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From the Danube to the Susquehanna – Rivers of the World

Sunday, June 23, 2013

DH & I are on the road again, but this time much closer to home. Yet, looking at this photo, if I didn't put a caption on it, I might think it was somewhere along the Danube



On my birthday yesterday we were in Wilkes-Barre, PA. For those of you unfamiliar with the East Coast, it's in the northeastern part of the state about 30 minutes away from Scranton (a reference point for fans of "The Office"). Why our summer travels have taken us from Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest... to Wilkes-Barre is a story for another day.

Just as in Europe, there were families out enjoying the evening on and along the water.



Coal from this area once powered the USA and the local economy as well. The large houses in this next picture remind us of that. In the extreme right you can see a mosque and a church – a nice symbol of coexistence.

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Unfortunately the mines have been closed for over 50 years.

The downtown area close to the river has its share of abandoned buildings, many of which are being demolished or refurbished. Condos near the river seem to be the plan. We had dinner in a lovely Thai restaurant.

I was happy to see the efforts being made here and grateful that the buildings didn't have to be removed because of war damage as was the case as we traveled through the Balkans.

There's still much to do and I'm sure it will take time.

As this plaque explained – it's a "rebirth" - a rather appropriate theme on my birthday when I consider where I've been, where I am and what I still need to do.



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PHEBESS

My husband's parents are both from Wilkes-Barre!

Small world!!!
2910 days ago



WATERMELLEN

Hey, belated happy birthday (I've been away for a few days too, just catching up with my blog reading).





2910 days ago



SARAWALKS

Only on Spark would someone in PA find out about progress in Wilkes-Barre through someone from Brooklyn...

Well, I guess it's the internet really...but Spark connections never cease to amaze me! I'm happy to hear about the revival of this coal town. I used to live in Bellefonte which was built as the county seat by iron magnates. But boo, no river there...

2910 days ago



JAHINTZY

lovely, it was a great weekend for it too - I was in Lehighton PA camping myself this weekend, just a but further south.

2911 days ago



FANGFACEKITTY

My grandfather's family was from Wilkes-Barre, and my grandmother's from Nanticoke. I got to visit both places when I was a kid.

2912 days ago



MERRYMARY42

nice pictures, and rivers are so very relaxing, serene and never ending too

enjoyed your blog, and hope your birthday is still being celebrated, sounds like it is

2912 days ago



BOOKAPHILE

Happy Birthday!

2912 days ago



DESERTJULZ

The photos are beautiful. Thank you. :D

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LINDAKAY228

Happy late birthday! Looks like it was a wonderful day. I love your pics. You've really had a busy summer!

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MISCHAKEO

What a great birthday. I love your river pictures.

2912 days ago



CELIAMINER

W-B should hire you as a publicist! Your description makes me want to visit. I'm always impressed by cities that reclaim run-down areas along a waterfront and revitalize them in a well planned way.

2913 days ago



SLIMMERJESSE

Great pics. Happy Birthday.

2913 days ago



DR1939

My grandfather was born in Wilkes-Barre.

One time when we were on a ferry-style boat on the Danube I looked out the window and the man in the canoe next to us was naked. Talk about enjoying the river!

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ONEKIDSMOM

Lovely photos that are triggering memories for me. And words, too. While I have never watched "The Office" I have driven through/past Scranton many times on the trek from where my son grew up in Newark Valley, New York, and where his grandma lived in Trenton, NJ.

The Susquehanna is near and dear to the heart as the river we picnicked beside, in Owego, NY, or watched and listened to the Binghamton Symphony do their "concert on the river".

Rivers are amazing! Glad this one gave you such a good birthday outing!

2913 days ago





HELEN_BRU

Rivers can take us to many interesting places! Belated happy birthday!!!
2913 days ago



WILSONWR

That sounds like a really nice area! I love exploring historical (and scenic) places.
2913 days ago



EFFIEANNIE

Nice blog and informative. I love learning about new places. Travel broadens your mind so much. Hope you had a happy birthday.
2913 days ago



KELLIEBEAN

What a wonderful birthday. Great pictures.

I enjoy reading about your travel adventures an rebirth process!



2913 days ago



SUNSET09

Some of the most beautiful places are right here in ouw own back yards!



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GINIEMIE



Glad to hear you did something special for your birthday. Hope your

NEW YEAR is totally



2913 days ago



COCK-ROBIN

Beautiful!

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KKKAREN

I love bridges. I once travelled from FL to NH by kayak mostly on the rivers and marvelled at the beautiful bridges.

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