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2018 PRAGUE SLET EDITION

PRAHA

by Christina Curran, Sokolice Tabor PR Director

Prague served as the host city for the 2018 Slet. The capital and largest city in the Czech Republic, and the historical capital of Bohemia, is situated on the Vltava River and its main attractions include the Charles Bridge, Prague Castle and Old Town Square with the astronomical clock.

The XVI All Sokol Slet was held the week of July 1-6, 2018. Sokols from around the globe gathered to participate in the parade, Slet program, spectate, and soak in Czech education and culture.

Sokol Tabor had a contingent of members travel abroad to take part in the festivities. Ranging from Tots to Seniors, everyone thoroughly enjoyed their trip overseas. We had members participate in the Slet Parade, the American Sokol "Sokol Yeah" stage performance, the senior calisthenics "Princezna Republika" (Princess Republic) and the men's calisthenics "Borci" (Athletes).

We thank the Capodice, Carlozzi, Fron, LoGuidice, Mangia, Polashek, Pros, Svestka and Walinski families for proudly representing Sokol Tabor across the pond! Let's give them three cheers and a NAZDAR!



Sokol Tabor members gather for a photo opportunity after the Slet Parade

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Thank you to everyone who submitted articles, quotes and photos to make this Prague Slet edition so special!

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Save a Tree...Pass the Word

VIEW FROM BABY CARLOZZI

Hello! I am baby Carlozzi. My mom's nickname for me is Chapter 4, because she really likes to read books. Over the summer, I went to the Slet in Prague as Sokol Tabor's youngest member. I was a busy bee while in Europe. I grew from the size of a lime to the size of a nectarine! Here are some highlights from my trip:

Mom, dad, Mimi, Aunt Alyssa and I started our Europe adventure with a quick layover in Brussels, Belgium. Dad insisted that our first stop was Delerium Café, so he could try some beer. After that, mom and I got a Belgian waffle with chocolate. It was delicious!

After our quick foray into the land of beer and chocolate, we flew to our real destination: Zadar, Croatia. Zadar is on the Adriatic Sea, in the Dalmatian region of Croatia. Rome invaded this area back in the day and it still has strong Italian influences, including the food. (Mom and I ate pasta every day!) We stayed on the peninsula and took the next two days to soak in the Croatian culture, which mainly involved sitting and drinking, and occasionally watching World Cup matches. Dad tried all of the local beers and mom and I got lots of non-alcoholic beer and fruity mocktails. When we weren't sitting, we were exploring the city, including the Roman Forum; the Church of St. Donatus; St. Anastasia's Cathedral; the Sea Gate, which protected the city from invaders; the bell tower; the Sun Salutation solar lights; and the Sea Organ, an instrument set in the water that plays music via waves from the sea! Mom, dad, and I also went on a long boat cruise one day that took us past more than 100 islands.

Day 4 of our adventures saw the start of our European road trip. We drove through the mountains of Croatia to get to Zagreb, the country's capital, for a lunch break. Mom picked a Michelin-rated restaurant called Mundoaka Streetfood, and I was very happy with her choice of empanadas. After lunch, we crossed the border into Hungary and made our way to Budapest!

We began our Budapestian adventures by going to Szimpla ruin bar, where dad got to try some fun beers and mom and I got more fruity mocktails. Our first full day in Budapest saw lots of sightseeing: we took a walking tour and explored both Buda and Pest, the two areas that make up the city; we ventured into St. Peter's Basilica and the dome; and we saw two World War II monuments. We ate dinner at Ghetto Gulyas, where dad tried some rooster testicles and cocks comb, and ended the night at another ruin bar. Day 6 of our trip started with a second walking tour, which focused on what Budapest was like under Communist rule. We then went to Margaret Island in the Danube River, where dad and Mimi took mom and me for a nice bike ride. On the island, we saw a Japanese garden, some exotic waterfowl, and a music fountain. To no one's surprise, dad also managed to find some beer, while mom and I had ice cream. The night, we took a nighttime boat cruise on the Danube to see the city all lit up, and we ended the evening with dinner at the Karavan food truck park.

The next day, mom, dad, and I woke up early to go to the Szechenyi Spa, where we met up with fellow Sokols Jeremy and Tricia Pros. We tried 12 of the spa's 14 pools! My favorites were the two pools outside, because they were nice and warm in the rainy weather. After a relaxing morning, everyone got back in the car and we continued our adventure to the Czech Republic. After a drive through Slovakia, we reached our first destination: Ostrava, where Aunt Ally had been living for the last two years. We had a nice dinner near the Ostravice River, followed by a night of exploring the beverages that Ostrava had to offer.

On Day 8, mom, dad, Mimi, Aunt Alyssa, Aunt Ally, and I squeezed into our car to take the drive from Moravia to Bohemia. We drove through lots of beautiful



My Announcement on the American Sokol 4th of July boat cruise on the Vltava River



Getting Ready for Princezna Republika Cal

KAPITOLA 4

small towns and stopped to eat in Litomyšl, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch, we made our way to Kutna Hora where we saw Sedlec Ossuary, the famed bone church. Our final stop was Prague, our home for the next week!

In Prague, we met up with Grandma and Papa John, as well as all our fellow American Sokols who travelled for the Slet. Our first full day in Prague began with my first parade, which took us through the historical part of the city. After the parade, I performed in my very first all-Sokol Special Number at Tyršův Dům. We stayed at the big Sokol complex to watch the rest of the performances, and then turned in early to get ready for our first Cal practice. Day 9 was full of firsts for me!

Day 10 started with Cal practice at the Eden Arena. Mom didn't really know what was going on most of the time, but in the end, we always managed to be where we needed to be. Our afternoon consisted of a long walking tour of Prague, where we learned that the Czechs really like to throw people out of windows. That evening we had our second all-Sokol Special Number performance, and we ended the night with yummy beers at the Prague Beer Museum.

We traveled to Plzen after our second morning of Cal practice. In town, mom, grandma, Aunt Ally, and I climbed the tower of St. Bartholomew Church while dad and others stayed on the ground to drink some beer. We then went to the Pilsner Urquell Brewery, where we took a nice tour and learned all about dad's favorite beer! We even got to try a little bit of beer straight out of the barrel! I swear dad never wanted to leave. We returned to Prague, and Day 11 ended with the Sokol Gala, where we watched some amazing dance and gymnastic performances.

The Fourth of July began with more Cal practice, and then we toured Prague Castle, where we saw St. Vitus church, parts of the castle, an old church, and golden lane, where Franz Kafka once lived. We celebrated US independence with a boat cruise on the Vltava river, where I was FINALLY announced to the world. After such an exciting introduction, I was brought back down to earth with our nighttime dress rehearsal for our first Cal performance.



All of Day 13 was spent at Eden Arena: we had another Cal practice, followed by a lunch of delicious Czech food and beer near the Arena. We had dress rehearsal for our second performance that afternoon, and we were finally able to leave to get ready for our first performance! The evening show began at 9:00 p.m., and I was in the very first number! I performed in Princezna Republika with mom, dad, Mimi, and Aunt Alyssa, as well as five other Sokols: Kenny Fron, John Fron, and Veronica Walinski from Sokol Tabor, Alix Wilt from Sokol Spirit, and Anne Marie Suchanek from Sokol New York. Our block was surrounded by over 1,000 Sokol brothers and sisters from around the world. Because we performed with the senior men and women, many of the people surrounding us lived through World War II and the Cold War, when Sokol was suppressed by both Nazi Germany and the USSR. It was amazing to perform a traditional Cal with the people who helped bring Sokol back after Communism fell, and definitely an experience I'll never forget! After a successful first show, American Sokol celebrated with drinks (and some bitter lemon for mom and me) at Klub Újezd!

The next morning was my first chance to sleep in, and I took advantage! Imagine how tired I was with all this running around, in addition to doubling in size! The second show started at 2:00 that afternoon. We performed the last Cal of the entire Slet, right before the closing performance, which celebrated the 100-year anniversary of Czechoslovakia. That evening we celebrated another successful performance, and a very successful Slet overall, with beer and potato pancakes at Tyršův Dům.



Mom, dad, and I took advantage of our last day in Prague by going to the Mucha Museum, followed by a beer spa. At the museum, in addition to seeing much of Alphonse Mucha's work, we saw two Sokol Slet posters that Mucha painted: one for the 6th Sokol Festival in 1912 and one for the 8th Sokol Festival in 1925. We then relaxed in a spa filled with hops while dad got to drink all the Bernard Beer he wanted. Dad was so excited because he smelled like beer for the rest of the day! We spent our last night eating dinner at Lod Pivovar, a boat brewery, and snacking on trdelník while we found the Lennon Wall and the bridge with love locks. Mom and dad added a lock for us and our pup Kingsley!

My first European vacation was a blast, and I can't wait to go back to Prague in six years to perform in one of the children's Cals! I'll be joining you all in the real world at the end of December—see you then!

Afterward from Mom: no babies were hurt in the making of this European experience

PILSEN

Published on Wikipedia.com: *"Pilsen is a city in the Czech Republic about 56 miles west of Prague, in western Bohemia. It is the fourth most populous city in the Czech Republic. The city is known worldwide for Pilsner beer, created by Bavarian brewer Josef Groll in 1842."*



Left: Pilsen City Hall
Below: Jeff Fron and Jeremy Pros hanging with Miroslav Trys



Meeting Martin Baxa, Mayor of Pilsen at Pilsen City Hall

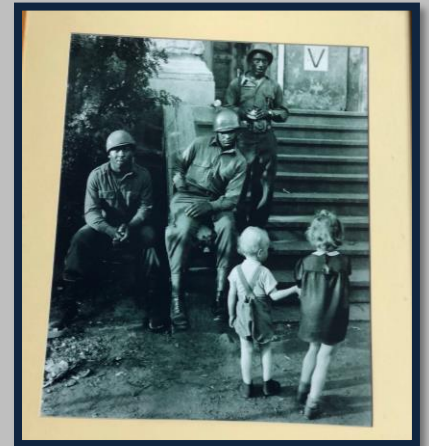
L to R: Jeff Fron, Jeremy Pros, Mayor Martin Baxa, Tricia Pros, and Peggy and Mike McGuire

On May 6, 1945, near the end of WWII, Pilsen was liberated from Nazi Germany by the 16th Armored Division of General Patton's 3rd Army.

LIBERATION DISPLAY

BY: JEFF FRON

Inside the Pilsen City Hall, is a very moving picture tribute of the American troops during World War II liberating the town.



FAMILY

by Larry Svestka

Travelling to Prague for the 2018 Slet was an enjoyable experience. I went with my son Charles who carried the flag for Sokol Tabor. He was in a special number and we were both in the Men's Cal, Borci. Being on the field in Eden Arena with 940 men was an incredible experience as I am sure others who participated in the Slet will agree. There was a brotherhood amongst the Sokols even when a lack of fluency made communication a challenge. Spending time with Sokol brothers and sisters in Prague was tremendous fun.



I also met family on my stay in Prague that I had never met before. During the American Sokol 150th Anniversary Gala in Chicago, Czech Consulate General, Borek Lizec asked if I would be willing to answer some questions for Czech Radio. I agreed. I did not know that it ever aired and never gave it much thought afterwards. But as it turns out, my cousin Vladislav Svestka was driving in his car in the Czech Republic and heard the interview on the radio. He called another cousin, Pavel, who lives in Key West, FL to find out if I was related. I was contacted by Pavel but never pursued meeting until this trip, because he was flying into Prague for his summer visit.



Seven members of the family, including my father's first cousin, Bohumir Svestka, came to Hotel Kampa and we visited for about 2 ½ hours. Bohumir's father was my grandfather's brother. My grandfather came to the U.S. in 1914. He went back to visit in 1928 when he married my grandmother. My cousin Lenka had some photos and letters from the seventies and eighties when my grandmother was in contact with them and stayed with them in the town of Borotin.

Charles Facetimed my dad back home and he met his cousin for the first time via technology. Charles and I had to leave to be in the Thursday night Slet performance at Eden Arena. We ran to our room, got our uniforms on and ran to catch the tram. When we got there, Bohumir and his son Jan were waiting on the platform. We visited some more on the way to the program. When we arrived at our stop, Bohumir's wife and sister-in-law were there waiting-so that made a total of nine family members we met. They went to watch the Thursday evening opening performance. We exchanged contact info and invitations to visit have been extended. I had met Jan in 1998 when I visited Jistebnice, the village my grandparents came from, but he did not speak English at the time. He is now an architect and fortunately, he and a few others speak English, so we were able to communicate.

The interview with Czech Radio had to do with the importance of maintaining the cultural aspect of Sokol. As it turns out, it was the starting point for reconnecting with my father's side of the family. My father's parents left their families behind. My Grandfather's younger brother, Bohumir Sr., had five children, they all had children, and now some have grandchildren. Jan emailed his family tree and there are thirty cousins descended from Grandpa's younger brother alone. We will keep in touch and exchange photos and information electronically, and maybe next time there will be more time to visit. Had I not attended the Gala and spoken with Czech Radio, we'd probably have never met.



SUVENÝR

UNIQUE SOUVENIR

by Tricia Pros



While we were in Prague for the 2018 SLET, we walked across the famous Charles Bridge many times. There are various performers, exotic animals to hold, and vendors selling handmade items. One vendor who seemed so unique was a silhouette stand. The artist said it would only take 2 minutes to complete. I don't know how I imagined they would complete the silhouette, but I was amazed when they started. Penelope went first. She sat on my lap and I distracted her while she looked straight ahead. The man who did it held scissors and a thin black piece of paper. He would look at her while guiding his scissors through the paper, then would look at the paper and back up at her again. It probably took him less than 2 minutes to do it. Charlotte was next, but she was sleeping in the stroller, so I assumed I would have to get her out. He told me I didn't have to and started cutting. I was amazed at how accurate hers was for her just sleeping in the stroller. Each silhouette he cut out got us two of each of the girls. They now have one for each of their rooms and one for us! It was a cool experience and a souvenir I hope they cherish forever!



On the Slet Field: Jeremy holding Charlotte and Tricia holding Penelope



Penelope with some Czech graffiti artwork



Family Photo on Vltava River Boat Cruise

SPOLEČNÉ CESTY

TRAVEL COMPANIONS

by Colleen Capodice, Sokolice Tabor Financial Secretary

Our trip began in Munich, a week prior to the Slet. John and I went to Marenplatz Square where the Glockenspiel Clock Tower chimes twice a day with its spinning display of the Cooper's Dance that is reminiscent of the end of the plague. Another scene reenacts a dual wedding with a knight's tournament that took place in the square.



← Here we are rubbing the bronze lion in front of The Residenz, the largest city palace in Germany. According to Munich citizens, rubbing the lion brings good luck.

Dachau was the first of the Nazi concentration camps opened in Germany intended to hold political prisoners. It is located on the grounds of an abandoned munitions factory, northeast of the medieval town of Dachau, in the state of Bavaria, in southern Germany.

After three days in Munich, we drove to Salzburg, Austria. It was quite cool and rainy during that time. We were able to see Marabellgarten where the von Trapp family sang "Do Re Mi" in the Sound of Music, the Hohensalzburg Fortress (one of the best preserved castles in Europe) and Hotel Golden Hirst, built in the 1400s.

On our third day in Austria, we took a day trip to Hallstatt, town 90 miles east of Salzburg, that is surrounded by the Salzkammergut Mountains, in the Alps. As we drove through the mountain underpass, the view of the small town was incredible! John said it was the most beautiful place he has ever seen. We purchased some wooden toys and other objects that were handmade from wood out of the Black Forest.



← From Salzburg, we drove to the Czech Republic. Our first stop was Tabor, where I'm standing in front of their Sokol. We had to get two women on the street to get directions to find the building. It was tough with the language barrier but they waved down one of their daughters who spoke English and she told us where to go.

Next, we stopped at Hluboka Castle, a historic chateau situated in Hluboka and Vltavou and considered one of the most beautiful castles in the Czech Republic.

We arrived in Prague Saturday evening and met up with our daughter Ally (who had been living in Ostrava teaching English to Czech children for two years), Anna and Matt, along with his mother Kelly and sister Alyssa. We bunked together in a three-bedroom loft apartment for a week. On Sunday we marched in the parade through the streets of Prague. What an inspiring march! I handed out a few of the Sokol Tabor 150th t-shirts and had the young man pose for a picture with it. Anna & Ally met up with their Rock & Roll acrobatic teacher Jan Haupt, who taught them a few years back at Sokol Tabor. Sokol Tabor was well represented at the parade. →



Side trips included the Pilsner Urquell Brewery where we taste tested the brewed beer down in the caverns, St. Bartholomew's Cathedral Pilsen Republic Square and the tour with the ASO at Český Krumlov in the south Bohemian region. We had a great trip and enjoyed soaking in all the culture Munich, Austria and the Czech Republic have to offer.

NARODNI DIVADLO

NATIONAL THEATRE

by Juanita LoGiudice and Irena Polashek

We received event tickets to attend the Ceremonial Opening of the 2018 COS Slet at the National Theatre (Narodni Divadlo) on Sunday July 1st at 7pm. From the 3rd balcony, we heard opening speeches and viewed a very good theatrical play called "Nasi furianti" performed by amateur Sokol Divadlo actors.



On Wednesday July 4th at 9am, we had the opportunity to have a guided tour of the National Theatre, a historical Neo-Renaissance building. It opened in June 1881, was devastated by a fire in August 1881 and then reopened in November 1883. Drama, opera and ballet professional performances occurred on this leading Czech stage. We viewed the beautiful interior artwork on the ceiling and in the hallways. Miroslav Tyrs was influential in the selection of the artwork. The words "Narod sobe" painted above the stage signifies that this theatre was built and rebuilt from a nationwide collection of funds from all the people. It is a "National Gift to Themselves". In the basement, we were able to touch historical stones brought from various important places of the country and placed into the foundation. Then we walked all the way up to the theatre's rooftop to view the City of Praha, Hradcany, Petrin Hill Tower, the Vltava River and the Goddesses of Arts sculptures perched on the corners of the building overlooking the city. What a view!

Fun Fact: While in Prague, our home was an attic apartment in the house where the Czech movie "Koja" was filmed. It won the 1996 Oscar award for Best International Movie of the Year. The big excitement of this apartment was that we had to walk up or down 123 steps either to go home or go out! It was a challenging exercise for us but thank goodness for our Sokol fitness training.



Apartment Building Featured in Kojan



123 Steps!



Theater Rooftop



Group photo with Polashek relatives



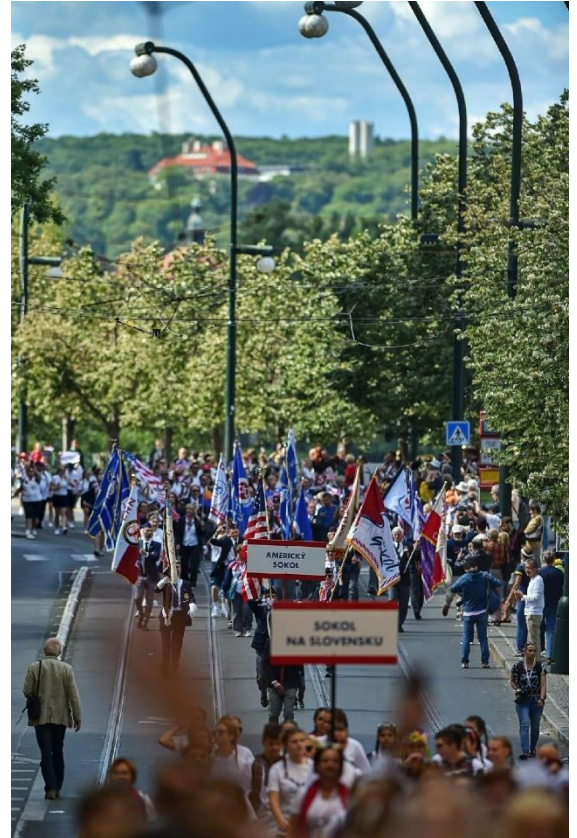
Misa, Teddy and Ted at Poland Border



BFFs Irena and Juanita photo opp with Prague Castle in the distance

FOTOGALERIE

PARADE & JULY 4TH AMERICAN SOKOL BOAT CRUISE ON VLTAVA RIVER



FOTOGALERIE

SLET AT EDEN ARENA



ÚČETNÍ ZÁPISY

JOURNAL ENTRIES

Since the 2009 Slet in Fort Worth, Sokol Tabor brings a journal to each Slet and we ask people to jot down their thoughts and experiences. Here are a handful from Praha.

July 1, 2018 @ 11:20 a.m. – Old Town Square

Ahoj! Nazdar! We just finished our parade and are enjoying Klobas & this potato thing. Delish! I saw three random guys drinking beer today from their balcony and asked them for one and they dropped one down from the balcony! Pilsner Pass! What a victory!

~ Ann Marie Suchanek, Sokol NY ~

July 3, 2018 @ 11:00 a.m.

Just boarded the bus to go from Prague to Pilzen with a group. Thanks to Ally for organizing this tour! We'll visit the town and brewery. Can't wait! It's been an amazing trip so far...This is my first trip to Prague marching in the Slet Parade. It was a wonderful experience. Very Sokol inspiring. Looking forward to watching all the Slet performances.

~ Colleen Capodice, Sokolice Tabor ~

Went to Pilzen on the bus today. Learned all about brewing beers. I also learned how to become a brew master, which I will soon become in a short 42 months. I also learned the Vachatas get lost a lot.

~ Kathy Barcal, Sokol Spirit ~

Went to Pilzen to see the largest elevator. It took us to some sort of Pilzen Brewery. We went to the basement for some unfiltered beer. I carefully touched the wall and a chunk fell to the ground. I feared for my life.

~ Michael Barcal, Sokol Spirit ~

5 story club – Karlovy Lazne

Ice bar, oxygen bar, radio hits, r&b, hip hop, oldies. We arrived at 9pm and had the entire club to ourselves. The plan was to be home by midnight since we had cal practice at 7:30 a.m. A few pivos & bech shots later it was 2:00 a.m. Czech Impulse took a toll on us!

~ Veronica Walinski, Sokolice Tabor ~

Below is a Pivo Diary (aka Liver Calisthenics) of my Eurotrip 2018. Some beers and locations may be spelled incorrectly, as sometimes there was a language barrier and sometimes I may have had too much liver exercise for one day. Enjoy! I sure did! - MCC

Beer	Location	What's Going Through My Mind
Sam Adams Rebel IPA	ORD Terminal 1	What better way to start a Eurotrip than with a beer from Boston?
New Belgium Citradelic	Plane aisle seat ORD to Belgium	Joined the Mile-High Beer Club!
New Belgium Citradelic	See above	Can't pass up free airplane beer!
La Guillotine	Delirium Bar, Brussels Belgium	\$80 in Ubers to have a beer at Delirium. Lack of sleep made me delirious.
Delirium Tremens	Delirium Bar, Brussels Belgium	My fave Belgian beer in the home of my fave Belgian beer!
Juliper	Drug Opera, Brussels, Belgium	The Budweiser of Belgium.
Ožujsko	Eat Me, Zadar, Croatia	Okay, Croatia. I dig.
Pan Zlatni	Bizarre Bar, Zadar Croatia (watching World Cup)	The Busch of Croatia. 22-year-old me rejoices.
Pan Lager	Donat Rest., Zadar, Croatia	Was called Toceni. Turns out it was Pan. Lost in translation. Not mad.
Garden Pale Ale	Garden Lounge, Zadar, Croatia	Craft beer. Outside. Sun. View. Yum.
Karlovačko	Regatta Bar, Zadar, Croatia	The Budweiser of Croatia.
Ožujsko	Bar across from Godfather-themed bar, Zadar Croatia	View of sea makes any beer taste great!
Ožujsko	Tramonto, Zadar, Croatia	Beer also makes beer taste great!
Garden Pils	Garden Lounge, Zadar, Croatia	I'd probably move in across the street if I lived in Zadar.
Karlovačko	Somewhere cruising on the Adriatic Sea, Zadar, Croatia	Good morning, beer. Need you. Captain poured everyone 9am moonshine!
Karlovačko	Somewhere cruising on the Adriatic Sea, Zadar, Croatia	Better morning, beer.
Karlovačko	Somewhere cruising on the Adriatic Sea, Zadar, Croatia	Good thing I don't get seasick, beer.
Karlovačko	Kornati Island Restaurant, Zadar-ish, Croatia	I think I'll jump in the sea after this one, beer.
Karlovačko	Swimming in the Adriatic Sea, Zadar-ish, Croatia	Colder than expected water. NBD. Beer was getting warm anyway.
Karlovačko	Random Kornati Island, Zadar-ish, Croatia	This would be a long trip w/o beer. Sorry Anna...
Karlovačko	Random Kornati Island, Zadar-ish, Croatia	Crocs are a good substitute for water shoes.
Limun	Forum Café, Zadar, Croatia	Due to above, I have no recollection of this beer.
Tomislav	Forum Café, Zadar, Croatia	But, I do remember this one. Didn't like it. Stuck to lagers rest of night.
Velebitsko	Forum Café, Zadar, Croatia	Oops. Similar to the last one. Time for a nap.
Zadarsko	Malo Misto, Zadar, Croatia	Washed down the best food in Zadar with the namesake beer. Delish.
Garden Stout	Garden Lounge, Zadar, Croatia	Legitimately looking at places for sale around here.
Otro Mundo Golden Ale	Mundoaka Street Food, Zagreb, Croatia	Crafty place, crafty beer. Drab town. Moving on.
Szimpla	Szimpla Ruin Bar, Budapest, Hungary	When in Szimpla...
Mango Bay Milkshake	Szimpla Ruin Bar, Budapest, Hungary	I'm certain my great-grandparents used to drink this after a long day at work...

Unidentified West Coast IPA	Szimpla Ruin Bar, Budapest, Hungary	Someone just handed this to me. Seems safe.
Dreher	Szimpla Ruin Bar, Budapest, Hungary	Trying out the local beer. We'll call this the MGD of Hungary.
Hekkelberg Pils	Szimpla Ruin Bar, Budapest, Hungary	Okayest beer I've had all day.
Hoegaarden	Clark Square, Budapest, Hungary	FYI: its pronounced "who" garden.
Holba	Krtek a Csesu, Budapest, Hungary	Didn't know this was a Czech beer. Thought I was drinking local. My bad.
Dreher Bak	Gettó Gulyás, Budapest, Hungary	What else would you drink if while eating rooster testicle gulyás? Exactly.
Dreher	Gettó Gulyás, Budapest, Hungary	wowthatwassomegoodgulyás
FIRST Belgian Cherry	Yellow Zebra Lounge, Budapest, Hungary	Tastes like 5 pounds of cherries in every glass. So, if you're into that...
Soproni IPA	Kuplung Ruin Bar, Budapest, Hungary	Wet clothes after walking in rain. Whetting whistle seems appropriate.
Soproni	Kuplung Ruin Bar, Budapest, Hungary	Pretty sure this is Italian. Hungary not big on their own beers. Weird.
Fekete	Babka Budapest, Budapest, Hungary	I stand correct. As punishment, I will drink this Hungarian beer.
Meggyes Sör	Babka Budapest, Budapest, Hungary	Just when I thought you could not fit more cherries into a beer...
Arany Ászok	Steg, Margaret Island, Budapest, Hungary	Out of breath from pedal bike. Bar out of water (I assume). Drink beer.
Krušovice	Hid Bistro, Budapest, Hungary	Really, self? You couldn't wait one more day to order that?
Unidentified Standard Lager	Danube River Night Cruise, Budapest, Hungary	"Free" beer on the night light river cruise. Def tasted free.
Staropramen	Karavan Food Truck Court, Budapest, Hungary	Already broke the Czech beer seal. So...
Crazy Dog	Hoppy Dog, Ostrava, Czech Republic (CR)	Street beer with my SIL while walking to dinner.
Pilsner Urquell	Radnice Restaurace, Ostrava, CR	THIS IS THE MOMENT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! 6 YEARS OF MISERY!
Pilsner Urquell	Radnice Restaurace, Ostrava, CR	After savoring the first, now its game time.
Pilsner Urquell	Radnice Restaurace, Ostrava, CR	Ally's Friend: "Ally said you can drink." Me: *chugs beer*
Pilsner Urquell	Radnice Restaurace, Ostrava, CR	Starting to regret ordering food. This is all the fuel I need.
Pilsner Urquell	Radnice Restaurace, Ostrava, CR	2.5 liters is a good start. Let's do Ostrava!
Took a pic, but its blurry	"Craft Beer" Bar, Ostrava, CR	Zero English spoken here. Good thing we have a native!
See above	"Craft Beer" Bar, Ostrava, CR	Kevin Kostner: Is this heaven? Me: No, it's Ostrava.
Ostravar	I don't recall, Ostrava, CR	The High Life of Ostrava.
Pilsner Urquell	Zlatá Hvězda, Litomyšl, CR	Cute little town en route to Prague sure can pour a beer.
Pilsner Urquell	Václav Havel Airport dropping rental, Prague, CR	Had about 3 minutes before ride got there. How will I pass the time?

Branik	On Tram after airport, Prague, CR	Why are Ally & I the only ones drinking on the tram? Maybe this isn't allowed...
Klostermann	Luka Lu, Prague, Czech Republic	No recollection of this, likely because it wasn't that good or bad.
Krušovice	Bluelight, Prague, Czech Republic	Crowded, dark, slow, expensive (relatively), delicious. Could be worse.
Pilsner Urquell	Burger King prior to parade, Prague, Czech Republic	Literally everyone: Where did you get that? Me: Burger King. Yes, really.
Gambrinus	Old Town Square, post parade, Prague, Czech Republic	This one is just plain ol' fun to say.
Gwern IPA	Tyršův Dům, Prague, CR	Certain a hamster powered the electric tap. Totally worth the 5 min!
Gwern IPA	Tyršův Dům, Prague, CR	Veteran move; get back in line with full beer.
Pilsner Urquell	Klub Újezd, Prague, CR	Smells like a toilet here. My tolerance for stink increases with Pilsner.
Stiegl	My apartment, Prague, CR	Did not enjoy this at all. I'll blame all the stairs to get to the apartment.
Pilsner Urquell	Olympia Kolkovna, Prague, CR	On a mission to try a Pilsner everywhere they sell it!
Kozel	Olympia Kolkovna, Prague, CR	Anna's favorite beer. She's living vicariously through me for 10 mins.
Gambrinus	Walking Tour of Prague, CR	Gahm. Bree. Moose.
Gambrinus	Excellent Zephyr, Prague, CR	Gambrinus. See, I told you it's fun to say!
Gwern IPA	Tyršův Dům, Prague, CR	Back to old faithful pourer. Kind of have no choice.
Krušovice	Tyršův Dům, Prague, CR	Long line, better beer. Waiting with friends helps.
Krušovice	Tyršův Dům, Prague, CR	This beer line must be addressed in 2024.
Pilsner Urquell	Carmelita, Prague, CR	Personal server in basement room. Personal Pilsner for me.
Pilsner Urquell	Carmelita, Prague, CR	Pizza + Pilsner = Phenomenal
Flight of Czech Beers	Beer Museum, Prague, CR	Underwhelmed by my selections. Womp.
Kozel	RegioJet en route to Plzen, CR	Dagger eyes from wife. Ouchie.
Pilsner Urquell	Pilsner Urquell Brewery, Plzen, Czech Republic	Unfiltered, directly from the barrel. Best. Beer. I've. Ever. Consumed.
Pilsner Urquell	Pilsner Urquell Brewery, Plzen, Czech Republic	One for the road.
Pilsner Urquell	Pilsner Urquell Brewery, Plzen, Czech Republic	Okay, two for the road.
Kozel Dark	Metro B Line, Prague, CR	It's not safe to ride public transit sober, right?
Staropramen	O2 Arena, Prague, Czech Republic	Not sure what's more impressive; the \$1.50 beer at a stadium or the Gala performances!
Staropramen	O2 Arena, Prague, Czech Republic	Definitely the performances.
Staropramen	O2 Arena, Prague, Czech Republic	Actually, the beer prices.
Staropramen	O2 Arena, Prague, Czech Republic	Nah, it's a draw.
Wieselburger Gold	My apartment, Prague, CR	My apartment mate collects cans so he's forcing me to drink all these non-Czech beers. Gross.
Pilsner Urquell	Zlateho "Something," Prague, CR	Prague Castle touring make me thirsty. Problem solved.
Pilsner Urquell	Zlateho "Something," Prague, CR	Drinking Pilsner also makes me thirsty. Problem solved.

Staropramen	Vltava Boat Cruise, Prague, CR	Beers.
Staropramen	Vltava Boat Cruise, Prague, CR	Boats.
Staropramen	Vltava Boat Cruise, Prague, CR	Friends.
Staropramen	Vltava Boat Cruise, Prague, CR	Food.
Staropramen	Vltava Boat Cruise, Prague, CR	#carlozzichapterfour
Staropramen	Slet Rehearsal, Back Field, Prague, Czech Republic	Snuck in a lineup beer. Everyone is jelly.
Kozel	Slet Rehearsal, Back Field, Prague, Czech Republic	Beer is a universal language. Give a Czech stranger a sip. Friends for life.
Staropramen	Hotel U Prince, Prague, CR	The most expensive beer you'll find in Prague. Dang tourist trap!
Pilsner Urquell	Nad Ledem, Prague, CR	Another Pilsner. Ho Hum. Also learned that this place doesn't like to split the bill.
Kozel	Sokol Tent, Prague, CR	Beer tastes so much better when it come from a Sokol tent!
Svijany	Bar U Holek, Prague, CR	Hidden bar that only 1 group of Slovaks seem to know about. A new beer, too!
Pilsner Urquell	Walking out of Eden Arena post cal, Prague, Czech Republic	My dear friend James Edward Finn, III saw that I looked parched post-performance. Class act!
N/A Beer	Eden Arena, Prague, CR	Oops. Lost in translation. Real beer was at the next concession stand.
Gambrinus	Eden Arena, Prague, CR	Ahhhhh. Beer with alcohol never tasted so good after that last mishap.
Svijany	Bar U Holek, Prague, CR	Back to the hidden spot to laugh w/ our Slovak friends. I'm sure they were complimenting us.
Pilsner Urquell	Klub Újezd, Prague, CR	Pilsner, prosim.
Pilsner Urquell	Klub Újezd, Prague, CR	Lift to mouth.
Pilsner Urquell	Klub Újezd, Prague, CR	Drink.
Pilsner Urquell	Klub Újezd, Prague, CR	Repeat.
Pilsner Urquell	Klub Újezd, Prague, CR	Again.
Gambrinus	Eden Arena, Prague, CR	Performing first has its perks. (See below.)
Gambrinus	Eden Arena, Prague, CR	Cal looks better from up top with a beer.
Gambrinus	Eden Arena, Prague, CR	I see you, Kathy Barcal!
Gambrinus	Eden Arena, Prague, CR	Just found out I get money back if I return my cup! Eden FTW!
Gambrinus	Eden Arena, Prague, CR	Off to spend all the deposit money!
Staropramen	My apartment, Prague, CR	At least this can is Czech.
Kozel	Tyršův Dům, Prague, CR	Line was unbearable. Took a stroll to the store.
Kozel	Tyršův Dům, Prague, CR	You're welcome, everyone.
Krušovice	Tyršův Dům, Prague, CR	Now I have beer to drink while I wait in line for beer!
Pilsner Urquell	Excellent Zephyr, Prague, CR	Walked 2 miles to cocktail lounge; they didn't let us in. Settled for Pilsner across the street.
Pilsner Urquell	Klub Újezd, Prague, CR	Unofficial Sokol Headquarters. Still smells like a toilet.
Pilsner Urquell	Klub Újezd, Prague, Cr	Hold nose and keep drinking.
Pilsner Urquell	Švejk, Prague, CR	Didn't know this would be my last Pilsner. Probably better that way. No tears shed.
Bernard Unfiltered	Bernard Beer Spa, Prague, CR	Soaking in hot tub of hops water...
Bernard Unfiltered	Bernard Beer Spa, Prague, CR	...drinking unlimited unfiltered beer...
Bernard Unfiltered	Bernard Beer Spa, Prague, CR	...on tap next to the tub...
Bernard Unfiltered	Bernard Beer Spa, Prague, CR	...with my beautiful wife...

Bernard Unfiltered	Bernard Beer Spa, Prague, CR	...and all my aches are gone! Not sure if it was the soak or the 2.5 liters of beer, but I'll take it!
Ježek	Napa Gallery, Prague, CR	Watched the England game with some Brits. I can understand Czech people way better.
Kounic	Napa Gallery, Prague, CR	How can anyone watch this sport sober?
Vinohradsky	Napa Gallery, Prague, CR	Third new beer in a row! I bet these guys think I'm excited about the England win.
Staropramen	JJ Murphy's, Prague, CR	The Irish pour a mean Czech beer.
Remorkér	Lod Pivovar, Prague, CR	Brewery located on a boat. Supér!
Probably some others I forgot	Some places I forgot	All delicious, I'm sure.
This is unlikely an exhaustive list. It takes a more diligent person than me to capture all the beer I can drink. I, of course, did not count the beers of others I merely tasted or finished. Best part about this trip? Zero hangovers! Until next time, Europe. Na zdar! - Matt Carlozzi		



Admiring pivo options



6 years later! Znojmo 2012 (top) vs Plzen 2018 (bottom)



Family photo at Pilsner Urquell Brewery



Pivos on Vltava boat cruise



Family photo opp at Lod' Pivovar



Tub of hops!