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A day in our Slovak class – week 1

Sunday, August 11, 2013

Our university is located in the city center along the Danube.



Bratislava was experiencing an unusual heat wave with temps 20 degrees F above normal. So we walked along the Danube as we practiced our conversation. That's a restaurant at the top of the bridge, commonly referred to as Restaurant UFO for obvious reasons.

We took a break in a small park outside the National Gallery.



After our afternoon workshop in folk singing, we had dinner.

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Here is a close-up of one of my favorites, a potato pancake with sour cream and cheese. Grandma used to make these.



Carbs are everywhere yet all the locals are extremely fit and trim. We were entertained by a traditional band playing the songs we had just learned.



The students began to dance.



I joined in the simpler ones.



Our first week was a success and cooler weather is expected for the rest of the course.



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How cool!
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SADWHITEWOLF
Looks like you are having a great time!
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BELLACUDDLES
Great shots!!
2859 days ago





NWFL59

Thanks for sharing
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BOILHAM

Happy pictures! Enjoy!
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MERRYMARY42

Thanks for sharing, looks like you are learning and enjoying it all, great pictures, keep us up to date
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GINIEMIE

Carbs are leaping out here in OH too. Wedding cakes, birthday cakes, pasta salad etc. At least the walking and dancing should burn some of them off. I actually think that's their secret. Enjoy.



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TRAVELGRRL

Thank you for sharing your first week with us! What a grand adventure.
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MARYJEANSL

It does look like so much fun - and it's nice to see such happy smiles. Thank you for the pictures - they are great!
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WATERMELLEN

You look so happy ! Glad it's going well. (Mmmm those potato pancakes look delish: a bit like the latkes I recall from Yiddish camp . . . but with cheese like a pierogy!)
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SUZYMOBILE

What an adventure!!
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SYLPHINPROGRESS

What a fun time you're having. Perhaps you'll work your best Rockettes' kick into the folk dancing?

Potato pancakes were kinda sorta (I wouldn't eat them) part of my childhood Hannukahs. I scarfed down the sour cream and applesauce, though. Cheese never would have occurred to me, but ... mais, oui!

The last pic of you and your sweetie is particularly charming.
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SARAWALKS

What fun! Wish I were there. I love East European dancing and singing, of whatever nationality, we have a group here that does it once a week.



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CD12146214

Thanks for the travel log update! Homesick yet?
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CELIAMINER

So glad you are enjoying the course and the culture! Thanks for sharing so we can enjoy, too, albeit vicariously.
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MISCHAKEO

What a great trip. You look so great and fit. How fun to dance and experience that culture. I had to laugh at the comment, "carbs are everywhere". That is how I feel as I am on a trip also!

Thanks for sharing. I love those pictures. That pancake looks yummy.
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WILSONWR

Looks like you are having a blast. What an experience!
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DR1939

Loved the pics. This is such a wonderful way to get to know a country.
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KELLIEBEAN

Great pictures. You two look wonderful!

Sound like a wonderful experience.
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CD13545024

thank you for sharing. This is an area I have never given much thought, maybe now I will.
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KRISZTA11

You look great on the photos, totally fitting in with the fit and trim locals :)



I just read an article about obesity rates in Europe, and indeed Slovakia did great: only 17% of adults are obese - much better than Hungary: we are the last on the list with 30% of our women and 26% of our men are obese.
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LINDA

Fabulous photos! Seems more like fun the learning ;) My German dad introduced us to potato pancakes when we were kids. My Mom just started to make them recently and our family loves it! As a special treat for me, she adds sweet potato in the mix.

The higher then normal temperatures haven't slowed anyone down!
Enjoy!
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HELEN_BRU

What an experience you are having. How long will you be there? Hope you are taking down some of the recipes.
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