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## Weekend in Prague

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# Journals from Austria

2010-10-06 Weekend in Prague



*Prague*

Hallo everyone,

Time is flying by! It's almost been a month and a half since we first arrived in Vienna. We have gradually assimilated the Viennese culture and enjoyed our study abroad experience. Last weekend we went on our planned field trip to Prague. We had a great tour guide that took us around Prague and showed us the most beautiful sights in the city. On the first day we got to walk over the famous Charles Bridge; from there we were able to see some of the most beautiful views in Prague. Between the fifteenth and twentieth century the bridge was an important trading route between Eastern and Western Europe. When touring through this bridge make sure to ask the tour guide or professor about the story of St. John Nepomuk; trust me, it's quite fascinating. There is a baroque statue of him on the bridge and if you see people touching it, it's because it is believed that if one does this, it is guaranteed that they will return to Prague. I will have to wait and see if that is true!

On the following days we made a trip to the St. Vitus Cathedral. This giant Gothic cathedral holds the remains of three Habsburg kings and St. John Nepomuk. Definitely worthwhile seeing!

We also visited the Jewish Museum which told many stories of Czech Jews during World War II. Finally, we got to visit historical synagogues, such as the Jewish and Spanish Jewish Synagogue.

After our wonderful weekend in Prague we returned to Vienna and continued our daily schedule. During the following week we finally completed our German intensive course at the institute and tested into a German course at the University of Vienna.

Now, we are officially enrolled at the University of Vienna and we are oh so ready to begin our German course and test out our German skills!

Well that is all for now! Keep checking in for new journal entries!

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