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Our dormitory along the Danube –many possibilities for workouts

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Walking, running, biking, kayaking, - bungee jumping?

So far only the first two are on my plan for early in the morning or after sundown. It's still very hot - better than yesterday but still in the 90s. Maybe there's some truth in the saying "it's not the heat, it's the humidity." At this temperature back in VA I would be locked away with my AC. Here in 30% humidity I'm out and about just like everyone else. Still, I hope the prediction of cooler weather by the end of the week is correct.

We met many of our classmates. So many countries are represented. They are mostly young people from Europe and Asia improving their language skills for business or diplomacy and a few from the USA of Slovak heritage trying to learn what we were never taught.

Imagine Italians, Chinese, Germans, Turks, Americans etc. - all speaking Slovak to one another! It's quite a sight (and sound!)

We all took a test for placement in the correct language level. About 10 people including DH opted out of the exam since they knew they belonged in the lowest level.

We visited a local supermarket to stock the fridge in our room. We get hungry way before the 7am breakfast and long after dinner so we wanted to be prepared.

You had to put a coin in a slot to release a shopping cart. I'll have to ask someone about that. We just carried a hand basket, but we did bring our reusable bag just like the locals.

As for those bungee jumpers, I've never seen that done in person before, but there they were, one after another, leaping off the bridge. I know I'm old now, but I would never have tried that even 50 years ago.

As each jumper leaped off the bridge, no translation was needed. It was kind of a universal scream.

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Good for you! So happy to hear about your journey.





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WILSONWR

Sounds like you're getting quite an experience! You'll have to tell us about the food at the class.

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BOOKAPHILE

I love reading your travel blogs! Great images are brought to mind, though I'm sure they don't compare to the real thing. I hope you get a chance to Kayak... I'd love that.

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MERRYMARY42

wow, I agree, I think that people that bungee jump really have a death wish, or something, but so much you are learning and seeing. amazing

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ONEKIDSMOM

Love, love, LOVE the immersion in local culture, to the point of shopping and learning what you have to do to get along (coin to release a cart?) Enjoy and savor.

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TRAVELGRRL

Love hearing about your adventures! I have to admit, that going to grocery stores is one of the most enjoyable things we ALWAYS do in other countries.

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SLENDERELLA61

Such an interesting blog!

Thank you very much for sharing. Enjoy your trip! Your plans for staying active look great -- and you'll even get to see some sites from a different vantage point than the people who don't run and walk! Good for you!! -Marsha

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WATERMELLEN

So fun to be in such a mix of people all wanting to speak "your" language! Did you take the test? And how are your thrift shop pants working for you in the heat??

I'm thinking that a bungee jump into the water may begin to seem somewhat appealing if the heat continues!

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DR1939

Usually you get your coin back when you return the basket.

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CD14034154

Brooklyn,

It sounds like you're already having an amazing time!!! There is truth in the statement about it not being the heat but the humidity.

When I lived in Tucson/Phoenix, AZ. It would get up into the 110 - 120 degrees. I loved it, as the air was so dry, as it was almost 0 humidity, and you never noticed the heat. Since I've moved to GA, oh my gosh!!! The humidity is unbearable. We've been at least 80% or more everyday, and it's just brutal. I don't even want to go outside at all!!! When I go out, I can't even catch my breath.

As for the shopping cart, we have some stores that you put a quarter in and get a cart, and when you return the cart, you get your quarter back, so you're not spending any money.

Keep those updates coming, so I can live through you.

Be blessed,

- Nancy Jean -

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MARYJEANSL

This all sounds like such an amazing adventure! Though I must say that I am impressed with your early rising if you get hungry before the 7 A.M. breakfast. I hope you are able to enjoy lots of activities during your time there...maybe not bungee jumping. ;-)

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KELLIEBEAN

Sounds like an interesting day. When I used to shop at Costco I think it was, one of those warehouse-type stores, we had to put a quarter in the cart but then we got it back when we





returned the cart.

What an interesting experience, all of the different cultures coming together.

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JSTETSER

Amazing!

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LEWILL1982

What a great experience! Good to know we all scream in the same language :-)

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