



LEWIS & CLARK

...how the west was discovered

Since our travels in the year 2012, we find the travels of Lewis and Clark (1804-1806) fascinating. Back then we were in Washington and Oregon and been to Museums and National Parks which were created in their honor. Now here in North

Dakota do we find more clues to what happened during that expedition,

which was so important to this young United

States of America. In some world class museums in the middle of nowhere, in many National/State Parks and many cities and villages do we earn more and more insight into the members of the expedition. Their different strength and weaknesses, their hardship they had to endure during the track. On top of that we

have the honor to learn about the different American Indian tribes

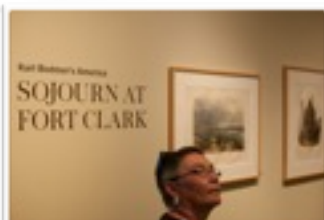
which were encountered on the way, since they were here before the expedition came through. It is unbelievable how all this different surveying, botany, zoology, geology, cartography and diplomacy could been achieved 200 years ago by just 32 men. Real american heroes in my eyes!



And then there is the history of Sakakawea, you might know that American Indian woman from the movie franchise “Night at the Museum” She was the only female in the Lewis and Clark expedition and a major reason why the track was a success. And despite that the 15 year old girl was bought by a French translator as his second wife, and impregnated by him, is she adored all over this country. Stories say that due to her language skills, knowing the surrounding and her calm presents to make the trip easier. It also helped that when the American Indian tribes saw one of their own with a baby in the company of the white people to convince them of the peaceful nature of the expedition.



Seaman and Noah



During an amazing exhibit of works of the Swiss painter Karl Bodmer, did we learn about Prince Maximilian zu Wied, who from 1832-1834 followed the route Lewis and Clark took years earlier along the Mississippi and Missouri river. Since they did not have photography back then, Bodmer painted everything he saw, people, animals, plants and other objects in amazing details.





INDIANISCHE GERÄTESCHAFTEN UND WAFFEN.

USTENSILES ET ARMES INDIENS.



SAINT-JOHN



Things you find, when walking on Lake Sakakawea



COAL



PETRIFIED WOOD



Fort Abraham Lincoln in Bismarck, North Dakota



On the banks of the Missouri river we catch up with Lewis and Clark again and the American Indian Tribe of the Hidatsa, who had a village there. That is until the US Army build a fort there. Few decades later, General Custer left for the battle of Little Bighorn, Montana from here. Today we can see his old quarters. Overall we do enjoy this amazing fall weather for long walks.



FARGO
NORTH OF NORMAL



As a fan of lingerie I found the place to be: Fargo. Right now there are thousands of bras hanging from A to DDD cup size, from the hotel Donaldson. Most of them have writings on them or are decorated. Because October in the USA means breast cancer awareness month



Denn Oktober in den USA heißt:

PINKTOBER



Gemeinsam gegen Brustkrebs.
AUS LIEBE ZUM LEBEN.

This X-Ray machine's purpose was to see if the shoes fit correctly. No joke, it is said that every shoe store had one of those machines! They were taken off the market only in 1970.



WHAT IS THAT?

Riddle me this

This is a little house which stands in many public parks and around schools. They are not locked, most of the time colorful, so you can't miss them, always look a bit different, and with a window door.

What is this house for?



In the state capital of North Dakota Bismarck we experienced the American hospitality once again. First during the visit of a pumpkin patch did we get one admission for free, since the last family the night before paid for the first one the next day, which was one of us. Then we had the pleasure of meeting the owner David Pearce who took the time to explain to us the 30 year old tradition of Papa's Pumpkin Patch. Everything is build out of hay, pools filled with corn, canons and catapults for shooting pumpkins, slides, corn mazes... Beate and I were amazed even though it would have been better with our kids (mainly the 30 year old child) or our nice and nephews. Disney has nothing on this. On the way out of the park did we meet David once again, who gave us pumpkin cookies (usually expensive).



LOST AND FOUND

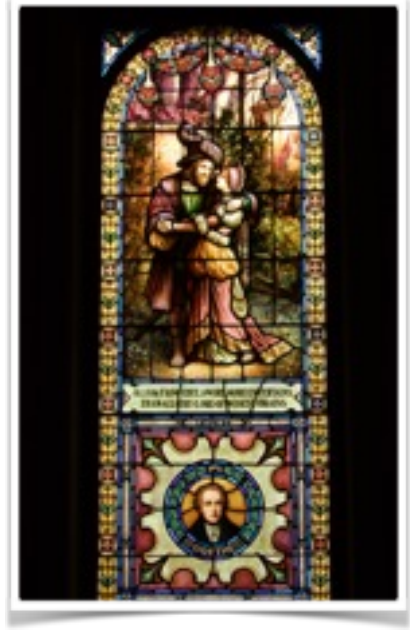
OTHER THINGS TO BE MENTIONED



why not in other city's?



We love to stop at Wellcome Centers: Free coffee, maps and popcorn! Oh yeah, they got informations too!



The German Goethe on a church window.

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That's it for today. Have a nice week!

Beate, Rudy and Noah

