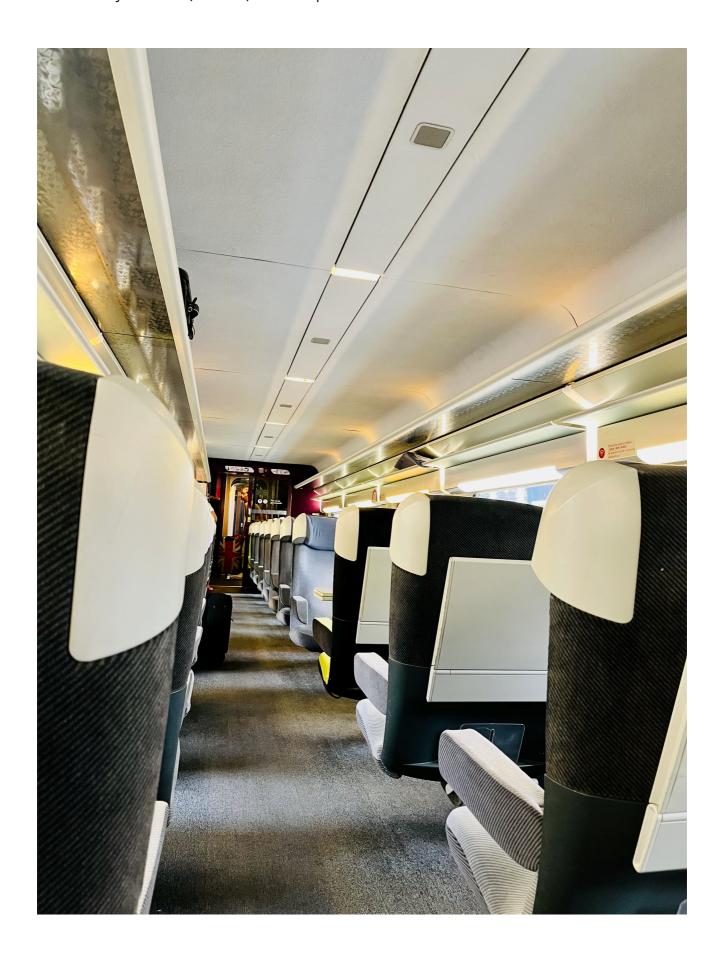
The melody C-G-Ab (Cm-Fm) in TGV pounds the alarm



I think I was excited on the 8th day of the tour. That's because the TGV, a French high-speed train, will take me from Brussels South to Grenoble via Lyon. It was exciting for me to cross the border from Belgium to France and look out the window, and I was so happy to get in a first-class vehicle.

About 40 minutes after departure, I attempted to drink water when the TGV was about to arrive at Lille the next stop, looked up at the shelf above me, and found my trunk but no backpack. Ahh! Did it happen again?! The nightmare of six years ago has come back to my life, but based on the lessons learned, I looked for nearby vehicles.

Although it's not in the luggage storage at the rear, I found my backpack and water on the shelf in the next vehicle I was relieved for a moment though, as soon as I checked inside, there was no MacBook and power adapter. And only the cash in the wallet has been stolen. Oh my Buddha!

While some people put locked trunks on the shelves, most hold unlocked bags at their feet. I should put mine like those !!! I thought there was a thief somewhere in this vehicle, but I can only speak French as "En anglais s'il vous plait (English please)" and the mental shock made me freeze.

Thankfully, there is wifi on the TGV, so I could have time to avoid any secondary damages before I arrived at the transfer station, Lyon. I hesitated a little whether to go to the railway police or not, but I just decided to continue my journey to Grenoble where I had a reservation at the hotel.

After arriving at the hotel, I contacted the agent to discuss the 2 remaining performances on the next day and decided to sleep, however I had no appetite and woke up every 2 hours. I came up with a plan to perform live with an emergency sound file in case the PC breaks down during the live, and a plan to return home to restore the PC.





I'm a Japanese traveler, can I get an English negative certificate by email after doing a PCR test of covid to fly back to Japan?







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Je suis un voyageur japonais, puis-je obtenir un certificat négatif en anglais par e-mail après avoir fait un test PCR de covid pour rentrer au Japon?











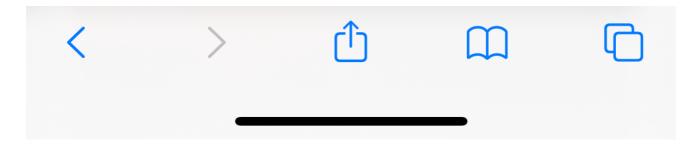


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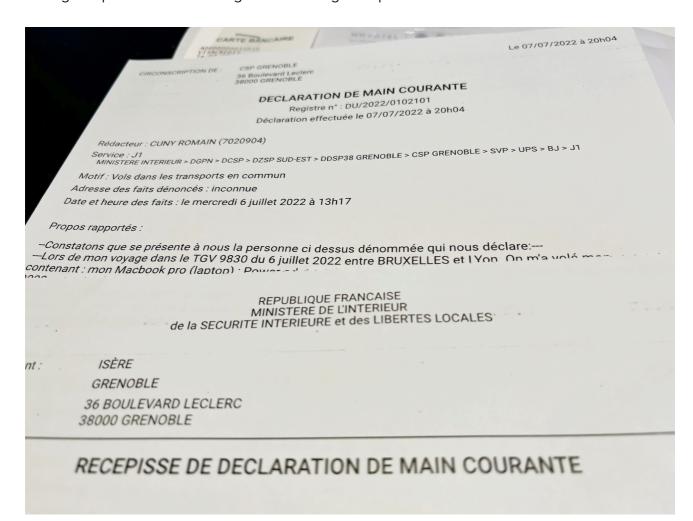




If I had a backup on iCloud, I might even buy a MacBook and restore it, but since I only had a backup on my home HDD, I had to go back to Tokyo once, and my agent arranged a flight for me. Then I looked for a PCR test site near the hotel.

And in the evening, a Grenoble promoter took me to the police where I could report the theft. We were almost treated like "if you want to report a theft, please come again tomorrow" by the police at first, but I was so thankful that the local promoter insisted. If I had been alone, it would have been impossible.

"I got my computer stolen in TGV by my carelessness and I couldn't perform live, so I'm so sorry Grenoble people!" After posting this on SNS, I recovered a little mentally to eat, and felt strong sleepiness. I never imagined returning to Japan once in the middle of the tour.



It took about an hour from Grenoble to Lyon Airport by bus, and less than three hours from Lyon to Istanbul Airport. If I can transfer there, I should be able to return to Japan, but because my PCR test results were in French and English, Turkish Airlines denied my boarding. Oh my Buddha again!

It couldn't be helped, so if I get out of the airport once and ask to change to the flight, it seems that there is only the next flight on the next day. After taking another PCR test in Japanese format, I decided to sleep in the airport's only hotel, Yotel. The corridors and rooms were lit like spaceships and I lost the feeling where I was.



09 07 2022

I didn't notice it the day before, but it seems that there is a difference in the character of airport staff who check documents at the boarding gate, and there are some who check very strictly and others who don't. Is that dependent on them if we can board or not?

10 07 2022

I entered the contents of the documents into the Japanese application called MySOS, so I could board and enter the country very smoothly. Last fall, there were some problems such as not being able to access it from overseas, so I didn't have a good impression about this kind of official applications, but this time I could take advantage of it.

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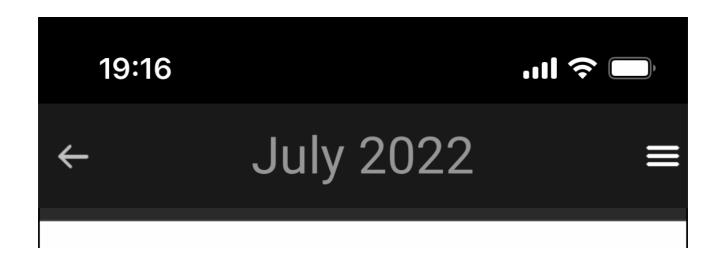
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I got the same model as the stolen MacBook in Akihabara, restored it from a backup, and checked its operation. But after restoring it, I felt extremely sleepy. I know I have jet lag, but I seem to have a 24 hour wake up and 12 hour sleep cycle.

12 07 2022

After the basic operation check after the restoration and the live rehearsal, I finally feel alive. After this, I hope to get on the flight to Glasgow on the weekend, do another PCR test, do a live show, go to sleep, wake up, and get on the flight home safely with a negative PCR test result.



Venue:

Queens Park Bandstand Queens Park Glasgow G42 8QR

Event Name:

Sub Club SouthSide Weekender

Performance Type:

live

Soundcheck:

Linecheck on arrival

Playtime:

19:00

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I was careful not to look at my cell phone in the tram or subway, but when I think about it, I was wrong to relax in the TGV. Most stations don't even have gates, so I learned the lesson that no matter what kind of class you have on the train, you should keep the same vigilance as on the streets.

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In retrospect, it is possible that the thieves were a pickpocket family including kids and grandmother, although it might be a bad thing to be suspicious of the family members who sat around me. There was a time when the grandmother put my tray down from the aisle, that may have been the signal.



After the live performance in the UK on 16th July, I was able to go back to my country safely as planned, and participate in the event in Japan after. I'm so sorry for Grenoble so much! And thank you all for every support. When I travel from now on, I will always ring the departure chime of C-G-Ab of TGV in my mind.

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