



Meet wish kid Roman!



Roman, 5

Leukemia
I wish to visit the
Eiffel Tower.

Roman was diagnosed with Leukemia when he was four years old, a year after he was diagnosed with autism. At the time of the diagnosis, Roman's father was deployed in Afghanistan as a U.S. Marine, but was able to make it home in time for Roman to start treatment.

Roman visits the hospital frequently for treatment. He takes six different chemo pills once a week in addition to having monthly blood work done and a spinal tap once every three months.

By nature, Roman is a curious, free-spirited boy. He loves learning about geography and traveling. When presented with a wish, he immediately chose to visit the Eiffel Tower.

Roman and his family spent five days exploring and enjoying France. They visited Notre Dame, saw the Mona Lisa in the Louvre Museum, took a day trip to Normandy, and a tour of the Versailles Palace. Roman enjoyed the tours so much that he even took the map away from the tour guide at the Versailles Palace and began directing the tour himself. The highlight of the trip, of course, was visiting the Eiffel Tower. Roman and his family received a special tour of the Eiffel Tower and ventured all the way up to the top floor.

"[The wish] meant a lot," Roman's mom said. "It was very emotional for his dad and me to see him enjoy things. It gave him the freedom to be who he is. Not someone else. Just him."

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