

For the past two weeks Mr. Blogger and I traveled through Germany, Austria, The Czech Republic and Hungary. This sounds very industrious for two weeks but in fact, it was on a tour and happened at a nice pace. We started our trip with three days in Prague. We were able to walk from our hotel to all the city sites that were on our wish list and found the extensive walking that we did (8 to 10 miles per day) really gave us a good picture of this beautiful city. Here are a few photos from Prague:



The happy travelers!

After these wonderful days in Prague we traveled to Nuremberg Germany to start our 10 day journey down the Danube River. We were on a Viking River cruise longship called the Egil. With 188 passengers this was a very intimate trip through the German, Austrian and Hungarian countryside. We enjoyed our time on the ship and truly loved our tours into the towns and countrysides of these countries. We saw Castles, Cathedrals, Abbys and Monastaries galore. Here are a few of my photo favorites:



A view from our cabin in Regensburg, Germany

We ate delicious food, sampled the local wines and beers and ate enough different strudels we were becoming experts by the end. As I am a professed chocoholic we also sampled chocolate whenever possible! We got to see up

close the cultures of those who live there and in many ways this reminds us of how similar we are and how small the world really is.

Our final night of vacation in Budapest, Hungary:



Hungarian Parliament Building

But as Dorothy said and as I titled this blog – There's no place like Home!

Coming home to a safe and secure house, mail collected for us and kind neighbors watching out for us while we were gone made the homecoming very comforting. We came home, sighed with relief after a long journey and promptly fell asleep!

Quote of the Week:

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Mark Twain

Happenings this Week:

Saturday, October 22: Northwest Wind Symphony to Open Season With Saturday Concert

The Northwest Wind Symphony kicks off its 26th season on Saturday with a concert at Centralia College's Corbet Theatre titled "Another Opening, Another

Show.” Fans of musical theater will enjoy music from “My Fair Lady,” “Fiddler on the Roof,” “Camelot” and “The Music Man.” Also included in the evening’s entertainment are selections from the Gilbert and Sullivan comic ballet “Pineapple Poll” and Leonard Bernstein’s “Candide.” Completing the repertoire are Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Carousel” and “The Sound of Music.”

Tickets may be purchased for \$12 at the door, or in advance from Book ‘n’ Brush in Chehalis. Students are free with paying adult. The concert begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.northwestwindsymphony.org.

Thursday, October 27th: Potluck night at Stillwaters. Dinner starts promptly at 6:00. Bring your favorite dish to share and your dinner plate. Silverware, napkins and cups provided. Come join the fun!

Weather: Standard fall weather – rain, rain, rain! Stay dry under those umbrellas and have a good week!