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## Summer holiday

23 messages

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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>

27 March 2014 20:35

To: Maria Svane

Hi Maria

Will you consider these dates for the girls to visit over the summer holiday, it is two extra days:

Friday 18th July - Monday 11th August.

I ask, as there is a direct flight with Norwegian Airlines to Montpellier on those days:

Friday 18. Jul 2014 07:20 - 09:50

Monday 11. Aug 2014 17:25 - 19:40

These are the only direct flights over summer, Norwegian only fly Friday and Mondays, and this will be the best option for the girls.

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Jason Armstrong

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**Maria Svane**

29 March 2014 08:35

To: Jason Armstrong <ja@riverdrums.com>

It will not be possible as Tatjana is only back from camp on the 18th in the afternoon and the 11th is the first day back to school after the holidays an important day socially for the girls.

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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>

29 March 2014 13:23

To: Maria Svane

Hi Maria

> It will not be possible as Tatjana is only back from camp on the 18th in the  
> afternoon and the 11th is the first day back to school after the holidays an  
> important day socially for the girls.

So they can fly on Saturday then?

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Jason Armstrong

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**Maria Svane**

29 March 2014 17:45

To: Jason Armstrong <ja@riverdrums.com>

yes, they should be able to fly on Saturday although that does not give Tatjana a lot of rest. If you are going to South Africa why do they not fly directly from Copenhagen instead of going to France first?

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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>  
To: Maria Svane

28 April 2014 15:59

Hi Maria

On 29 March 2014 17:45, Maria Svane wrote:  
> yes, they should be able to fly on Saturday although that does not give  
> Tatjana a lot of rest. If you are going to South Africa why do they not fly  
> directly from Copenhagen instead of going to France first?

Will you or someone else be able to drop them at the airport on  
Saturday 19th July, and fetch them again on Saturday 8th August?

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Jason Armstrong

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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>  
To: Maria Svane

30 April 2014 19:10

> Will you or someone else be able to drop them at the airport on  
> Saturday 19th July, and fetch them again on Saturday 8th August?

Can you let me know, I want to book the flights in the next day.

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Jason Armstrong

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**Maria Svane**  
To: Jason Armstrong <ja@riverdrums.com>

30 April 2014 19:44

Please tell me what flights they are? To where?  
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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>  
To: Maria Svane

30 April 2014 20:02

> Please tell me what flights they are? To where?

Flights to South Africa.  
There are a few options, and I need to know whether someone can drop  
the girls on Saturday, and fetch them again on Saturday 8th or Sunday  
9th August before I confirm the bookings.

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Jason Armstrong

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**Maria Svane**  
To: Jason Armstrong <ja@riverdrums.com>

1 May 2014 21:46

Yes. It will be possible.

Saturday the 8th of August is preferable as it will give them a day to recover from the long trip before starting  
school.

- Maria  
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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>  
To: Maria Svane

9 May 2014 21:38

I am looking at the same flight as previously, ie Norwegian Airlines to Barcelona.

The times are the same too: flying Saturday night at 20.30 (they should be at the airport at 18.30), and arriving back on Sunday 10th August at 13.35.

Can you let me know the details of who will drop them and fetch them, and I will make contact to the airline.

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Jason Armstrong

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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>  
To: Maria Svane

12 May 2014 17:01

I need the details below to book the flight.

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Jason Armstrong  
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**Maria Svane**  
To: Jason Armstrong <ja@riverdrums.com>

13 May 2014 19:40

I will be able to pick them up. You will have to make your own arrangements regarding fetching them.

- Maria  
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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>  
To: Maria Svane

13 May 2014 20:00

> I will be able to pick them up. You will have to make your own arrangements  
> regarding fetching them.

I don't understand this. Do you mean that you can't drop them at the airport on Saturday 19th July?

I thought that you agreed this already:

> 30th April 2014  
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> There are a few options, and I need to know whether someone can drop  
> the girls on Saturday, and fetch them again on Saturday 8th or Sunday  
> 9th August before I confirm the bookings.

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Jason Armstrong

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**Maria Svane**  
To: Jason Armstrong <ja@riverdrums.com>

13 May 2014 20:02

You said they would be flying directly to South Africa. That is what I agreed to not Barcelona. I believe this trip will b very long and tiring for them.

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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>

13 May 2014 20:10

To: Maria Svane

On 13 May 2014 20:02, Maria Svane wrote:  
> You said they would be flying directly to South Africa. That is what I  
> agreed to not Barcelona. I believe this trip will b very long and tiring for  
> them.

I realise that I haven't told you about these updates to our flight arrangements, but because of the late booking of the flight tickets, we will have to fly this way. Flying to Barcelona is much shorter than to South Africa, and after a few days, we will be travelling on holiday together.

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Jason Armstrong

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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>

14 May 2014 15:01

To: Maria Svane

Hi Maria

Please can we get this sorted out, time to make these flight bookings is pressing.

Will you be able to drop the girls at the airport on Saturday 19th July and fetch them again on Sunday the 9th August?

If you are unable to, please can you let me know why, and I will approach someone else to take them to the airport.

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Jason Armstrong  
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**Maria Svane**

15 May 2014 08:06

To: Jason Armstrong <ja@riverdrums.com>

At this time I am not sure whether I will be in DK on the 19th of July and last time I asked my brother to take them, there were so many issues with Norwegian, apart from the fact that they charged his Card two times for the flight fare which took him a long time to get back, that I do not feel like asking this favour again on your behalf.

As I said: I can pick them up on the 9th of August but I would like you to make alternative arrangements for the 19th.of July.

- Maria  
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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>

15 May 2014 18:45

To: Maria Svane

Hi Maria,

As per your last email,

> At this time I am not sure whether I will be in DK on the 19th of July

You previously agreed to take the girls to the airport on this same day, 19 July, for a flight to South Africa. The only thing that has changed is that the flight is to be to Barcelona, not directly to South Africa.

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> issues with Norwegian, apart from the fact that they charged his Card  
> two times for the flight fare which took him a long time to get back,  
> that I do not feel like asking this favour again on your behalf.

You had not communicated to me that your brother experienced any problems. I understand this must have been frustrating for him. However, Norwegian airlines are thorough. Were there any issues that I can help with?

We had a better experience for the girls' return flight, waiting with them in the departure lounge until the flight boarded.

> As I said: I can pick them up on the 9th of August but I would like  
> you to make alternative arrangements for the 19th. of July.

If you have in the interim changed your plans after agreeing to take the girls to the airport on the 19 July, where will the girls be that day and who is to look after them?

If they are to stay with Gunnar and Lone, they may be prepared to drop them at the airport as it is not very far from them? Would you like me to ask them?

Alternatively, I can arrange for my friend Morten to collect the girls and take them to the airport.

> As I said: I can pick them up on the 9th of August but I would like you to  
> make alternative arrangements for the 19th. of July.

I have noted the date incorrectly for the return, it is Sunday the 10th of August.

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Jason Armstrong

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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>  
To: Maria Svane

19 May 2014 19:54

Maria,

Your delay in replying to every message regarding organising the flights for Tatjana and Sophia's summer holiday is causing real problems.

I have heard from Morten that he will not be able to help with taking the girls to the airport as he will also be away on holiday on that

day.

I need to hear from you regarding the other questions and options in my email below.

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Jason Armstrong  
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**Maria Svane**

20 May 2014 12:21

To: Jason Armstrong <ja@riverdrums.com>

Jason,

>You previously agreed to take the girls to the airport on this same  
>day, 19 July, for a flight to South Africa. The only thing that has  
>changed is that the flight is to be to Barcelona, not directly to  
>South Africa.

That is not a small and insignificant change. I agreed to find a way to get the girls to the airport to go to South Africa to save them the long and tedious journey of first going to France and then going to South Africa. I am sure you know that especially Sophia gets very sick driving in a car so putting her through the long drive from Barcelona to France and then shortly after going to South Africa is only for your convenience certainly not for the girls. At the same time asking me to take them back and forth from the airport is only for your sake not theirs.

Originally when I agreed to take them to the airport, when it was possible, I had hoped that saving you the time and trouble would result in you seeing them more but unfortunately I was disappointed again. You are too busy writing mails to Statsforvaltningen and the school headmaster not paying the maintenance and generally attack and inconvenience me in every way possible to take time out to see the girls.

I do not believe the girls will be with my parents on the 19th but where they are is my decision to make. It will be in Copenhagen and I will inform you in due time before the departure in any case after all you have put me and my family through it is incredibly presumptuous of you to want to ask favours from my parents.

My offer stands of taking the girls to the airport if they fly directly to South Africa on the 19th or a few days later but as I said before I will not go out of my way if it is only for your convenience not theirs.

I will still be able to pick them up upon their return. I do this in good faith which I hope you can acknowledge.

I hope the above answers your question.

- Maria

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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>

21 May 2014 23:08

To: Maria Svane

Hi Maria,

You appear to have misunderstood - the girls are not going to be travelling immediately after arriving. They will come to our home in Pézenas, and it will be a few days before we travel again.

Anyway, they regularly fly between Copenhagen and Barcelona. Depending on timing in the year, it offers an alternate to Marseilles via Paris.

The Barcelona route is a direct flight of three hours, and then a car journey of three hours to our home. We pack the cars with cushions and blankets and the girls sleep if they are tired. Last time, Sophia slept the whole way back.

Given the extreme distances they have been travelling with you in South America, this hardly compares. At least it is not 8 hours on a bus or similar as Tatjana described to us. And they seem to have handled that very well anyway.

It is worth pointing out that it is not just for my convenience that this travel arrangement works smoothly. You never fail to point out how disappointed you are I don't visit every other weekend. As I have frequently reminded you, I have financial constraints: I lose two days work to accommodate the sparse flight schedules and the times to fetch and return Tatjana and Sophia, as well as pay the ever more expensive fares, and accommodation etc in Copenhagen.

If at least I don't have to fetch and return them each time as we recently agreed, there will be some financial respite which can be put toward a weekend with the girls, or to do something special over the holidays. This can only be of benefit to Tatjana and Sophia.

Thank-you for agreeing to pick them up on their return. I hope that you will reconsider your position on dropping them off too - it will work better for everyone.

I hope that this can be resolved now, and I am also looking ahead to the October holiday (18 - 26 October), when I would also like them to travel to France for that week.

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Jason Armstrong

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**Jason Armstrong** <ja@riverdrums.com>

26 May 2014 15:08

To: Maria Svane

Hi Maria

Are you going to reply to this email?

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Jason Armstrong

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**Maria Svane**

27 May 2014 08:16

To: Jason Armstrong <ja@riverdrums.com>

Jason,

It is not me who has misunderstood something. I believe you have totally misunderstood what responsibilities goes with being a father. First of all financially. It is very expensive to bring up children. There is housing and food, as you point out yourself below Copenhagen is an expensive city and the prices are rising rapidly. Then we have clothes, extramurals, aftercare etc. etc. The meager amount you pay every month goes nowhere in contributing fairly to these expenses. Furthermore you have not raised the amount one single time in 7 years, not even to cover inflation, which means my already strained finances deteriorate every year. Then we have the emotional and supportive part of being a parent. You chose to move away from the girls to set up with a new family in another country. This means that everything concerning their upbringing falls fully on me from feeding, transport, all contact with school and aftercare, homework etc. etc. The fact that you see them every 2-3 months, when they are not at school, contribute nothing to their upbringing, day to day work and expenses. How you spend your money is a matter of priorities and you have chosen to support a new family rather than your biological one. Still you complain to me about financial difficulties without any shame. I am appalled and

disgusted..... In fact I suggest that you do the right thing and finally increase the maintenance.

I have absolutely not misunderstood anything regarding the trip this Summer either. Two long trips, even with a few days in between, will be tiring and, to my mind, unnecessary for the girls. Especially as they are returning the day before from the camp that you are already informed about. As you pointed out I have travelled long distances with them as well but I have always allowed for adequate time to recover in between. Not just a couple of days. I maintain that I will try to find someone to take them to the airport if they fly directly to SA. It is even better if it is a few days later as they will then have time to recover from camp before travelling again.

Regarding the trip during the autumn Holiday please let me know soon when they will be travelling so that I can see if I have the possibility of accompanying them to the airport.

- Maria

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