

October 2023 - Bucket List

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ACROSS

1	Visit this city's leaning tower	61	One of two rowing implements needed to row to Bled Island on Lake Bled, Slovenia
5	Small amount of gel	62	Sip ___-Spumante sparkling wine in the Piedmont region, Italy
8	Choose	66	See Honolulu and Pearl Harbor on this island in 87-Across
11	Ski in a ____, such as one of several at Whistler	68	Imagine being a gladiator in this enormous ancient site in 59-Across
15	Visit Lhasa's Potala Palace, and a working Buddhist monastery in ____	74	Marvel at the Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque in this city, once Constantinople
16	See the Taj Mahal in this city	76	Drink to the music of an Oom-___ band at Oktoberfest in Munich
18	Unadulterated	78	Seedless grapes used to make raisins
19	Take in ___ of Florence from atop its famous Duomo (2 wds.)	80	Type of mine, such as the one near downtown Timmins, Ontario (hyph.)
21	Get lost in a labyrinth of ancient streets in this port city at the mouth of the Nile	81	One sentenced to an indefinite prison term
23	Wander among rock monoliths at this iconic pre-historic site in England	83	Players making points in a game
25	One elected or standing for election (abbr.)	84	Examples contained in the OED
26	Folded corner of a book page (hyph.)	85	Edicts
27	Have a pint in a Dublin pub on Mar. 17th, __. ___' Day, for short (abbr., 2 wds.)	87	Get up-close to Mauna Kea and Kilauea on this eponymous Island
28	Author Brown who wrote "The Da Vinci Code"	88	Sun. follower
29	Prepare a Martini while ignoring James Bond's instructions	89	Crawl through 9th-15th century temple ruins here, near Siem Reap, Cambodia (2 wds)
31	CBC News' Mesley, if spelled with a double-U... or Hong Kong artist ___ Lau	91	It is for poets
33	Sharpen	92	Siestas
34	___ fusion, the still elusive nuclear reaction	94	Wild guess
35	Ancient Greek goddess of dawn	95	TV show with multiple episodes
37	Hike to view two different faces this highest peak on Earth, from the North in 15-Across, and from the South in Nepal (abbr., 2 wds.)	97	Prefix meaning billion
39	___ the seeds of wanderlust (as I'm doing in this puzzle)	100	In the past
40	An item of French homework	101	Place to "park" little kids for a while, a playground, perhaps?
43	How/why some ill-advised things are done (3 wds.)	103	To some it's supper, to others it's lunch
44	Sip wine at a ___ on the Champs-Élysées in Paris	105	Non-verbal assent, a dangerous thing to do while just watching an auction
47	Sail on Ha Long Bay and enjoy a bowl of authentic Pho, this country's national dish	106	Hike the Great Walks on this country's South Island
49	Very dire ultimatum words (2 wds.)	108	Sheer velocity? (2 wds.)
50	Branding implement (2 wds.)	110	Result of a lead-off walk: "___, nobody out" (2 wds.)
51	Relating to the class of 6-legged bugs	111	Old-testament figure (great-great-grandson of Noah) who lived to be 464 years old, anagram of BEER
53	Sail the Aegean Sea visiting Greek Isles such ____, about 15 km off of Bodrum, Tur.	112	Part of a hammer
54	Stand in awe before the Sphinx and the ___ of Giza, near Cairo	113	Parts of 3-piece suits
55	Blisters or abrasions, e.g. from hours of hiking	114	___ upon (walked over)
57	___-out (marked for deletion)	115	It comes before TEE
59	Explore the Vatican and ancient ruins (like the 68-Across) here	116	Snake or sizzling sound
60	See the locks in Sault __.-Marie, Ontario	117	When ___ comes to shove

DOWN

1	Take flying lessons: become a ____	54	Listen to the ____ (rings) from Big Ben in London
2	As far as I know (3 wds.)	56	Anagram and common typo of "the"
3	The birds and the bees?	58	Tic-tac-toe loss
4	A little bit (2 wds.)	62	Snakes in Egyptian hieroglyphs
5	Quaint cuss, like "doggone"... or something chewed by father?	63	Driiving force behind James Watt's engines
6	Concur with, as a plan (2 wds.)	64	Dances that each take two to do
7	Ambient musician and record producer inducted to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a member of Roxy Music (2 wds.)	65	Bold way to complete a paper crossword puzzle (2 wds.)
8	Not in here... (2 wds.)	67	Self-serve farm (hyph.)
9	Make an offer or suggestion	68	Became happier or less down (2 wds)
10	Lease-holder	69	Pediatriic Hosp. in St-Louis with a guessable name (inits.)
11	Scrooge's words before his humbugs	70	Ermine known as a short-tailed weasel, or this word from Dutch for "naughty"
12	Novel "A Man Called ____" adapted to 2022 Tom Hanks movie "A Man Called Otto"	71	Nocturnal insect of the order Dermaptera with scary pincers on its abdomen
13	Decoratiive molding around a pane frame (2 wds.)	72	Concern or anxiety
14	Lawful	73	French husband
15	Faucets or spigots	74	Promissory letters
17	First animals in the dictionary, even before their prey: ants	75	Twice in Latin
18	Whispered attention-getting sound	77	Curly spherical hairdos
20	____ one's way down the Mekong River in Laos and Thailand	79	Suppl. Security Income (US gov. prog. for disabled or elderly citizens) (inits.)
22	Road sign: ____-TURN (2 wds.)	81	Femurs, tibiae, etal. (2 wds.)
24	Saison chaude	82	More than just edits a text; completely ____ it
30	Plumbing and drain cleaning service Roto-____	85	Genetic testing facilites (abbr, 2 wds.)
32	Sleep in a capsule hotel, have sushi for breakfast and experience a tea ceremony in Tokyo, historically ____ (or Edo)	86	Holy women Marie, Anne, Thérèse, Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.
34	Founder of the Medici dynasty in Florence during the Italian Renaissance	89	Clement ____, British PM 1945-1951, preceded by and succeeded by Churchill
36	From that time on	90	Locum ____ (person who temporarily fulfills the duties of another)... or NNNNNNNNNN?
38	Salary increase	92	Prefix meaning a billionth
39	Listen to this type of lute in India	93	Spy or salesperson
40	506 in ancient Rome... or a type computer video connector	94	Start of a joke: "____ man walks into a bar" (2 wds.)
41	Ones in Berlin	96	To be in Spanish... or visit the Nikola Tesla museum in Belgrade, ____ (abbr.)
42	Sewer-dwelling rodents	98	Doth depart
44	Div. of a city (it's "arrondissement" in Fr.) (abbr.)	99	Calculates a sum
45	Used a bike or a bus	101	Take care of, as a bar
46	Clip-____ (no-tie neckties)	102	Time-Domain Reflectometry (inits.)
48	Plans in detail (2 wds.)	104	Let us know if you're coming letters on an invitation (fr. abbr.)
50	Containing water	107	Not-so-wild place to see wildlife
52	Dorsal (on the back, anatomically)	109	Response to "Parlez-vous Français?" : "Un ____" (a little)