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## The bee and me – Not a spelling bee or a singing bee – a REAL bee.

Friday, August 09, 2013

“Be prepared” isn’t just for Boy Scouts.

Walking back to the dorm last night a bee stung me on the inside of my upper arm. I think it must have been on my purse strap and when I tossed it over my shoulder, it bit me hard enough that DH needed tweezers to get the stinger out. Ouch!

Fortunately I carry antibiotic cream, anti-itch cream, antihistamine and just about any other kind of first aid that might be needed, but I didn’t have ICE. A cold beer can cooled it off nicely and then the beer itself helped me forget that it hurt.

My interview on Bratislava Radio was broadcast today. I was introduced as an American woman who speaks Slovak with an Eastern Slovakian accent. Of course I do. That’s the area of Slovakia where my grandparents were born and the accent I heard as a child 50+ years ago when they spoke with their friends and my parents’ generation.

Today’s classes were followed by a workshop of folk music and a dinner of traditional food with music and folk dancing. I joined in the simple stuff. Why not, right?

After 5 days of classes and cultural activities in Bratislava, tomorrow we take our first all-day field trip to the town of Nitra. We’ll tour the castle and churches with an explanation of the history of the place from the Archbishop.

Sunday – another excursion to another castle. We don’t get too much time off which is just fine. Total immersion is what this is all about.

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**WILSONWR**  
That sounds like so much fun! Enjoy the great experience!  
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**LINDAKAY228**  
Glad it's going so well and you are so well supplied for emergencies, like the bee sting. Ouch!  
The field trips sound very interesting and a lot of fun! Enjoy every minute!





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**CD575791**



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**DESERTJULZ**

Minus the bee sting, it sounds as though you are having a most wonderful trip!

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**WOLFKITTY**

Cool! :)

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**WATERMELLEN**

Bee gone, is what I'd be thinking! You are totally prepared . . . right down to the bee(r).

And I'm thinking you're a bit of a celebrity on those Slovak adventure: just think how your ancestors would be enjoying this!


2865 days ago



**CD14034154**

Brooklyn,

So sorry about the bee sting. However, you were prepared!!! Now who knew that a beer could do double duty!!! I'm glad it help you just lay back and have a whatever happens attitude, at that time.

It sounds like you're having a blast, and even getting up to dance!!!  look at you go and kick up your heels!!!

Try to get some rest. With your itinerary, it looks as if it's going to be catch as catch can. The main thing is, YOU'RE HAVING FUN!!!

Be blessed,

- Nancy Jean -  
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**MERRYMARY42**

I am so enjoying your trip, you are so fortunate to be able to do this, a complete learning experience, not a vacation,

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**VONBLACKBIRD**

Sounds like a fun day except for the bee!!!

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**DR1939**

We have wasps under our front deck and can't rid of them. Glad the bee sting didn't set you back.

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**SLIMMERJESSE**

Wow, a sting by a European bee! I love the castles throughout Europe - and the cathedrals. What a cool interview! I am enjoying your adventure tales.

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**KELLIEBEAN**

Way to multi-task with the beer!!!



What an exciting time. I can't wait to hear about the castles.  
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**MARYJEANSL**

It sounds like such a wonderful experience for you - excepting the bee sting, of course. I'm glad you had the foresight to use beer to numb the pain. ;-) If you are able to take pictures, it would





be wonderful to see some. Enjoy yourself!  
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**POINDEXTRA**  
This sounds like so much fun - I'd love to do something like this in Italy some day.  
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