

Erdkorbe 2013

On April 21, my three children and I rode the train to Erd, to, for the second time, participate in the annual 'Erdkorbe' bike ride. We were all very excited, since last year the 'Erdkorbe' was one of the highlights of our vacation in Hungary. This picturesque little city welcomed all participants with open arms -- the atmosphere in the city was wonderful. The Main Square (where the event started) was filled with smiling faces from age 0 to 99. It was nice to see so many big families out and about having fun together.



Both my son, Marci (9), and my daughter, Orsi (14), rode the 15-km distance. They enjoyed their ride - my son solo, my daughter on a tandem bike.



What was little disappointing this year, that my youngest, Zsofi (6), who couldn't ride solo, was not able to ride as we were not able to find a bike with a child seat, so she could have come with me. Nevertheless, she got over her disappointment as there were still other things to do, like little art projects, face painting, and something we have never seen or heard of before: cycle soccer -- which entertained us for quite some time. Of course, the cotton candy also helped overcome her disappointment.

Overall, it was a great experience. The organizers made everybody feel welcome and went out of their way to make sure everybody was taken care of. There were people assigned to answer people's questions and to check bikes for safety. There was 'zsiroskenyer' and water for everyone. (Some people only went to help out the event: we met a woman on the train who specifically went to volunteer help with making the zsiroskenyer.)

Three quotes from my children: Orsi "Great fun; next time I would like to do the 30-kms!"
Marci: "I loved it! I also liked that I didn't have to wear a helmet!" (One observation: in America it would be very unusual to find people riding bikes without a helmet. In fact, when last year we showed photos, the fact that people were riding without helmets was what we got the most comments.)
Zsofi: "I love my katicabogar -facepainting- on my face!"