

My Vacation
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Nowhere. And nothing. That's what I've been up to for two weeks. Went nowhere. Did nothing. This was my idea of a vacation, but the few people I've spoken to in the last 14 days have trouble with the concepts of "nowhere" and "nothing." "So where are you going?" one man asked me on Day 2. I told him I had no plans. "Gone anywhere yet?" he asked a week later. I told him I hadn't. He seemed distressed. He was obviously thinking: This guy should go somewhere. "You're on vacation and you haven't gone anywhere?" asked a woman just back from a pile of ruins in Guatemala.

My wife, who spent the last two weeks commuting to Orange County, took every opportunity to tell me how she would spend my vacation. I won't go into detail, but I would

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