

An Oregon Cottage Podcast

Episode 60: How We Saved On A Trip To The Caribbean

- Brian: Welcome to episode 60. Do you hear that? The ocean going in the background there?
- Jami: Uh, no.
- Brian: No, because we were supposed to be recording this episode in The Bahamas and, well we did. But not this version of it. (No.) No, because we were sitting on the beach by the ocean and there was just a little too much ocean in the mix when we went to listen back to it. We can hear each other great. But it sounded like we are recording the ocean with us talking a little quietly above it. Yeah, so it wasn't going to work.
- Jami: So it's really hard to hear and I was really hard to hear, because you have a more booming voice, but my voice is gentle and quiet. (laughing...) Anyway. That was kind of a bummer because we did the whole thing!
- Brian: I know it was like a practice run. Anyway. So, um, yeah, that will be like, forever the rare unreleased copy that's going to be like, this rare recording that people are going to want. (laughing...) We're going to cover exactly what we would have covered. In fact, it's going to be better because we had a rehearsal. That's how I see it. Right? It's going to be about our trip. We thought it'd be fun to record it during the trip, but what are some things we're going to cover in this episode?
- Jami: Well, we're going to tell you a little bit how we saved money on our trip to the Caribbean and while we were there, just how it turned out and what we thought of everything.
- Brian: Yeah. Plus, it can be expensive to eat while you're vacationing, particularly in another country. So we're going to tell you about some ways that we saved on food and some other ways that we kind of save money and still had a lot of fun. And then we're gonna share our discoveries of things that were really cool that we found lately.
- Jami: Well, even though we're not on the beach, I do have photos that I will put in the show notes that show we were on the beach and I even have a photo I'll share in there of our setup recording on the beach. I took a picture of you with that, so we'll have that - it'll be kind of like...
- Brian: And actually I'm going to drop right after my voice here. I had some wild audio of what it sounded like on the beach, just of the ocean.
- Jami: Oh, good. Yeah.
- Brian: So I'll throw it in right here:

Brian: What you would've heard beyond that was not just the ocean, but there was some traffic on a road nearby. I think some ambulances went by a couple of times? And so this is much more li. We don't have quite the ambiance.

Jami: But this is better for you guys.

Trip to The Bahamas

Brian: That's right. Yeah. Jami, how on earth did we end up in Nassau, Bahamas?

Jami: Well, I think I told this story on Instagram, so if anybody follows me on Instagram, they would have heard a little bit of it. But randomly a few years ago you went on, you never do this sort of thing, but you went on a vacation rental site and you found this wonderful little cabin in a Caribbean island that had a view, a porch with a view overlooking. And you said, let's do this for our anniversary. And I was like, yes, I'm all for that. You kind of shocked me because you've never thought of things to do. So we had a number of years to plan and um, we just kind of started saving and we knew, we thought our 30th would be the time to go, it's a bit kind of a bigger anniversary. And that's what we did. We kind of saved up and then tried to find the most inexpensive place to go in the Caribbean.

Brian: And so what changed about that location was a hurricane came through, right? I think in the year that I showed it to you, we were looking at it, it was on Saint Johns in the Virgin Islands. And either it's not for rent or it's not there anymore. So that was gone. So we couldn't go there. And then B, we started actually looking at what ticket prices costs and all the connections you have to make to get to these various islands in the Caribbean. So what we did, we used a thing that I've talked about before on This Is Really Cool, which is Google Flights. And it was that kind of rare occasion where we knew we wanted to go to a region and we had our dates. And so what Google flights does is you open a map, you've entered your, whenever you're going to be gone and you just start looking and every airport has a price on it, so you get the round trip price. So each little island in the Caribbean had a little price tag on it. And the one's the cheapest one at first was Aruba, which we knew nothing about. Right. Other than, hey, that's a cheap, cheap round trip.

Jami: And we knew the song, Aruba, Jamaica...

Brian: Yeah. Yeah. And what's funny about that song is then we went to the next island.

Jami: Well, didn't ever do Jamaica.

Brian: No, but that was, we started looking at Airbnbs, which are very affordable and all the Caribbean islands, but we weren't sure what was good. It just didn't look great. We wanted something near the beach that didn't look like a back lot in uh, you know, looking at a hardware store in Reno, Nevada. So we went to, it was first Aruba and then it was, what was the next one?

Jami: One of the saints, Saint Thomas.

Brian: Oh, Saint Thomas because it's bigger and I thought it might be easier to get there because to get to Saint Johns is complex and expensive and involves renting a car and taking a ferry and right. But the prices weren't great and we were just not that excited about what was available.

Jami: Right. The Airbnb's were more expensive there.

Brian: And then our daughter suggested Grand Cayman, so we looked all through that.

Jami: And that's a fancy place too, yeah, so there really weren't a lot of options. There weren't a lot of Airbnb's there, period. And the ones that were, were more than we wanted to spend

Brian: And we sorta, eh, we weren't excited about Haiti or Jamaica, which can be kind of dangerous. (Scary.) And then what?

Jami: Well, Then we went to the Bahamas, that was the next cheapest.

Brian: Yeah, I guess, yeah, The Bahamas. The advantage there was that a lot of cruise ships come into Nassau on their main island. And so there's quite a few flights and yet the cruise ships are this little tiny corner of the island that's really done for tourists. And we had the whole rest of it to explore and do things. So yeah, that's how we ended up.

Jami: And a lot of people have asked us, we're on the west coast, why didn't we go to Hawaii? And we both had experiences in college going to the Caribbean and I always wanted to go back and, you had found that beautiful place. So we just had our hearts set on the Caribbean

Brian: And I was going to say as it turned out, we also had a lot more beach to ourselves. I understand that in Hawaii it can be quite crowded, depending where you go. And it's super expensive.

Jami: Right, as we were sharing the photos of us kind of alone on the beach, everybody's like, where is everybody? And we were like, they're wonderful beaches here that aren't crowded. So that was really fun.

Brian: Yeah, the Caribbean's good for that.

Jami: So the other thing we, so we saved on tickets. We looked for a place that was cheap or cheaper. Then we saved on the Airbnb. I was really looking for something for around a hundred dollars a night so we could stay for a full two weeks. And I found a great Airbnb, that kind of had some funky island vibe because a lot of the living space was in a screened porch. And I'll put this in the show notes so you want to see it cause it's really cool. And the host just had incredible reviews. Everybody was like, he's amazing, he picks you up at the airport, he takes you to buy your groceries for your first few days there. And so we, we went with that and it was wonderful. It really was a great place. The Airbnb was, you know, it's not a five star it's kind of a, you know, three or four star like, as far as kept up or whatever.

Brian: Right, it wasn't fancy like staying at a resort.

Jami: It wasn't fancy, yeah, but it was definitely fun. It was fun to have that big screen porch and kind of hang out. And the kitchen was in the screen porch. It was really kind of funky and fun and the host really was amazing. He also gave us tips. He found some snorkeling gear that he had, a couple of things were broken, but we just filled in and it ended up being way cheaper than buying our own, bringing our own, or you know,

going on a bunch of snorkeling tours. So, yeah, and he even, you know, helped us get reliable guy who would get us back to the airport, you know, a taxi service guy.

Brian: Right. He was just so friendly and, you know, we had access to laundry and anything we wanted he would have done for us. So that was, yeah, he went above and beyond as a host. And, uh, the a hundred dollars a night? There's like little fees in there and it came out in a little more, but we can't get a kind of a medium or low grade hotel on the coast here at Oregon for that much. That's like the idea that we could stay, we were two blocks from the beach, from a great beach, which we went to every day. And plus everything else we did. So for a hundred, a little bit more than a hundred bucks a night. It's - once you get there, it's cheap, right? Yeah.

Jami: And we couldn't see, you'll see in the photo, we couldn't see the beach from our airbnb. Uh, it was super private with a lot of palms in front of it, which was kind of a fun, you know, uh, island vibe. But it literally was, we walked across the street and down a little dead end street to a crosswalk. And everybody, the Bahamians are so nice, they would always stop as soon as you got there. So it literally took like three, four minutes to get to the beach and it was a local beach. So just families that lived there and you know, hanging out, teaching their kids to swim and not even that many of them. Like it was really quiet.

Brian: And it had like the crystal blue water and it had like the, all the little fish from Finding Nemo. When you're going to snorkel, it's just incredible what you could see.

Jami: Yes. This beach had snorkeling on one side of it because it had rocks and reefs. And so we, that's where we snorkeled, right across the street. Now there were other beaches we went to that didn't have snorkeling like that. So this was kind of unique that we had both a swimming area on the right and to the left was a snorkeling area.

What to do in The Bahamas

Brian: Yeah, it was. It was really nice. So we'll actually, and that's what a lot of people were asking, well what did you do there? Like you know, beyond what the cruise ships do, like what on earth is there to do in, in Nassau? So we did a bunch of stuff.

Jami: We decided not to do a rental car because it would have added to the cost so much and we weren't sure. The island's not very big and we just weren't sure it would really pay for itself, since we knew we had a ride from the airport. There was a bus system you can just grab from the main road anywhere, you know, you, you were, you just put your hand up. It's like a taxi, but it's the cheap bus system. So we didn't rent a car, so we did a lot of walking. But our main goal of the whole trip was to relax in the water and enjoy the warmth. (Right.) So we weren't trying to get a bunch of stuff done.

Brian: Yeah, yeah. And yeah, the, the Jitney buses, that's what they're called. J I. T. N. E. Y, which is a funny, they're illegal in the u s cause you any city you have to have, you have to be, well, it's usually a transit system that runs it. Yeah. But the, the buses are smaller buses, they're really nice, really comfortable seats, air conditioned. But I believe the driver owns the bus, so it will be slightly different on the inside. He kind of picks the radio station, but then again, um, he will kind of go out of his way. He'll pick you up wherever you are. If you're just walking down along the street and he's going by you wave your hand, he'll stop for you, he'll let you off wherever you want to go. Yeah. And then he's just like,

Jami: But there are also set, um, best stops to exactly right. Right.

Brian: The buses are numbered, too. So, you know, we knew if we got on number 10, that would get us back to where we want it to go. And it was oh yeah, it was so easy. 1.25 each either way, just got us anywhere we wanted to go.

Jami: Yeah, yeah. And you do have to have exact change and pay with cash. (laughing)

Brian: Yeah, that was one of our lessons.

Jami: So between walking and the Jitney buses, we got to see a number of sites. We kind of kept to the free sites. We wanted to kind of just see, you know, The Bahamas, what it was like. So, we hit downtown and the downtown's cute. They've got all the kind of colorful buildings. They have some old buildings cause it's been around since the, I don't know, it's a British colony - it was a British colony.

Brian: Well, late 1600's, actually.

Jami: Yeah. And some of the buildings are that old. Some aren't because of the hurricanes, you know. But they do have some old ones, some, uh, and all the bright colors, pinks and aquas. And you know, um, yeah, that's pretty.

Brian: Little little windy streets and even,, like they have a Dunkin' Donuts and a Dairy Queen, but they're done - they fit in, right?

Jami: We also hit a place called the Queen's Staircase and this amazing set of steps. And so it was like a wall of jungle and cut out of limestone? Is that what they said? And then the steps going up and at the top of it you'd circle around and there was a fort to go see. But this is just a kind of a fun tourist attraction. They've put a waterfall next to it. And it's very jungley - it actually doesn't look anything like the rest of the island that we saw. (No, un-uh.) But it was kinda cool. (Yeah.) We did that, and then the fort was kind of at a high place so you could really get a good view of the island from there. We did a lot of the public beaches because they were so quiet. And we just walked to some, we took the bus to some, it was good.

Brian: Yeah. And like, as we discussed with people who had been to Mexico, big difference was there was no, there's nobody selling you stuff on the beach. So not only is it really pretty private I guess, but there's nobody there. Just if anybody, Bahamians, of course they walk by, they'll say hi, they're so friendly, but nobody, there's no peddlers are that whole thing. So it's really like the brochure pictures.

Jami: Right. And we should say that there is a more typical beach with volleyball and, and things to sit on and like the, the huts that you buy the drinks on. So that's like right next to downtown. So if you wanted to have that kind of party atmosphere on the beach, you could do that as well. We just weren't into that. So we were looking for quiet.

Brian: That was kind of fun to walk by and look at that look like a movie. Like if you're shooting a movie for a fun, a Bahamian Caribbean beach scene, that's, yeah, that's what that looked like. Yeah. And then, let's see, we did, uh, end up going to the Pirate's Museum,

Jami: Which wasn't very expensive.

Brian: Yeah. And New Providence was a center for all the pirates.

Jami: That's actually the name of the island I should mention.

Brian: Oh, the island is called New Providence.

Jami: Yeah, The Bahamas are a bunch of islands, (like 700 islands or something) so the island that Nassau, their capital, the big city is on is on New Providence island.

Brian: Yeah, right. And so that was the base for Black Beard and Captain Kidd and all the famous pirates, who Edward Teach. Wait a minute, that was Black Beard. (laughing) And so they have a great pirate museum. And this happened a long time ago, early 17 hundreds. They were pretty much all caught and hung by 1719 or something. And so everything like from Disney's Pirates of the Caribbean ride, which sort of the movie was based on, is really taken from this era and they have like a whole part of a pirate ship built into it. And you walk through it and it just, it's in a way, it's kind of familiar cause we're sort of all used to the pirate lore and the, you know, anyway, so that, that's worth it if you get to the museum.

Jami: And the one splurge we did, we wanted to do one kind of fun thing. We didn't know if it's going to be a snorkeling trip, you know, further away from the island. But we were advised by our host that a great place to go was the Clifton Heritage National Park. And this is a pretty recent national park in the last 10 years that the people who live on the island really petitioned to get put aside because it's one of the few places that has some remnants of the plantations and the slave houses that used to be there. And so it has some history to it and they really wanted to save it. But part of this tour, it was actually ended up being a really great deal, especially compared with just a regular snorkeling trip because we, you can choose to snorkel. Um, so we, we got picked up and the bus driver gave us a tour of kind of the island and we learned a bunch of stuff, like their number one, um, economic, what is that called, when you...

Brian: Well, the number one industry is tourist.

Jami: But the number two was surprised us.

Brian: It's banking. Yeah, offshore banking because they have no taxes.

Jami: So he told us a lot of things and then when we got to the park we could, you know, look around and we went, we got taken on this really great snorkeling trip out to, further away and it was on a different part of the island we'd been on. So we could see a few more things. Like that's where we saw a sea turtle and we saw a barracuda in addition to the same fish that we'd seen before. And they have these great underwater sculptures that um,

Brian: Some of them are huge, cause you're in about 20 feet of water it seems like. Though, you know what? Everything looks bigger underwater. But it was, it was where a number of movies have been shot and we think the Flipper TV show, I'm not sure if they're saying flipper. There's a, there was a jaws for, they shot it there and there's still some wreckage, airplane wreck that was used as one of the props. So we swam, it was 45 minutes and we were great because we'd been, we're experienced snorkelers and we swim a lot. But if you were out of shape and it was kind of wavy and the guy just takes off and you're kind of a ways, you're a hundred yards off shore.

Jami: Well they do give you a life vest.

Brian: Yeah. That you could pull. That was quite an adventure actually.

Jami: It was fun. And then we got lunch, we got a really nice lunch.

Brian: I know, wasn't that good? On that beach near where all the billionaires, estates are. That beach was gorgeous. That was incredible. Yeah.

Jami: And so that was like \$66 for that. A person compared to the \$79 snorkeling with no lunch and no little tour. So I thought we, that was a really great thing. And it was kind of fun to see a little more of the heritage of The Bahamas there.

Food in The Bahamas

Brian: The thing, one thing that really surprised us, because Bahamians I think they'd be relatively poor compared to Americans, is that food was really expensive. And so our, our host, takes us to a grocery store right after the airport, which we greatly appreciate it on the way home. And I said it reminded me of Grocery Outlet, which is a chain of kind of

Jami: What it looked like, right?

Brian: Right. What it looked like, only not quite as nice. I think Grocery Outlet has better stuff. But if you took Grocery outlet and then priced it slightly above Whole Foods, that is what you would get. So your bag of apples from Washington state like a hundred miles from where we're from?

Jami: The same package!

Brian: Yes. Was like \$10. So like a \$4 bag of apples, \$10. A little thing of Starbucks coffee that we might think \$8 is expensive. It was like \$14. So stuff - oh, a bag of Doritos. You remember that?

Jami: No. You tell me

Brian: It was almost \$7 so. What you do though, is you tend to eat less when it's really expensive. (laughing) I think it's good for your health.

Jami: Here's the thing. It was still cheaper than eating out. (Yes) Because you know, everything was about \$15 to \$20 even even when we tried,

Brian: Oh for basic entrees.

Jami: Even when I tried to do like a little appetizer and a salad or something, it still ended up being \$15 to \$20 a person. Then you add on the gratuity, then you add on their tax, which is 12%, their value added tax. And so you couldn't really get out, it was 40 to \$50 every meal. We spent about \$100 for a week on groceries and that was breakfast, lunch and some dinners. So it actually ended up being a much better way. That's why I wanted a kitchen so we could eat some of our meals in and save money.

Brian: Well, the way we really saved money, it was the fact that I packed a throw pillow size bag of Jami's granola, which is so good. That's like our breakfast habit most most mornings. And I said, we just need to make sure that we can have this for breakfast. And so I filled up a gallon bag. I figured out how many scoops it would take for two people to eat like 10 mornings. (Yeah.) And it was a lot. And I think I over, I think I brought a little bit too much and then I had to jam this massive, it was like a small pillow, solid though. Like a sawdust pillow in my suitcase. And then of course going through security here sir. Is this your suitcase? And then they scan it because it looks like a big thing of hashish or I don't know. Marijuana is legal in Oregon, maybe that's what it was. But if you're traveling, I would have not only brought that, I would have brought coffee, I would have found more room to jam.

Jami: Well and not only was coffee expensive, they didn't have a lot of varieties. It was a lot of canned coffee, a lot of instant coffee. They had just a very small amount of coffee that was even what we considered good coffee. So if you care about coffee...

Brian: It was expensive. Yeah. Yeah. And we should say one thing about Bahamian money. It is, it's their own dollar, but they've been very smart and they tie it exactly to the US dollar. And so what happens is you can pay in US or Bahamian money. And often we'd hand them a \$10 Bahamian bill and we get our change back in US and some Bahamian coins, and it's all interchangeable. And it made it really useful. (Oh yeah, yeah). Cause you show up with cash you can use and then as long as you spend the Bahamian money, you can go home with American cash and it's fine. Right. So how about the food? People always want to read what was, what was the Bahamian food like? What was their dish?

Jami: It was conch, which is spelled c, o, n, c, h, pronounce it konk.

Brian: It's that curly, spiny shell that people blow into the end of, like in movies. You call to Poseidon by blowing into the conch.

Jami: At the coast shell shops here, they're like 40 to \$50 for a conch shell. Beautiful conch shell. And these were just like trash everywhere. There were just piles of conch shells everywhere because they were harvesting the conch to make this conch salad that everybody sold. Every place sold the conch salad, which was raw. The conch was raw and they did it in a citrus juice, kind of like a ceviche, with vegetables like tomato and stuff. And then they also did fried conch like clam - conch is kind of like clams,

Brian: It's chewy, kind of like clams.

Jami: It does have a little bit different flavor, kind of strong, but then they had a chowder, a conch chowder and then conch fritters are very popular there, so we tried a few of the things.

Brian: Not the raw konk. (No, we didn't.) We avoided that. We got the conch fritters, which I didn't realize that's what they were. I just thought they were dough balls because there was no, was no perceivable conch in them. I was just like, well, where's the conk? I wonder. Yeah, yeah. Then we did get the deep fried conch, like they'd be like clam strips and then you can kind of chew away on. Right. It's not bad, but it's, it was amazing to see. And we have pictures of the piles of those shells because they're so rare and exotic looking to us. The funny thing was the, their system of side dishes, it's very, normally if we hadn't been walking so much, we would have put on the

pounds eating, because there was always, French fries or other, a lot of sides. It would come with whatever you would order. And in fact we would order a, I don't know, I'd get a fish sandwich or like that and it would come with a side of peas and rice, which had no peas and we're trying to get that explained. It had beans in it, so kind of fried beans and rice, which that was good, but that didn't count as a side. That was just, I don't know what they call that. That's just a thing. Then you get two sides, which then could be, (You choose) Right. Slaw, fries, fried plantain, potato salad, macaroni salad - a lot of carbs. So some really US things and a few kind of island things. So that was funny. At the one place, the place that sold jerk chicken, I bought a "snack" for lunch and I'm thinking, I hope this is going to be enough food, if it's just this little snack. It turned out to be like seven - they were small pieces, but seven pieces of chicken. Yeah. With that came with fries, didn't it?

Jami: Yeah. The thing that made it a snack was that it didn't come with the sides. It came with fries instead of the side.

Brian: And fries isn't a side. I mean, they're generous, so.

Jami: So I thought I would share a few of the things that we cooked in our screened porch Airbnb, as part of the food segment. We got eggs. It was a really good deal actually, they were regular price. I think it was under \$2 for a thing of eggs. So we did scrambled eggs.

Brian: Was that a dozen or 18? A dozen.

Jami: Yep. So we did some scrambled eggs. I'd add chopped meat and cheese and salsa in it. We did fried eggs with toast and fruit. Those were a couple of the breakfasts where we didn't have the granola. I'd make a lot of chef salads. We bought a can of beans and those would go for a number of salads. Some produce, we bought feta cheese that would add to it. We did an omelette with sliced Kielbasa and cheese and tomatoes, pasta with Marinara sauce and Kielbasa. I bought a Kielbasa and cut it in half and used it for a couple of meals. I bought a bag of shredded slaw and added some rice...rice? I did not add rice! (laughing) I added vinaigrette salad dressing. Where did that - I'm like looking at rice! You know, tossed that. So we had plenty to eat. We ate well I thought.

Brian: Yeah. And in fact we really liked the salads cause it's pretty warm and our screen porch area was 84-85, very humid. Yeah. So hot things like I was eating, I was really hungry so I ate a lot that the pasta that was hot, I'm then like really sweating, right? Cause it's...

Jami: Yeah, the salads were nice. It was nice to have salads. We appreciated them.

This is Really Cool

Brian: We kind of were able to test out a couple things that we thought would be really cool. So we want to share about them on the trip and one that people use a lot. And I'd never had one before but this was super helpful to keep from getting sunburned. Because that sun on the Caribbean is so strong, you can just feel it frying you. Right. So we would put on sunscreen but when we went swimming there's your whole back. So I got a rash guard, and you got one too, and it just was a shirt made by Xcel, the same company that makes my wetsuit and I got a deal on it at SwimOutlet.com and we have the link to it. They always have different ones on sale. It was so worth it. It's

not like swimming in a, you know, a long sleeve tee shirt that's going to get in your way or sag or whatever. It's a really light material, but it's, it screens, the sun, dries quickly, and it was just, it was great to be able to put that on. And then I only had to like sunscreen my neck or whatever and did not get burned in all the time you spent in the water. Did not get burned.

Jami: And we did see quite a few people, tourists, walking around with really burned backs.

Brian: Oh Man. Yeah, I know the lobster. Yeah, yeah.

Jami: The thing that I ended up really being pleased that I brought was something I've had actually for years and years, but since we don't live in a fun tropical climate, I haven't actually used it very much. And it's a Sarong that my sister actually brought back for me when she went to Thailand. And so I think a Turkish towel would work similarly, although I think they're a bit thicker. These sarongs are pretty thin, so it was easy to fit in my suitcase and it became my cover up as we walked to the beach. So I was really appreciative of that. And it covers up nicely. Even if you're wearing a, you know, a swim skirt, or regular swim bottom, or the swim short, this covers everything, and doesn't look bulky. Then when you get there, it acts as a towel. So it was the only talent brought and I could wipe myself up, then I'd spread it out and lay on it. So this thing was so useful because it was also thin and it would dry pretty quickly as well, so I could bring it back, hang it up, dry it. So I am a big fan of the Sarong to take if you're going to warm climates because I just, I used it every single day. And then it was great that we could wash it because it did kind of gather saltwater and needed to be washed. But it just, you know, it worked multiple ways and it wasn't bulky to bring. So, all about the Sarong.

Planning & Travel

Brian: Uh, one more thing I wanted to talk about our trip was that it was kind of a picture of what happens when you plan way ahead. And I don't know how many years ago it was that we said, oh, wouldn't it be fun to celebrate our anniversary?

Jami: I think it was three years.

Brian: Three years? Yeah. From just talking about it, to adding a column to our budget where whatever we could throw in there - and probably at the beginning it was not a lot. (Yeah.) Throw money to start growing that. And part of the fun was anticipating when we'd get to go, and planning and getting ready for it, but also that we didn't put the whole thing on a credit card, you know, and go into debt to do this. (Right.) And so it just, I don't know, it just showed that if you, no matter what your financial situation is, if you want to do something like this start by planning for it. And it's amazing cause extra money will come your way, things will work out, and pretty soon you'll find yourself doing something you didn't think you could do. So.

Jami: Yeah, and we really, really had fun. It was just a great, I would recommend, obviously the Bahamas to anybody who would want to go and have a nice relaxing, warm vacation.

Podcast Summer Break

Brian: Yeah. Okay. So we have a programming note about the podcast. Go ahead Jami, you tell us.

Jami: We're going to take a break! (laughing) We're going to take a summer break. So we're going to take the months of July and August off. And when we come back, hopefully we'll be raring to go. And I think we're going to have a little bit of a different format. So be waiting for that.

Brian: We're going to be like the new fall shows. (Yes!). How's it going to come out? You know, what is this new? The Oregon Cottage. What is there? The podcast, how's that going to be different? So yes, stay subscribed and then you'll just, when we come back you'll, you'll start getting it in your feed. So thank you so much for listening and we just have really appreciated your feedback and reviews and ratings we've gotten. So thank you so much and we will talk to you in a couple months.

Jami: Bye. Bye.