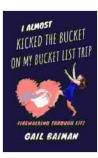
Almost Kicked The Bucket On My Bucket List Trip

By John Smith

I've always been a bit of an adrenaline junkie. I love to travel and experience new things, and I'm always up for a challenge. So when I turned 50, I decided to create a bucket list of all the things I wanted to do before I died.

At the top of my list was skydiving. I'd always wanted to jump out of a plane, but I'd never had the guts. But on my 50th birthday, I decided it was time to face my fear.



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I booked a skydiving trip and showed up at the drop zone feeling both excited and terrified. I went through the training, put on my jumpsuit, and climbed into the plane. As the plane climbed higher and higher, my heart started to race. I could see the ground getting smaller and smaller below me. I took a deep breath and tried to calm myself down.

Finally, it was my turn to jump. I stepped out of the plane and into the void.

The freefall was amazing. I felt like I was flying. The wind was rushing past me, and I could see the world spread out below me. It was the most exhilarating experience of my life.

But then, something went wrong. My parachute didn't open.

I started to fall towards the ground, faster and faster. I could see the trees and buildings rushing up to meet me. I thought about my wife and kids and all the things I still wanted to do.

I closed my eyes and braced for impact.

But then, something miraculous happened. My parachute finally opened, just a few hundred feet above the ground. I landed safely, shaken but alive.

I had almost kicked the bucket on my bucket list trip. But I was also incredibly grateful to be alive.

That experience taught me a lot about life. It taught me to appreciate every moment and to never take anything for granted. It also taught me that it's never too late to face your fears.

So if you have a bucket list, I encourage you to start ticking off those items. You never know what might happen. But one thing's for sure: you'll never regret the experiences you have along the way.

Afterword

I'm happy to report that I've since completed all of the items on my bucket list. And I'm still alive to tell the tale.

If you're interested in reading more about my adventures, I've written a book called "Almost Kicked The Bucket On My Bucket List Trip." It's available on Our Book Library and Barnes & Noble.

Thanks for reading!



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