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Our 3 Generation European Vacation - Prague, CZ - Country 2 of 6

Saturday, July 18, 2015

My generation remembers Prague as the capital of Czechoslovakia, but that country peacefully decided to separate into the Czech Republic and Slovakia on Jan 1, 1993 - the "Velvet Divorce."

We flew from Zurich to Prague and I persuaded DD to join her quirky mother at this sculpture in the airport. DH took my photo here in April when I ran the half marathon.



When travelling with family and staying in one place for 3 days or more we always rent apartments. Our historical building in Old Town was between the main square and the Charles Bridge. A terrace overlooked the shops below

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The interior was all remodeled and modern but there was some serious old time security to access our front door.



And a beautiful view of old town from the fourth floor apartment. One good reason to stay in shape – historical buildings don't usually have elevators.



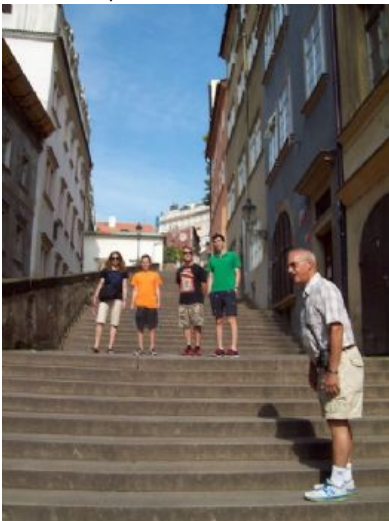
First stop was to walk across the Charles Bridge with its sculptures. The fortress castle and cathedral are in the background.



This sculpture with a Hebrew inscription became significant to us when a few years ago we discovered that it was financed by a Jewish man with OUR last name as punishment for his "heresy." Perhaps my husband's family once was Jewish? They did emigrate from this part of the world.



The climb up to the fortress – another reason to stay in shape.



St Vitas Cathedral



Impressive from all sides



Especially the detail



On each visit to Prague DH & I get our picture taken in front of this fountain. I just realized I'm wearing the same outfit as 4 years ago. I keep my favorite travel clothes a long time.



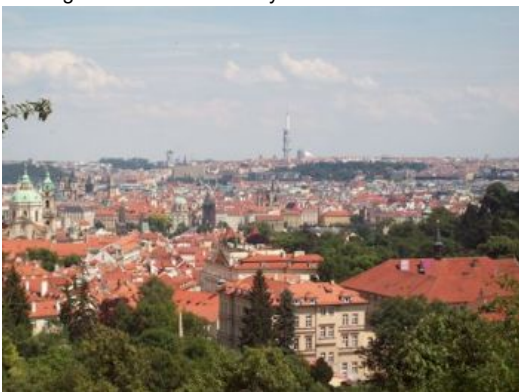
Interesting artifacts wherever we went



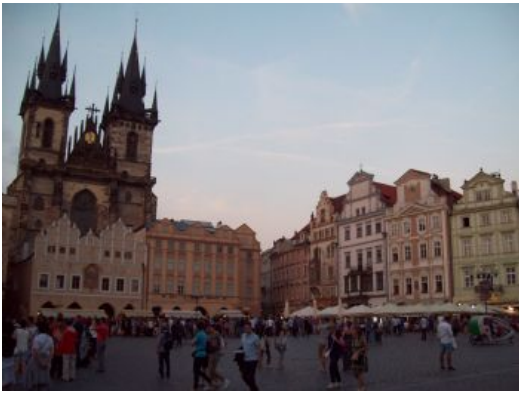
We have several favorite restaurants in Prague.



Looking back down on the city



Back in old town, a study in contrasts. Those are rock musicians playing in front of the Jan Hus sculpture.



The Astronomical Clock



The Prague Zoo!

This is one attraction most tourists do not visit, but it was important to our younger grandson. He has always been interested in animals and even saves his allowance to "adopt" animals from an International Wildlife organization. He's so knowledgeable. It's like having our own personal guide.



Looks like some famous people also like this place. Yes, that's Brad and Angelina. The caption reads "Remember Us"



We spent many hours here, but Jacob's main goal was to see his favorite animal in real life. This is a "cloud leopard."



He also sought out these special horses which are an endangered species.



I was impressed by the use of natural materials to create a lovely environment throughout the park.



I was surprised that the animals were provided so much outdoor space and that many species were roaming together.



The family climbed the observation tower



Not me! I was the official event photographer.



But I did suck up my fear and join them on the chair lift down to the main level. My first chair lift ever!



Jacob was very happy to visit his second European Zoo. We included the Berlin Zoo on our last family trip 3 years ago.



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What an absolutely gorgeous place! Makes me want to go there!
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How nice that you were able to take the children with you. Always nice to see things from their perspective too!
2149 days ago



HOLLYM48

How special that you travel together with your daughter's families and have such an awesome time! Beautiful pics once again.
2150 days ago



WATERMELLEN

That cloud leopard is a beautiful animal. I've never been to Prague but it looks most attractive and interesting.
2153 days ago



FORZACHANDMATT

Wow - looks like an amazing trip - thanks for sharing
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NUMD97

Wonderful blog, BB! Thanks! Here's the answer to the question Phebes asked about the Hebrew inscription to the statue on the bridge:

<http://www.jewishmag.com/85mag/prague/prague.htm>

Are you also planning on going to Hungary?

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JACKIEWALKS4FUN

Wow, so beautiful. Thank you. You and your family sure are having fun.
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PHEBESS

Gorgeous photos, and what a fun time with the family along!

Any idea what the Hebrew says?

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DOVESEYES

AWESOME THANK YOU! #88!

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WALLAHALLA

Your pics are gorgeous! I so want to go there!

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PRNCSCUP1-2FULL

I have not recovered from Prague envy since your half marathon! This is where my family is from and it is on my bucket list! Such a wonderful trip for all of you! How wonderful for Jacob to guide you thru the zoo and get to visit another one! Awesome that you all travel the world and include the grands!

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LIVEDAILY

Another wonderful portion of your trip!! Thank you for sharing it with us!! That's a part of the world I would like to visit, but most likely will not get too, so I appreciate seeing it through your eyes!

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GINIEMIE

Fantastic pictures. Love that the family strives to do something to appeal to each one. I actually enjoy going to zoos looking at how they provide for the animals. I have been on several téléphériques (cable car/seats). The views of the Cathedral are fantastic. Don't you just love the





juxtaposition of the antiquated and the modern in Europe. At first I hated it, but as long as it is not too modern I'm learning to appreciate it-a balanced blend of eras. The fountain is lovely makes me want to go back and revisit a few in Belgium.

I too will note that I've worn the same clothes on different visits, when you're thrifty or tend to buy

the same styles I guess it's bound to happen. Thanks for sharing your trip with us.



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MERRYMARY42

Thanks Brooklyn, I enjoy your trips very much, you are so knowledgeable and take great pictures

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WUMPASTAR

Thanks so much for sharing! Impressive, how beautiful these old towns are. Your grandson sounds amazing. Those are Przewalski horses, by the way. I'm surprised to see that many in the same place - they are VERY endangered (though have been doing better for a couple years now). I've only seen one in my life!

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ONEKIDSMOM

Lovely... another great day in photos!



And what a handsome 3 generation group to travel with.

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SUNNYWBL

Most amazing!

If you want to follow up on your family's possible Jewish heritage, have your DNA tested by '23 &



Me'. All you have to do is pay \$99. spit in the tiny cup that they send and mail it in!!

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AWESOME THANK YOU!

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