



THE PATTERNS WE MAKE

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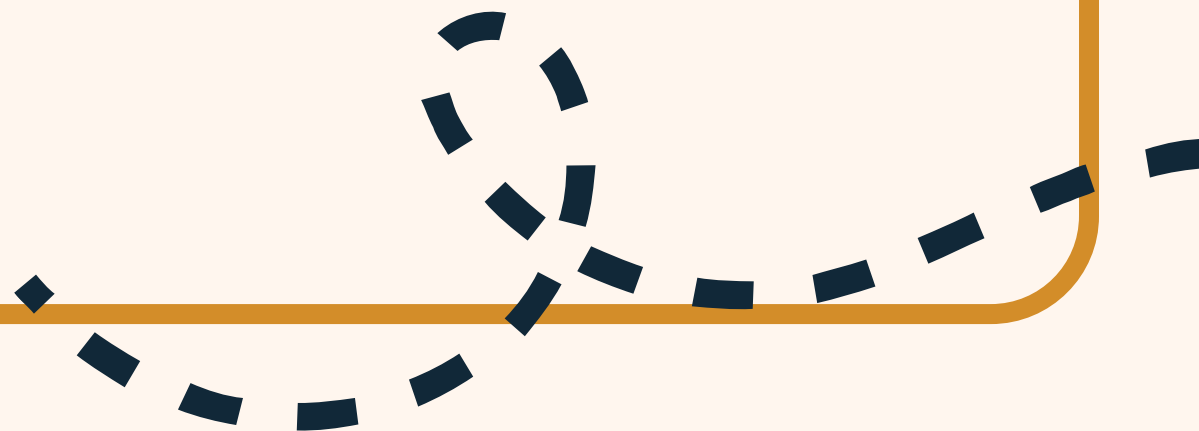
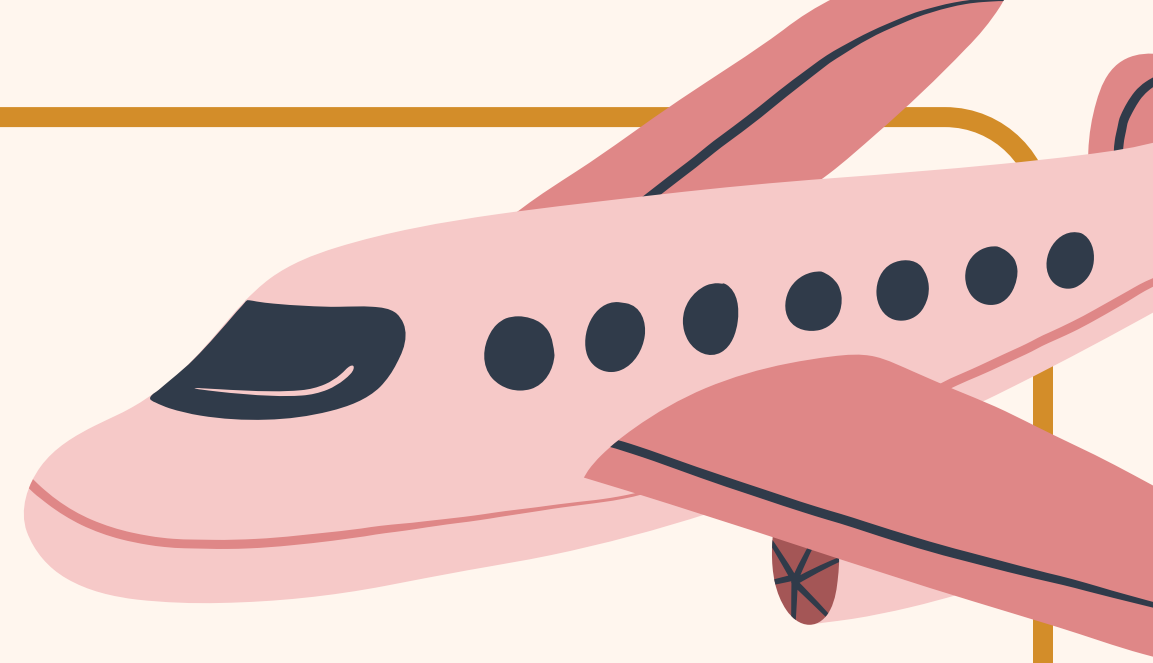
AWAY WE GO!

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- 26 PEOPLE,
MOSTLY
STRANGERS HEADED
TO THE SAME
DESTINATION.
ATHENS

FLIGHT

**Virtually strangers, we all
boarded in Pensacola for the
first of many hours in the air.**

After a total of seventeen hours spent in
airplanes and airports, we had made it to
Athens, Greece. So we all boarded a
shuttle and made our way to the hotel. When
we got there, we all learned we would have
to be a lot closer to our roommate than
expected but we prevailed.



OUR FIRST ADVENTURE

The Agora and Acropolis

Our first outing as a group and it was a little grueling. It was a beautiful day spent mainly outside. Personally, I stuck to my one friend but was branching out a little, enjoying the time spent traveling and embracing the group.



BOARDING THE SHIP



ON THE SHIP

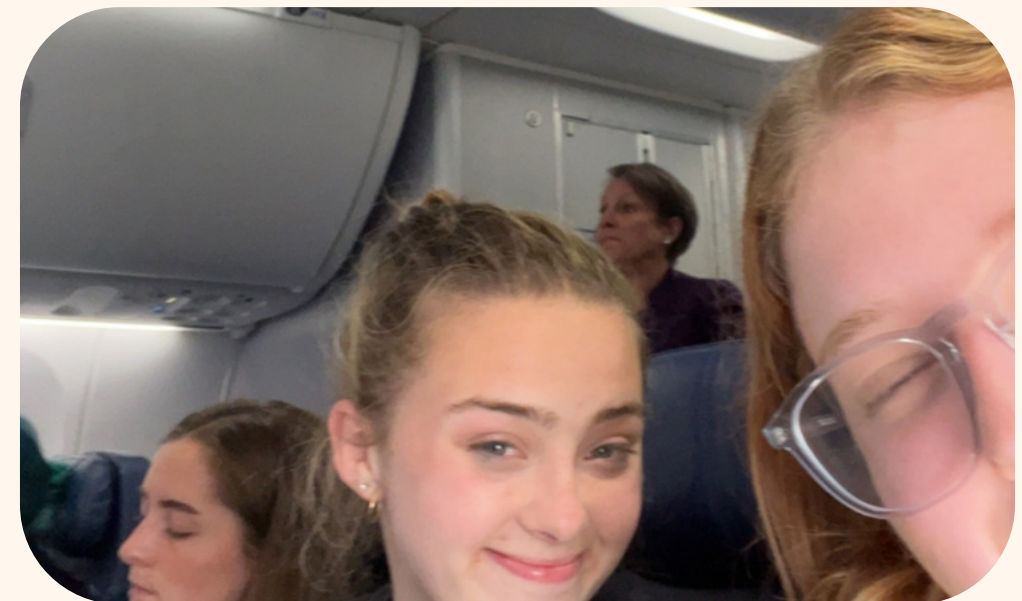
**As we sailed from port to port,
especially on the first leg of the
trip, we all got to know each
other.**

Friend groups were made and we all got close to the people sitting with us at dinner. Even with the friend groups we made, we would deviate from them so that everyone was able to see what they wanted. Therefore, more friends were made that afternoon.

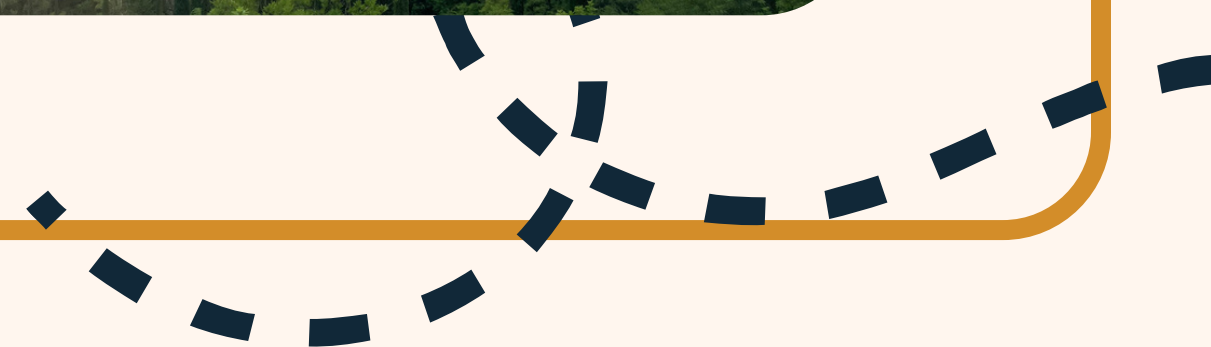
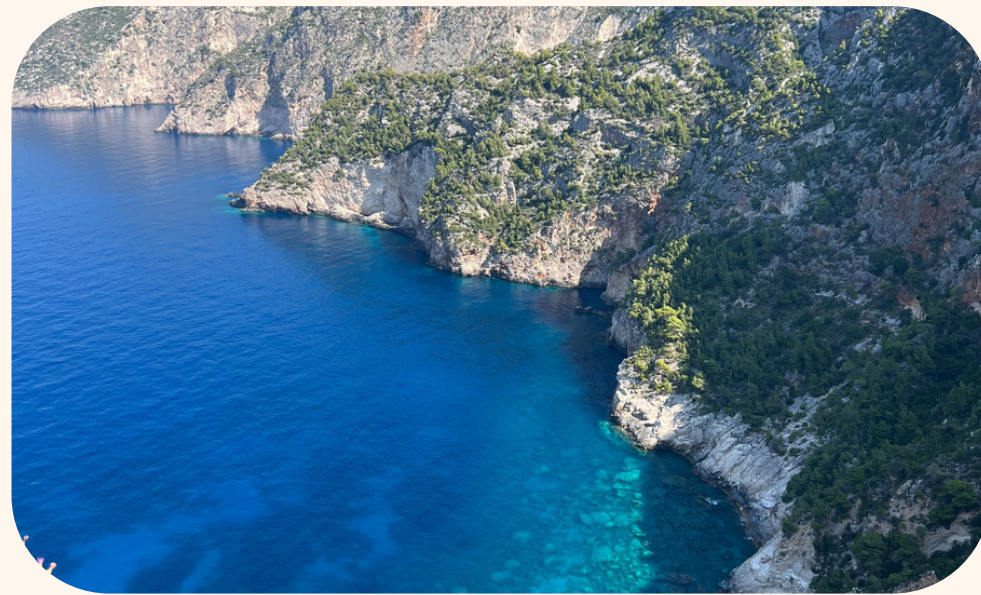


EXPLORING

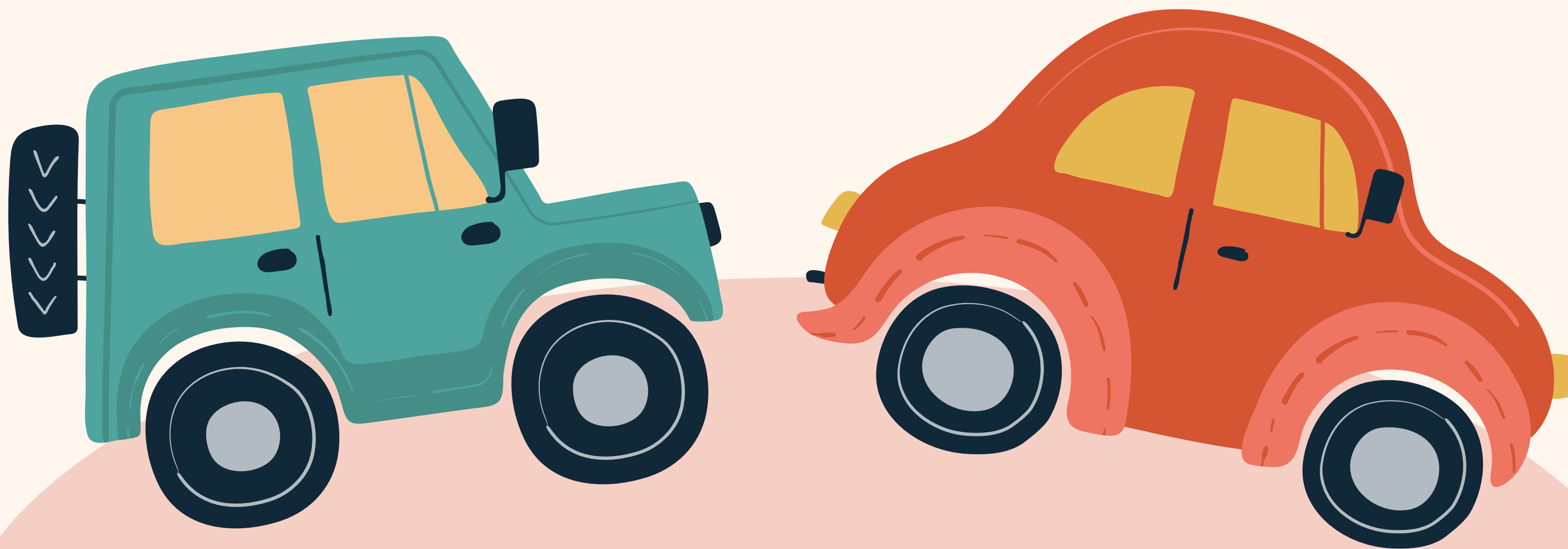
Over time, my group of friends grew with every port and dinner. We told stories and came up with them, adding more people as we got to know them.



SIGHTS ALL AROUND US



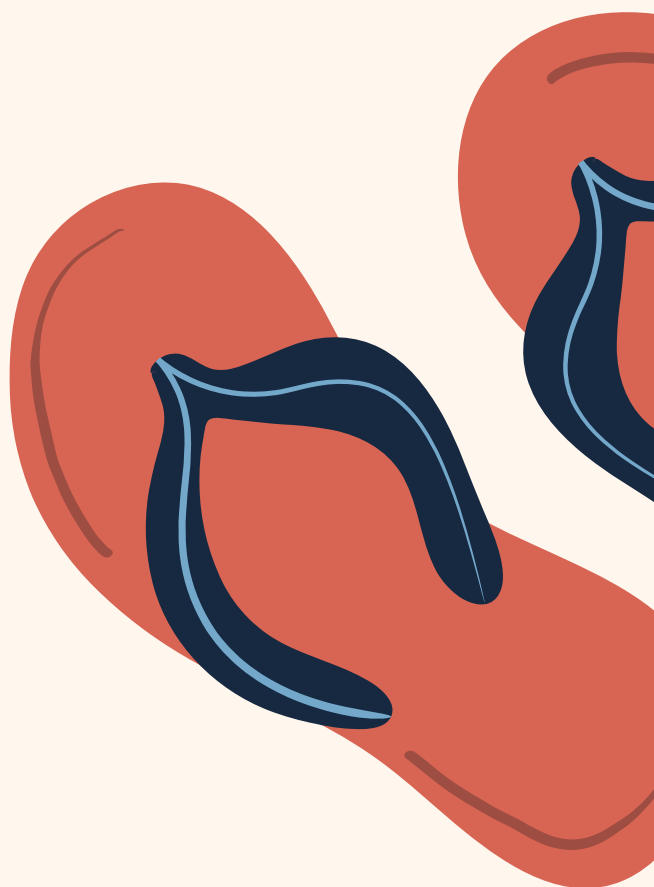
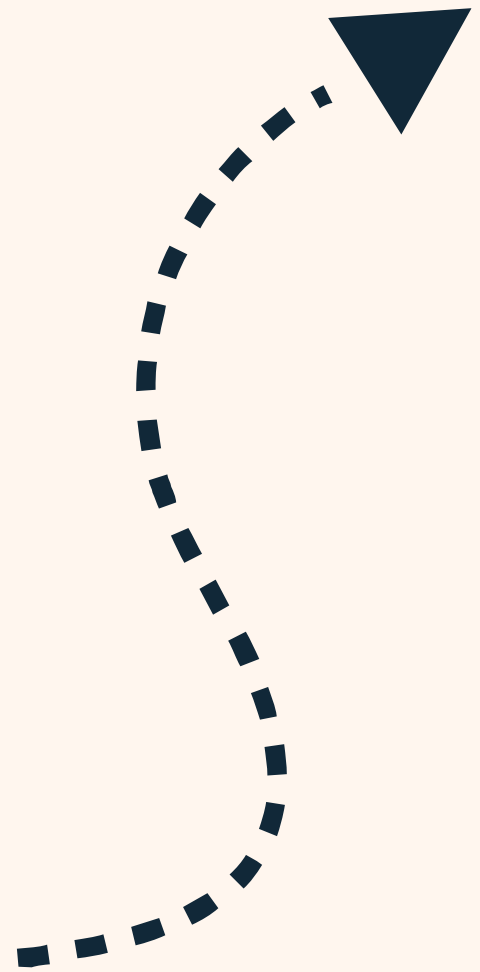
HEADING BACK HOME



PATTERNS

So, the pattern I noticed? The pattern of us. We were all virtually strangers but over the course of almost three weeks we made friends. Yet we did not constrict ourselves to these groups and branched out from port to port on what we were most interested in and continued to make more friends and memories. Port to port we would see who wanted to explore certain cities and sights and make friends with the group that you went with.





**THANK YOU FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY, I CANNOT
WAIT FOR THE NEXT TRIP!**

