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Introducing Inter-railing



The sheer idea of visiting so many different places within one holiday makes inter-railing an excellent choice for students who want to be entertained constantly! As with most holidays, inter-railing takes a lot of planning and indeed budgeting!

Let me tell you how it all began...

We created a Whatsapp group in order to organise everything. Lets just say the first few 'Inter-rail meetings' consisted more of a catch up then any actual organisation. However as the weeks went on and summer was becoming less of a dream and more of a reality, we got our act together. The eight of us began planning what we hoped would be a holiday to remember.

As a group we decided to take the most common Inter-rail route which involved beginning in Amsterdam and ending in Croatia. We decided on the following route:

Amsterdam – Berlin- Prague-Vienna-
Krakow-Budapest-Lake Bled-Pag Island

The inter-rail ticket we purchased allowed for travel on 10 days within a period of 1 month.

This ticket currently has 15% off as is available on <http://www.interrail.eu/interrail-passes/global-pass>.

That's all for now, stay tuned to step into my shoes for this incredible adventure.



Top 5 tips on your train journey across Europe



If you've already booked a backpacking trip for this summer, you'll need this!

Last summer I backpacked across Europe for 30 days. It was an absolutely incredible experience and life changing journey. However, I learnt that there are some practical dos and don'ts when backpacking.

1. Pack Lightly

This was one of our biggest mistakes...

What may seem light in the comfort of your home may turn out to feel incredibly heavy on the road. What we didn't consider was the difficulty there would be to find our hostel, **we found ourselves on numerous occasions** trudging around a new city for what felt like years before finding our hostel.

So, no one really cares about what you wear or how many times you've worn the same clothes. Just pack lightly with only the stuff that you really feel you'll need.



2. Get hostel advice:

Always get advice from past backpackers on what hostel to book.

This was our biggest mistake as sometimes the website for a hostel can say and promise many things and fulfil very few. I had some hostels where the WIFI never worked, the rooms were disgustingly hot and the staff were very strict. However, if you read up and ask past backpackers you'll no doubt get a great hostel. Homework is key.

3. Get up, Get out!

Inter-railing is an incredible adventure, the days are long, and the nights are longer, but every minute should be cherished. Some of us really paid for our nights in the mornings... But myself and 2 or 3 others made it our goal to get up relatively early in order to really experience each city.

I would encourage future inter-railers to do the same and go and see everything you can.



4. Plan in advance what you'll do in each destination:

One element that will be against you is time, so time management is very important. So plan ahead, if you don't know what you'll do in each city make a list before the trip or on the train to your destination. By planning in advance it can save you a lot of time.

Remember, you'll only have a set amount of time in each place so know what you're going to do before and GO DO IT!



5. Consider a realistic budget:

Believe me when I tell you, you'll most likely spend more money than you think. By booking in advance you can have some of the costs out of the ways, so definitely do that.

For the rest, allocate a spending allowance for each day and try stick to it. This can be difficult because some cities are more expensive than others. But in that case, allocate more money for dear places and then cut back on spending in the cheaper cities. For myself, I lived on roughly €60 a day inc. accommodation. This was more than enough to enjoy myself and explore the cities I visited.



All in all, it is a great, once in a life-time experience; I would particularly recommend college students, so get a group of friends and get out there to see what Europe has to offer!

What to do in Budapest

Budapest is becoming more and more popular as a holiday destination. There is so much to see and do, whatever your interests! Here are the things I recommend doing while in Budapest!



1. The Sparty Bath Party: Szechenyi Bath is the largest bath complex of Budapest, and noted as one of the largest in Europe. The well brings the healing thermal water up from a depth of 1246 meters. Every Saturday night throughout the year they hold massive bath parties which are basically a club like experience in thermal baths. This must be booked in advance and costs approx. 40 euro. Check out <https://spartybooking.com/about-us/> for more info.

2. Visit the thermal baths during the day: You can visit the thermal baths during the day in the summer months. You pay in approx 10 euro and can stay as long as you would like. It is a great chance to get away from sightseeing and cool off.

3. Budapest Danube Cruise: A great excuse to stop walking and let the boat do the work! The river cruise is an excellent way to see the sights of Budapest without walking to them. It costs approximately 13 euro for students and more information can be found at <http://www.budapestdanubecruise.com/>. Also I

would recommend doing a cruise at night as all the buildings are beautifully lit up.

4. Food: Budapest is very reasonable when it comes to eating out so I would suggest trying different restaurants and tasting their own dishes. The top Mexican restaurant is called Arriba Taqueri and it doesn't disappoint! Food can be taken the go which makes it an excellent choice for the busy traveller

5. After your exciting day of sight's and food why not relax in **Wombats Hostel** where there is food and a buzzing bar every day. There is also a kitchen that you can cook your own food in, making it the perfect spot to rest before you head out again. The Budabest spot some might say!



5 Reasons why you should visit Berlin



After visiting Berlin during my travels across Europe last summer I have come to the decision to try and convince everyone else to visit.

Berlin has everything - Berlin is fun - Berlin is beautiful.

There are tonnes of reasons why you should choose to visit Berlin, but lets start with 5 of them!

1. For the Flea Markets - Mauerpark

Mauerpark is probably the most well-known Berlin flea market internationally and after visiting, it certainly lived up to the expectation. From cultural food to vintage clothing to funky bands it had it all. I would definitely recommend visiting as it was without a doubt one of the more memorable experiences of mine.

2. For the Nightlife

Some of the biggest and insane nightclubs in Europe are located in Berlin. My nightlife experiences were long and fun. You'll never be to sure where you're heading or where the next party will be, but you can be sure there'll be something big on and it'll be a great.

3. Badeschiff - Riverside beach bar

The Badeschiff is one of the most amazing beach bars in Berlin. Take a dip in the swimming pool that floats in the river Spree and enjoy the beautiful views of the city, or grab a drink at the beach bar which offers a variety of cocktails. If that doesn't excite you maybe a game of volleyball in the sun, maybe a beach bar party or even a taste of some incredible food. This for me is an absolute must do!

4. For the History

If it's history that gets you excited, look no further. Berlin is the city for you. If you want to learn more about WW2 and the impact the war had on Europe, Berlin is definitely the place to start. Berlin has a history of communism as well, so there are many museums and buildings where you'll find so much information like the DDR museum and the museum at Checkpoint Charlie, and of course the Berlin Wall. The list goes on.

So if it's history you're looking for, Berlin is the place for you!



5. For the Food

Many of the cities across Europe had very mediocre food. But Berlin wasn't one of them. The city had a number of different

types of restaurants from Italian to Chinese to Mexican you'll be sure to find something that tickles your fancy. And of course German food, but to be honest I'm not the biggest fan myself. So if you are visiting Berlin no need to worry about the food, because the food there is FANTASTIC.

