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Greetings Fellow Aztecs,

I have recently returned from a river cruise in Germany and Cheryl asked that I present a report to you. Sort of like Mrs Davitts and Mr. Brown's class.

I traveled with my best friend, Judy, and we had a grand and glorious time. The tour we took was through Amadeus Waterways and I would recommend them to you. So, let's get on the road – er, in the air – er, on the water – whatever.....

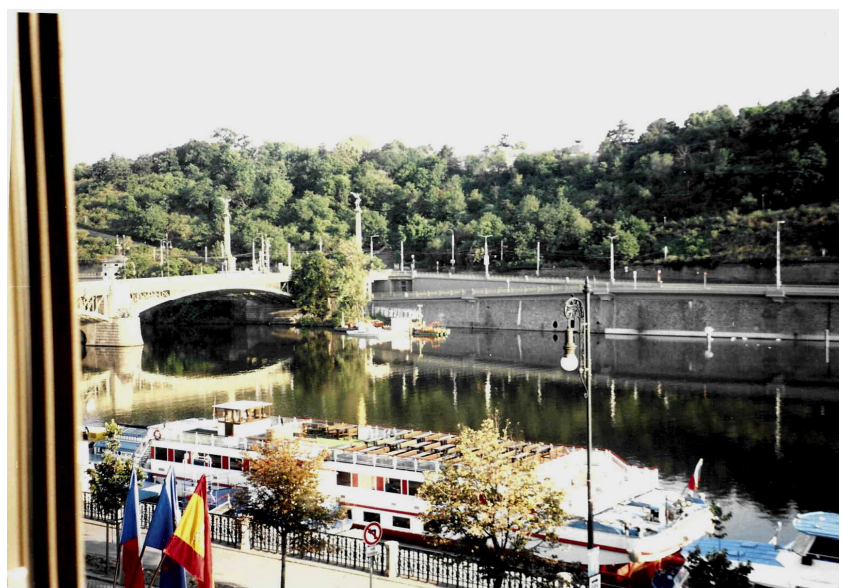


Prague

We caught the flight to Paris from LAX on Thursday July 3 at 6:30 pm and took a connecting flight from Paris to Prague – arriving in Prague around 7:00 pm on the 4th. Thank goodness Amadeus was there to meet us and shuttle us to the hotel.

We stayed at the President and here is a view out our window. Isn't it great?

While in Prague we were treated to a city tour and took a small boat ride on the river by ourselves. Prague is a beautiful clean city and we enjoyed our short two nights there.



View from hotel window



The Amadagio

On Sunday, July 6 we were on the bus (coach over there) and on our way to Nuremberg to board the Amadagio – our home for the next seven nights. Here is a picture of the boat (300 feet long and all the modern conveniences you could want.)

For the next week we floated on the Danube-Main canal, the Main River (pronounced Mine), the Rhine and the Mosel. We went to many small towns and some larger cities. We saw many castles and even the Guttenberg Museum where we learned how the first bible was printed.

Here is a picture of us in Wertheim, one of the many town squares we saw. We were fed three full meals yet did not gain weight because we had walking tours every day.

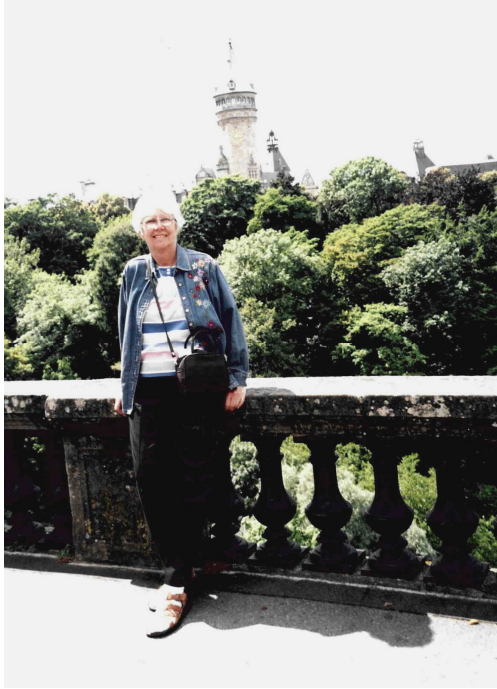


Judy and Joanne in Wertheim

Here is a picture of one of the town squares in Mainz – a grand example.



Town Square in Mainz



Joanne in Luxembourg



Eiffel Tower

We ended our river cruise in the town of Trier – the oldest town in Germany. On the way to Paris via coach, we stopped in Luxembourg.

We arrived at the Eiffel Hilton around 5:30 on Sunday the 13th and slept like logs in the wonderfully large beds. Here is a picture of our neighbor – about one block away. Very impressive. We were in Paris three nights and then flew home on Wednesday. While in Paris, we took a city tour (we stopped for a tour of Notre Dame), a River Seine cruise, and went to the Louvre. Everything was very exciting and “old”.

Thank you for coming along on my memory trip of the best vacation I have ever had. Hope to see you all at the October reunion for the ten classes and of course I expect to see you at our next regular reunion – our 50th!

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