## **Emergency vacation**

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Hurricane Isabel made a mess of my weekend travel plans, so I decided, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." My outbound flight was cancelled, and even with the best possible substitution – a flight out the very next day – losing a day on a weekend trip pretty much kills it. So I extended it to a weeklong vacation. Consequently, don't expect to see many updates from me for the next week or so. I've been led to understand that some parts of Europe have Internet access (amazing!), so maybe I can sneak something in, but don't count on it.

My "unplanned emergency vacation" will take me to Copenhagen, Uppsala, Munich, and Berlin. We'll see how long before I collapse of exhaustion. (I'm looking forward to Berlin, though. Last time I was there, there was this big concrete wall.)

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