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# Reflections of 17 days in Europe

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In country #1 I remember family – present and past



DH, DD (Hayburner1969), her DH, & 3 kids.

The family I first discovered in 2008 in Slovakia - 70 years after the last contact. In Bratislava, the capital, we visited with these



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Bratislava is a great city, only 45 miles from Vienna.

At the Eastern end of the country we visited with more relatives





Through it all I remembered those that went before us, leaving their villages for an unknown future in a new country where they couldn't even speak the language – my grandparents Katarina and Gregory.





I think about those who stayed behind and persevered through difficult times -2 World Wars fought right where they were living, the same Great Depression that affected the USA and 50 years of Communism.

We walked the same land my grandparents saw.

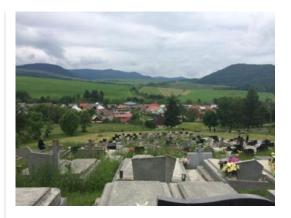
The castle above my Grandmother's village. The 19th century houses below have been gathered from around the country as an open air museum.



From the castle you can see the towns of the countryside.



My grandmother's village (Sambron) looking down from the cemetery.



Medzilaborce at the Eastern end of the country near my grandfather's village (Habura)





My grandfather died in 1935 during a visit to family in the "old country." My mother was 13. Now 3 generations that he never knew are visiting his grave.



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Such an amazing trip. You are still connected to all those people by such a thin thread but nonetheless. Shivers up my spine. 2550 days ago





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What a lovely family and what wonderful connections., I am so glad your family went with you. Thanks for sharing a delightful trip.



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What an amazing trip! I'm glad you got to do it and connect with so many family members. Amazing story of their history!



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What a trip of a lifetime! Going back to family roots has a grounding affect.





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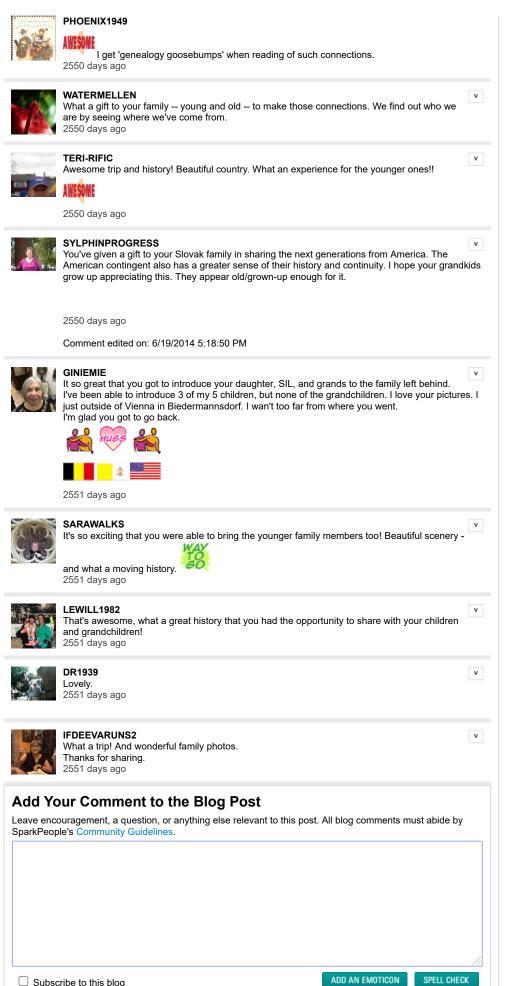


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