

When travel restrictions were lifted, did you take a trip? If so, where did you go and why? What are your memories of this trip? Were there any continuing COVID-19 restrictions in place?

1. Tourism story for the COVID-19 Archive
2. Encounter with a gentleman refusing to wear a mask on the ferry.
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I honestly do not recall much from those months as I underwent several traumatic personal losses and was recovering from a serious car accident. I did, however, have to travel from Orlando, Florida (where I live) to Seattle, Washington as my family required me for something I do not feel comfortable sharing. The trip took place sometime in September of 2020. Because of the nature of this trip, I did not go out and about and still felt uncomfortable traveling during this time but as this trip was of such a time sensitive and serious nature, I had to disregard that. I do not know the extent to which COVID-19 restrictions were still being enforced beyond an incident on the ferry ride to the island where my family lives. Masks were required and there was a gentleman on deck who was refusing to wear one. The security guards attempted to offer the man a mask several times, but he continued to refuse, I am unsure why. Once we arrived on the island, two officers came aboard the ferry before anyone else disembarked, and the man was escorted off by the officers. He did try to fight them and caused quite a scene, but I could not make out anything he was saying. After this I simply disembarked and continued to my family's home. I did not have any encounters with anyone outside my family on this trip apart from the airport and rental car return which were both quiet and uncrowded endeavors that proceeded just as they had prior to COVID-19 but with masks this time.