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

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"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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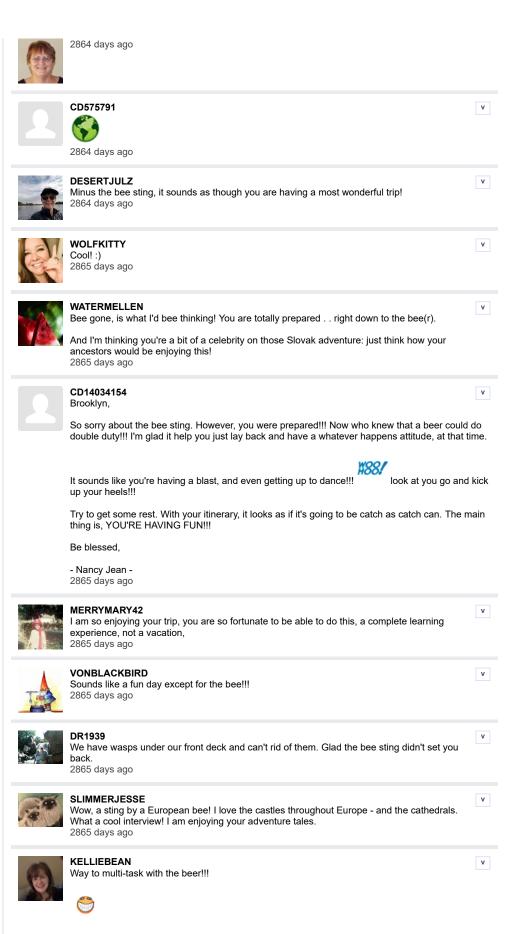
That sounds like so much fun! Enjoy the great experience! 2864 days ago

## 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!







What an exciting time. I can't wait to hear about the castles. 2865 days ago

## 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



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