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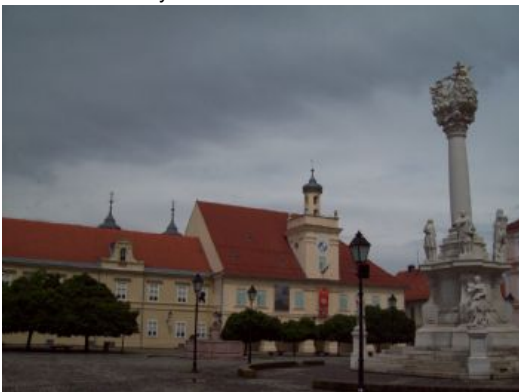
A warning to tourists – “walking in this area you risk your life”

Saturday, June 15, 2013



No, this is not about crime or violence. Sailing the Danube to the Black Sea is lovely now that all countries are at peace. There are beautiful panoramas as long as you avoid falling off a cliff while aiming for the “perfect shot” and stay out of the way of anyone trying to do the same.

You will see lovely areas in Croatia and Serbia where our tour included home visits with local families.



Eight of us were treated to a home cooked lunch where the owner told me that he raised the chicken himself. He spoke little English, but Croatian is a Slavic language so my recent study of Slovak helped me to communicate until we were joined by a translator.

Located on major trade routes (north-south and east-west), this area has been fought over for centuries, so ancient fortifications are part of the landscape along with churches and mosques

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You realize that you have crossed into Serbia when the signs are in the Cyrillic alphabet.



Here the guide is explaining the symbol showing that Belgrade is located at the confluence of 2 rivers, the Danube and the Sava

Serious fortifications are part of the scenery here also



Once these fortifications were needed to defend positions on the river.

Now cyclists (obviously English speaking) are encouraged to travel the route unhindered.



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What a glorious church! I am fond of religious art (any denomination) and used to tour buildings. I personally know of only one in the States that can compare to the old European cathedrals in ornateness - in Washington, DC. (Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.)
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GINIEMIE

So beautiful. I love the churches in Europe-the old ones. Your tours a magnificent my friend.



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WILSONWR

Great pictures! Thanks for sharing!
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WATERMELLEN

I am enjoying learning about the history and geography of this beautiful part of the world!
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CD12146214

That church is spectacular! I am loving your posts as I am travelling vicariously through them.

Keep sending pics.....
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COCK-ROBIN

This is so beautiful! I wish I was there.
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Reading your travel blogs, I'm always amazed (being from the US) at all the history Europe et al has going for it--we are so young a country. Great blog btw!
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love the pics!
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DESERTJULZ

Beautiful photos! The trip of a lifetime. :D
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Beautiful.
THANK YOU!
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Wow! Awesome!
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PHEBESS

So fascinating!
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LINDA

What an amazing journey you are on! It sure makes it more comfortable going into a totally strange country having some knowledge of the language. My Mom is only interested in traveling to places where they speak English. I imagine most people are like that, not wanting to go out of their comfort zone, me included. I really enjoyed my visit to Germany to meet all my Dad's relatives, but only one of them spoke any English, so it always left me out of the loop and my Uncle got quickly tired of me continuously asking to translate. Its a gorgeous country with so much to see. So glad you are able to take and enjoy this trip of a lifetime!
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BOOKAPHILE

Lovely photos! These have been very interesting blogs!
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DR1939

Ah, Croatia. It is a beautiful country. And the food is so good. The Dalmatian Riveria has some of the cleanest beaches in the world. It is still a very inexpensive vacation. I highly recommend to anyone who is looking for a relaxing spot.
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HELEN_BRU

I wondered if you had learned Slovak yet. Nice to know you did. Have enjoyed all your pictures. I know so little about Croatia. Interesting!
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BOILHAM

My Facebook friend in Croatia has told me about its beauty. With its mountains, rivers, flatlands and an extremely large coastline, it has a spectacular topography. Another place I'd love to see, but probably never will. So much to see, so little \$\$\$\$. LOL. I'm enjoying your journey.
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ONEKIDSMOM

How lovely that you had studied enough of language to communicate before the interpreter arrived. I find that so uplifting, and Europe is a place where this striving is rewarded with the ability to practice! Again, beautiful pictures... enjoying your trip from afar.
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KELLIEBEAN

I like that your tour included time with local families.



Beautiful scenery. Thanks for sharing!
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WEARINGTHIN

Nice that the countries are at peace. Here's wishing it for the rest of the world. (I'm really tired of war.) Glenn
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SPARKCHANTAL

I live so close, and have never been there! farthest I ever got was Budapest. thanks for sharing, this is lovely.
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