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Hello,

So, we made it out of Prague (after a 7 hour drive lengthened greatly by the Polish "road" system), and are now enjoying the very tiny city of Krakow. We were smitten by its real charm and beauty the first day which is very unusual for us. It may have been because we came from such a manufactured - almost Disneyland - kinda place. Of course, it didn't hurt that the food here is really good (not the Polish food), and the pasteries look delicious.

So far we've had the best feta cheese EVER! We've already been there (Fabryka Pizzy) twice and Autumn will not allow it a third time. We've also found a hidden sushi gem and the best Polish foodie store. Don't laugh. There's actually good if not consistently better than Prague food here. But the sushi place... I asked, "is the fish local?" and then Autumn gave me a lesson in geography and I felt dumb. Luckily the chef didn't understand the inquiry. But the best part of the Sushi place was that it was a gay mecca - quite weird because up until now we've only seen older German ladies or lesbians (not sure which). The place either had straights with the male from a non-white place or gay men and us.

Krakow has 3 malls and yes, of course, we've been to all three thus far. We walk everywhere and it would seem far as it has 18 districts, but really it is tiny. Earlier I told a friend that Krakow was better than Paris - that's when I was in a delusional and perhaps smitten state of being. It is nice and are glad that we're here enjoying feta cheese and walking through the 18 districts over and over again.

We went to Auschwitz today and not sure I can describe it in words; everyone should come and see it.

We'll be back on Monday to enjoy the best City on earth next to nostalgic Redlands, the OC, and Kabul. And I can't wait for my TV programs, the Clippers, and Football. We've been watching BBC world on repeat - there is too many bumble bees in England, too many beavers in Bulgaria, the reporters are very aggressive interviewers, and Chechnya is not a nice place.

Marzia and Autumn

From: Zafar, Marzia
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Fellow Americans :-)

Autumn & I have made it to Prague. I have realized that it takes us - especially me - a good day and a half to warm up to a new city and certainly good food and delicious pasteries make the warming period fast. Unfortunately, for Prague there are no good pasteries nor good Czech food... So, here's my take on Prague.

The "good" is that Prague has the largest G-Starr store in the world (we found out today which is our third day).

The "bad" is the Czech food. It is more like extreme bland and tastes like a card board box if you don't put salt or pepper on it.

The "okay" is the city itself. It is a beautiful city and quite pictureasque (sp?), but kinda like being in Disneyland or being in a postcard. Oh, and it is really small and VERY touristy. I hate seeing my own kind in another country. I'm serious there are more Americans here than Czech, and if that's not enough then there are other Afghans here - well, so far I have met an Uzbek and a Tajik, and an Afghan (all speaking Farsi better than me, damn it). One guy told us "my wish is to go to San Diego..." So cute, but not really a good representation of Cali, so we set him straight to San Francisco or LA.

The "Amazing" was our dinner tonight at the La Finstera Incucina. The italian food was most delicious and gave our taste buds a rebirth. The thai food is also very good here, but the Czech food is gross. We're hoping that the next place which is a recommendation from our friend Brian is just as good...

Next in our trip is Krakow and we hope for delicious Jewish food like the place in our China town. I hope some of his family migrated to Poland and opened a restuarant in Krakow. We are there to visit a salt mine and of course a sad part of history.

marz and autumn

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