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Budapest Hungary – The Parliament building is a symbol of the city.

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I took this photo from the "Fishermen's Bastion." Our ship was docked further down the river and I was able to run along that route



A week later this would not have been possible because of flooding.



Fortunately, the river has now crested and central Budapest was spared any damage.

We last visited here in August 2008 and it was over 100 degrees. This time we had much milder weather and touring was much more pleasant.

It's a beautiful, historic city including this memorial – "The Remembrance Tree" – dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust.

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The tour guides did an excellent job explaining the history of the region. Each guide described the “terrible” result when the treaty ending WWI caused Hungary to give up so much territory. (They were allied with Germany). Of course, the people in those territories (Czechs, Slovaks etc) were celebrating their “independence.”

One’s view of historical events definitely depends on your perspective.

Edit: The memorial is actually an intricate sculpture although in the photo it does look like a fountain. It’s on the grounds of the Jewish Synagogue.

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PHEBESS

Wow, amazing sculpture - it definitely looks like a fountain!



My husband's grandparents all came from Hungary - we'll get there one day!
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WATERMELLEN

History is shaped by perspective . . . glad to have this reminder!
2923 days ago



MERRYMARY42

great pictures, I have never been there, so many places I want to go to and visit, who knows,



time and money
2923 days ago



WILSONWR

It's nice to visit places with so much history!
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GINIEMIE

Love the sculpture. You are so right perspective is important. I like to read the world news in a French/Belgian newspaper to see how other's see things.
Budapest looks lovely, glad no major damage to the center from the floods.
Thanks for the educational tour.



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BOOKAPHILE

I'm enjoying your travel reports! What a great sculpture! It's so sad about the flooding.
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CD13024654

What an awesome piece of art! Just so you know, I live vicariously through your world travels :)
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CELIAMINER

I am having a great time traveling with you vicariously!

Thanks for the Popular Blog comment. I'm blown away, because I thought the blog was must a mediocre reminiscence.
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BOILHAM

Great pictures. Glad you're having such a good journey.

BTW, I have contact with Hungary often, too. :)
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SLIMMERJESSE

Wow, I love these pics. Thanks!
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DR1939

Budapest is my husband's favorite city. We lived in Cleveland, OH, for 20 years and there were many Hungarians in our neighborhood. We love their food. We stayed on Rose Hill far away from the touristy area but close to Parliament Hill. There is a Plague/Mary column on Parliament Hill that is interesting.
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enjoying your pics & blog.
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COCK-ROBIN

Looks like you had a great time!
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BESSHAILE

wow - beautiful - but oh my such flooding!
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NANNABLACK

THANK YOU!

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SANDYCRANE

Thanks for the pictures. I did not know much about this city until now. I love learning thru Sparks.

THANK YOU!

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CD12146214

That is the coolest fountain I have ever seen! My 11 year old was extremely impressed by the intricacies of the piece.

Thanks for posting
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TORTOISE110

I have been to Budapest, and never spent enough time. Thank you for sending these photos and for the blog!
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