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## Sites of Bratislava

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

On Saturday all the students went on an all day walking tour of the city.



We gathered in front of the National Theater. It was a short walk for us. Our apartment is a few buildings away.

Across the square is the National Philharmonic Orchestra.



August is summer vacation for both organizations so I was surprised to see a strong police presence and security gates here. The building is being used for meetings of the European Union. Slovakia has the current presidency.

Our first stop was the Cathedral of St Martin. He was known as Martin of Tours although he was Slovak not French.

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This sculpture represents the incident when Martin, the soldier, stopped to give money to a beggar and got a vision to help people not kill them. The beggar was Christ. So he became a monk in France.



This painting (fresco) lists the 18 kings (and 1 queen) who were crowned here.





The Cathedral seems to be in an odd place, right next to the highway leading to the UFO Bridge.



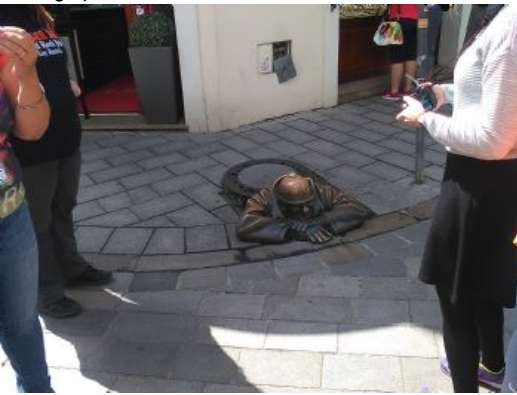
This is where the Communists chose to build the bridge in the 70s. They left a piece of the medieval city wall, but destroyed the Jewish Quarter which survived WWII although 5,000 Jews were deported to Auschwitz. A memorial to whom and what once was here was erected after the breakup of the Soviet Union. You can see the Synagogue etched on the wall.



This is "stare mesto" (old town). In the distance you can see St Michael's Gate, the only remaining gate of the medieval city wall.



Whimsical sculptures dot the old town. This one is called "Man at Work." Supposedly he is working at looking up women's skirts.



Every morning I run by the castle fortress on the hill.



This is the view from the top. To the left is Hungary and to the right is Austria. That's why this was a popular location for rulers of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.



There are 4 levels of artifacts, paintings and historical items and documents. All floors accessible through this magnificent staircase.



Here I am in royal surroundings.



Finally back at the Danube, this is Bratislava's memorial in gratitude for the end of the plague. Every city and even some smaller towns seems to have one.



If you have read this far, thank you. Now it's time for me to go to class.

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**FRAN0426**

Great pictures and commentary of them, thanks for sharing  
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**KRISSY82**

Amazing! Looks like you have quite the view on your run!  
1763 days ago



**ECOAGE**



1764 days ago



**WATERMELLEN**

Such an interesting part of the world, and off the usual "tourist" beat!!  
1764 days ago



**DOVESEYES**

What an amazing country I feel so glad that you are there to show me around :), I was born in New Zealand and we are so young a country in the world we lack such beauty in buildings that come from those bygone eras.  
1764 days ago



**JEANKNEE**

Thanks for sharing the sites and history. Hope you had a good day in class.  
1764 days ago



**PHOENIX1949**



Loved the virtual tour.

1764 days ago



**SYLPHINPROGRESS**

"The Cathedral seems to be in an odd place, right next to the highway leading to the UFO Bridge."

Let's parse this, my friend. Might it be that the highway leading to the UFO Bridge is in an odd place, right alongside the cathedral?

(We've been robbed. SP does not include the flag of Slovak Republic.)  
1764 days ago

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**PRNCSCUP1-2FULL**

OK, once again, as always, I am envious! But, please know, it is a friendly envy! A wish I was with you envy! How nice to do a walking tour within your lessons! As a young child in PA I attended St. Michaels Byzantine Catholic church. It was an awesome church and now is not adhering to the Vatican and pretty much chasing young people away. It makes me sad for it to fall by the wayside which it will. It was a most spectacular church with a mostly Slovak and a few other Eastern European ethnic backgrounds. We celebrated holidays in a very traditional Slovak way with Slavic foods. Ah, memories..... Thanks for including us on your tour!  
1764 days ago



**1STBUCKETITEM**

Thanks so much for the virtual tour. So much history, grand and also very thought provoking during the "darker" periods,  
1764 days ago



**WOOFERCOALBOY**

Thanks for the tour.  
1764 days ago



**PEGGYO**

You're welcome, thanks for sharing your trip with us.  
1764 days ago





**LIVEDAILY**

Another beautiful part of the world! Thank you for sharing with us!  
1764 days ago



**PHEBESS**

Wow, what a gorgeous place!!! Thank you for taking us along on this tour with you!!!  
1764 days ago



**MISCHAKEO**

I love all of those pictures..such history and beauty. I like the one that shows Hungary and Austria.

1764 days ago



**HELEN\_BRU**

Thanks for the lovely tour!  
1764 days ago



**SPEDED2**

Love your travel/student blog. It's fun to travel vicariously through your photos.  
1765 days ago

THANK YOU!



**WILSONWR**

More great pictures! You really seem to be having a fantastic trip!  
1765 days ago



**BBEAGAN**

Wonderful - thanks!  
1765 days ago



**ANNIEONLI**

Thanks so much for posting!!! My Mom's family is from Bratislava...and my cousin went there last year and told me about the church and highway running right by it. It was great to see pictures of the place. Funny, I've never been there, but I've seen so many pictures and documentaries, I feel like I have! Enjoy the rest of your time!!  
1765 days ago



**SMILINGEYES2**

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**CD15582335**

Also my friend is heading to Bratislava from Wien tomorrow. What attraction is a must-see if you could only pick one?  
1765 days ago



**CD15582335**

Thankyou for the tour. I go to czech every year and have travelled through Slovakia but never saw Bratislava so this is a treat thankyou. Magnificent history.  
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**MMEQUEEN**

Stunning photos! What a wonderful adventure you're having!  
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