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The Hungarian Countryside – Look how happy I am and that's not even DH

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Although Budapest is a beautiful city, I was pleased that our cruise including excursions to the countryside.

The young man in the photo above is one of the highly trained horsemen following a long tradition.



There were many other kinds of animals too. These reminded me of the Texas longhorns, but I don't think our cattlemen ever use them to pull wagons.

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Hungarian food? Goulash comes to mind immediately and it was delicious.

Hungarian spices? Paprika, of course and we visited areas of cultivation and processing and checked out the resulting products.



We bought a small bottle of paprika vodka! We haven't tried it yet.

There was also a reconstruction of a traditional house from a hundred years ago. Considering the number of rooms and the quality of the crafts and furnishings, I think the purpose was to demonstrate the traditions of the country rather than to document an average person's home.



The women of the family were the ones to hand-paint the floral patterns on the walls and furniture.



The number of quilts on the beds were one way to determine the wealth of the family. These guys must have been pretty well off although the guide said that sometimes people padded the bed with straw to make themselves look richer.

Remembering some conversations with my immigrant grandmother, no one she knew had anything like this. Of course, to paraphrase a Seinfeld episode – if you had all that, why would you leave and come to America?

Life was not as good for my grandmother in Hungarian occupied Slovakia. She bundled everything she owned into a carpetbag and set off alone at age 17 for the USA.

I often consider how different my life would have been if she had not done that.

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Thanks for sharing your vacation experiences and sights. **AWESOME**
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I saw the Lipizaners in London once. Aren't they amazing?
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What a wonderful vacation you are having. I would love to see Hungary.
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You have been doing a great job of sharing your vacation, love the pictures and the stories that go with them
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Quick visit due to internet issues...love these blogs!
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I love reading your story/history. My husband is 1/4 Bohemian, which he has always described as located in the western third of the old Czechoslovakia. Maybe someday we'll be able to visit those areas.
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CD13629552



Your title was very cute! I am SUPPOSED to be getting off the internet now and doing



something serious but with a juicy title like that, well, how could I resist?

Great photos, as always!

(and you do indeed look mighty happy with that handsome young horseman!)
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DR1939

We took a trip out to a similar farm. I agree, it was a highlight.
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SUZYMOBILE

How beautiful and how different from what we look at every day. And yet all of it must speak to your genetic soul!
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PHEBESS

Beautiful photos, it must have been amazing in real life!

And I know what you mean about the choices - had my grandfather not left Russia/Poland as a young man, what would my family's lives have been like? So different, just worlds apart!
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GINIEMIE

My husband was of Hungarian Bohemian descent. I never did learn any of the stories-he wasn't interested in that, and his paternal grandmother died early in our marriage.

Thanks for sharing, love the pics and I ONLY use HUNGARIAN paprika for Chicken Paprikash and Hungarian Goulash.



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KELLIEBEAN

Incredible!

Can you imagine, being 17 years old, packing up and heading to a new, strange country?! I love stories like this.

Thank you so much for sharing. Great pictures!
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BELLACUDDLES

WOW.....I saw this blog post on the "side" and being that my grandma came over on a boat from Budapest as a young girl, about 16 with her aunt, I just had to come see your pictures! Thanks.....I smiled through them all!! I especially love the paprika picture!!!

Barbara



Hungarian descendant
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Cool ... I love the family story of your 17 yr old grandmother !!
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WILSONWR

I wish more folks realized what their family had to go through.. We have all benefited greatly from the sacrifices of those who came before us. Some even gave it all.

Thanks for sharing the parts of your vacation - It's really great to see the pictures of the places and culture of other parts of the world.
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Thank you for sharing the Hungarian Countryside through your eyes!
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JOYNEW

Fun trip! Glad you're having a good time!
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WATERMELLEN

Isn't it amazing how the choices you have made and are making will affect future generations of your family in ways you cannot even contemplate?



What great pics, and what interesting thoughts they ignite!
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CASEYTALK

It does appear you are having fun. I was only briefly in Hungary in 1986. I am quite certain things have changed a lot since then!



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CD13886868

Kind of fun to wonder what would have turned out differently if one relative did something different. These are lovely pictures. Hey, just saw a recipe using sweet paprika last night now I'm going to have to pull it out!
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Beautiful!

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Thanks for sharing
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love your pictures . So happy you had a great time.Thanks for sharing
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Thank you for taking me with you on this photo tour. I enjoyed it immensely.
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Love your sharing of this adventure!
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