



Travel Stories by Amaru & Suzanne



A day in Ljubljana!

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As we mentioned in our last blog we decided to do a short day trip to Slovenia and its capital, Ljubljana.

Since we already had the train tickets we just showed up at the train station in Zagreb, grabbed a quick breakfast and then jumped on our train early to be able to get seats together.

Luckily we managed to get two seats next to each other, in a cabin that we shared with another Australian couple. We started to chat with them and it turned out they were on their honeymoon and visiting a few European countries. Of course we had to start swapping a bit of information about this place, that hotel etc...

After a few minutes we noticed that the train should have left 10min ago.... we couldn't see what was the hold up but there was a big group of mormons on the station saying goodbyes. 25min past the scheduled departure time we finally left Zagreb.



Leaving Zagreb
for a day trip to Ljubljana



Suz
on the train!

The train ride was very quick since we spent it all chatting away with the other couple...

Once we reached Ljubljana we said our goodbyes and departed our separate ways. Suz and I started along Resljeva cesta and made our way towards the old section of town. Since we saw a few dark clouds closing in we decided to visit the castle first...

But, we needed a bit of food first, so after we crossed the Dragon Bridge and before we started our climb to the castle we decided to just grab a Burek... and to be honest, it was actually by far the best Burek we've had on our trips so far!

And climbing to get to the castle.... Nah, we took the funicular!

As we reached the top and entered the castle we started feeling the first small drops of water... rain was on its way!

So we climbed into the viewing tower to get a good view over the city, and since it was included in the entry cost we sat through a 20min 3D history lesson on Ljubljana and its castle. We looked like fools with the glasses and headphones on, but it was quite interesting...

Once we were done with the history lesson we made our way up to the viewing tower and while we were there some heavy rain started falling down on us so we made our way back inside in a hurry.

We made our way back down to the Dragon Bridge and stood there wondering what to do....



The two Australians
we sat with on the train



We had the option of either catching a train back to Zagreb in an hour or we could wait and catch one in 4 hours. Since the rain was still falling we just decided to cut the day short.... not much to do when the weather is against you!

So, we got back on the train and headed back to Zagreb, this time we spent more time admiring the country side we were riding through and it's really beautiful with a few small towns here and there. The mist surrounding the mountains gave the whole area a very eery look as well.

Eventually we passed the boarder control, I showed my EU passport and got it straight back, Suz handed hers over and the immigration lady kept looking at it, talking on her walkie talkie and looking at Suz.

We were starting to wonder if she would get her passport back, then after several minutes the lady just handed it to her and said "thank you". A bit weird but at least she got it back....

Ljubljana seemed to be quite a nice little town, we're not quite sure... At least we were given a quick history on the city and some of its sights. So the next time we're in the area we might know what to expect.

All in all, it was a good day trip... sure, we didn't see that much of the city itself, but we met some nice people and got a quick introduction to the city. We will be back at some point, and that time we will leave the rain behind!





**Riding the funicular
to the top**



**Ljubljanski grad
The Ljubljana Castle**



We look so cool!
Getting ready to see a 3D presentation



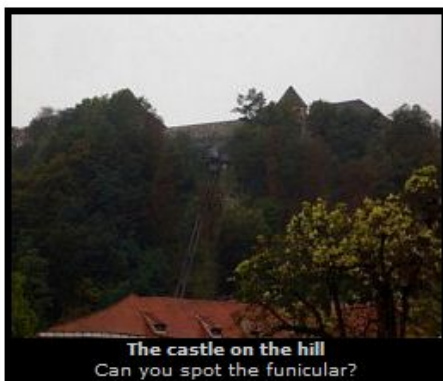
Ljubljana
as seen from the castle



Same city
different view



The castle
seen from the viewing tower



The castle on the hill
Can you spot the funicular?



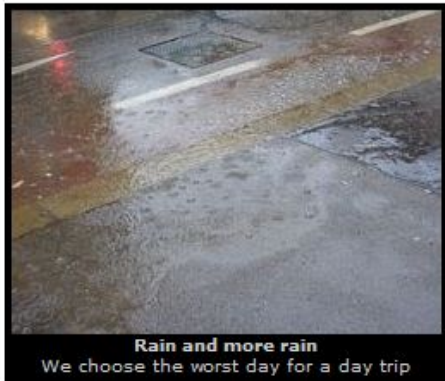
**We're back at
the dragon bridge**



Looking along the river
from the bridge



Found a cute
baby Dragon



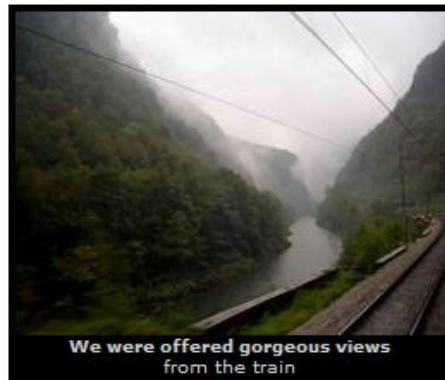
Rain and more rain
We choose the worst day for a day trip



But at least I got my
Coconut Magnum



Time to leave
and head back to Croatia



We were offered gorgeous views
from the train



"Yes, I got it back!!"
Relieved to have her passport back



Crossing the border
between Slovenia and Croatia

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