

Travel Insight

Following my graduation, I set out on a trip around Eastern Europe by train. The places I visited were: Berlin, Prague, Krakow, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Ljubliana and Pula. The train journeys were all covered by an inter-rail ticket (only available to under 25's I'm afraid) and it was very easy to use.

The longest train journey was from Budapest to Ljubliana, which took eight hours, and the shortest was from Vienna to Bratislava which took an hour. The trains were always on time, and were perfectly adequate, and one of the most scenic journeys was through Slovenia. I really enjoyed Slovenia, from what I saw of the countryside, and the city of Ljubliana. We also visited Lake Bled, which was extremely picturesque although was predominantly a tourist centre. In most places I found that I would have liked to visit some of the towns and cities less frequented by visitors, and I would definitely consider going back and visiting different cities and places within all the countries.

My hostelling experiences were on the whole positive, with some at hotel standard! We even had live blues music in the hostel in Bratislava. My first travelling experience has given me the travel bug, and so I have to decide on the next destination!

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