etc.  Air travel to Paris is on 9/9/22...yes, about two weeks away.  Unfortunately, one of their parents has become seriously ill and they can't make the trip...and they are inside the 30-day "no refund" period.  However, YOU CAN TAKE THEIR PLACE!!!

Here is a link to the website for a description of the trip:

<https://www.vbt.com/tours/france-normandy-brittany-guided-bike-tour/>

This is a group of 16 fun people...no whiners, no drunks, no one hard to get along with, no political know-it-alls (the group definitely tends towards the Dems, but it's not really political).  The youngest is 50, and I think Ann and I are the oldest at 74.  If this sounds like a group you would be comfortable joining for a fabulous 9-day biking adventure, we're ready to welcome you into the mix!

So here's the deal.  Dave and Leslie probably paid around $11,000  (the exact amount depends on where they fly from (Denver for them) and whether they chose extra nights in Paris.  They're going to lose it all if no one takes their place.  If they can recoup half of that, I think they'd be thrilled.  And that means you'd get a super trip for two for the price of one.  Still too much for you?  Then offer less.  Did I mention that they're going to LOSE IT ALL if no one signs up?!?  And, please, don't feel like you're being cruel by offering less.  Yes, she may make some attempt to find the person who will pay more, but the clock is ticking and there's still work to be done.  You'll need to work out details with Leslie, with VBT,  with Air France.  Time zones, busy schedules, what flights are available, etc., and the ticking clock.  (Your offer should be the gross amount from which you will deduct change fees and any added costs...like a flight to Denver, if necessary, to catch 'their' flight.)

The best person to speak to is Leslie.  She knows the details of what they bought and has spoken with VBT about what they will do to facilitate this.  But if you're not comfortable doing the money negotiations directly with her, you can use me as an intermediary.  (FYI, I've never met Dave and Leslie...they, like several other couples, are friends of friends.)  I don't mind being the impartial mediator trying to make this work.  Once we work out the money, you can work with Leslie on the details.  And if you're a "single," that's ok, too!  Make an offer for one.

Are you free enough and flexible enough to make this work?  If so, I encourage you to jump on it!  It's a pretty great opportunity!!

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