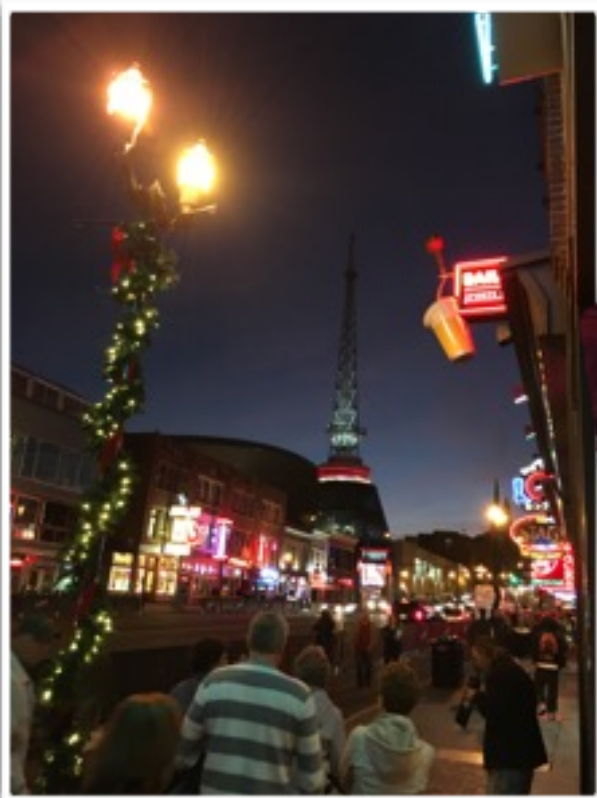




HONKY-TONK

... LET'S HAVE A PARTY

We are in the Music City Nashville. One does not have to be a country music fan to be excited about Nashville. Every music lover is drawn from this city. In countless Honk Tonk's live bands playing since the early afternoon hours country and rock and everything in between! From solo singers to 8-man groups. Everything included. And what great artists we found. Many still want to be discovered. In my mind, name like Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix and Leonard Cohen went through my mind. Musicians who constantly accompanied me as a child and teenager. And now I walk with the best wife in the world hand in hand through these bars, enjoy one or the other beer, listen to music and think of my old friend Frankie and our contemporary music sessions in the 70s! A seat by 5 pm? None. Young and old romp by this time into Downtown. We also "having a good time"! All without admission (a circling hat) and very reasonable beer prices.





We went to the largest hotel in the United States: the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Usually we only visit in Las Vegas this kind of nobel shed, but this place was at the top of our wish list. Especially this weekend with all the Christmas lights. More than 1,700 rooms, waterfalls, 16 restaurants, of course, expensive shops and best of all, with festive splendor: A Country Christmas Wonderland



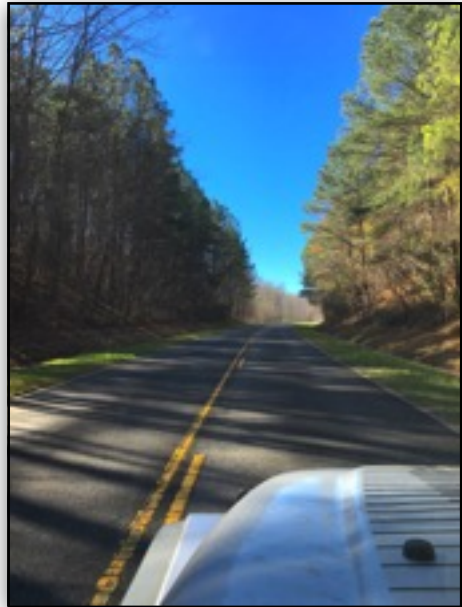


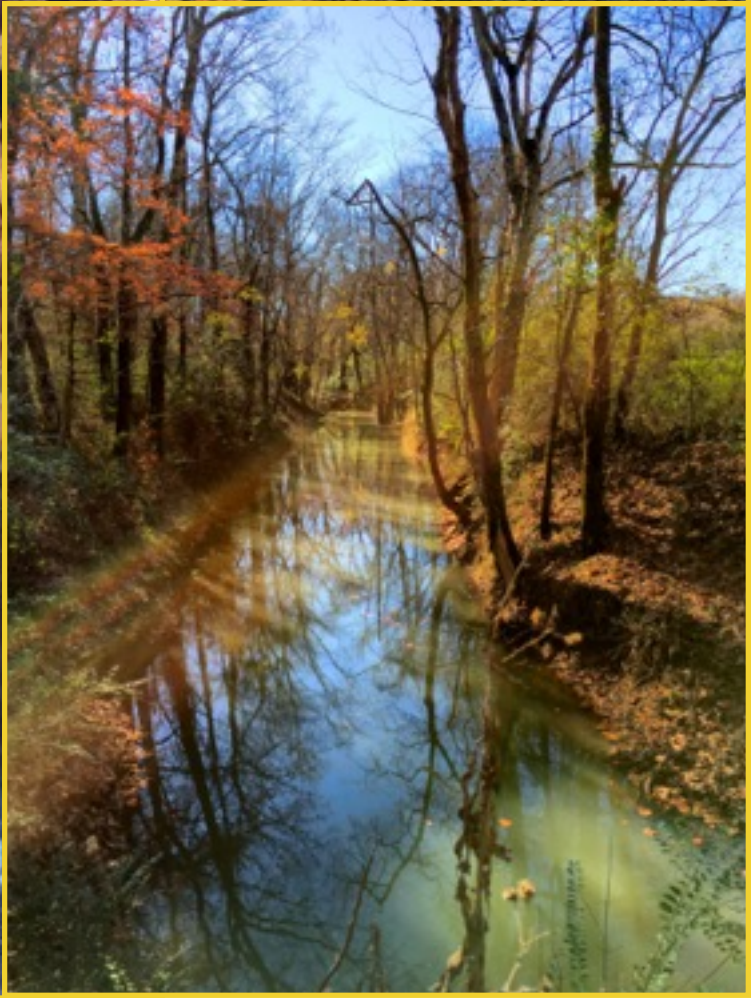


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Nashville is also the northern entry to the Natchez Trace Parkway, a 440 miles, yes four hundred miles long, a National Park. Beate and I experience the parkway in part already in 2004. This time we want to drive every mile of this crossroad- and traffic light-free route. No Truck and a speed limit of 45 gave us an almost lonely drive through the foothills of the Appalachians. Every few kilometers there is parking with information about historically interesting stuff or about flora and fauna. So we went to a historic tobacco plantation, walk a few kilometers along the 8000-year-old original route once used by Indians, settlers and soldiers, visit the grave of Meriwether Lewis, leader of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, (I already repeatedly reported about that) or we hiked to secluded waterfalls. Still :the weather is holding !







**Unfortunately:
Minor repairs are
always necessary.
In good weather: no
problem!**

A short trip to Murfreesboro led us to old acquaintance from El Paso who moved here recently. Together with Steven and Jennifer we visited the battlefields of the Battle of Stones River. In 1863 North and South clashed here. We talked about there new home and the good old times in El Paso. And we even had a Skype meeting with good friends in Greece/Crete. A wonderful afternoon. Thank you for putting us in your busy schedule!





Anyone who is visiting Tennessee, must pay the Whiskey Distillery of Jack Daniel's a visit. This place of worship is located in the 300 inhabitants counting municipal called Lynchburg and produces the entire world demand. Our guide gave us inside information into almost every corner of the company. We even could stick our heads in the fermenting tanks. The alcohol is stored in the famous toasted oak barrels for 4 to 7 years. The barrel slowly evaporating alcohol (Angel Share) attracts bacteria that coat the surrounding buildings and plants with a soot-black patina. So the distillery and the surrounding area does not look attractive! But who cares about the exterior - it's the inside that counts.

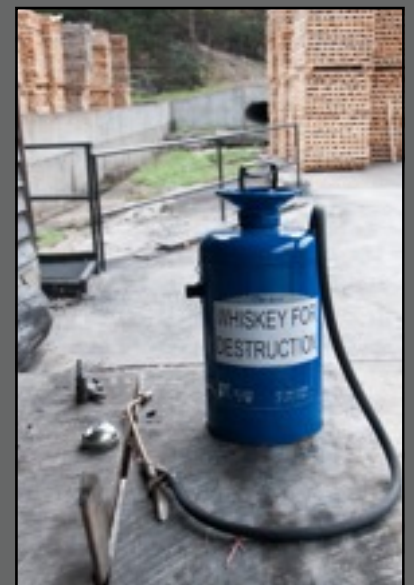




The used barrels are sold: for the production of TABASCO, for some Scotch whiskey distilleries or for furniture and flowerpots.



Currently on offer: A handpicked barrel, whose content is packaged in 240 special bottles of 750 ml => 9000 US dollars! All handmade. Buyers get a brass plate with their name on it in the hall of fame. The walls were full !! America world's most popular whiskey business runs pretty good. And what can not be sold is used as a fire starter. No joke ==>>





U.S. Space &
Rocket Center.



For homemade Leberkäse I will do any detour!

And friends live there and invited us for this Bavarian specialty. And Huntsville was always on my bucket list because of NASA and the two Saturn V rockets. So we excepted and had a great evening with good food and talks. The next day we invited them to our campground high above the City at Mount Monte Sano.



NASA



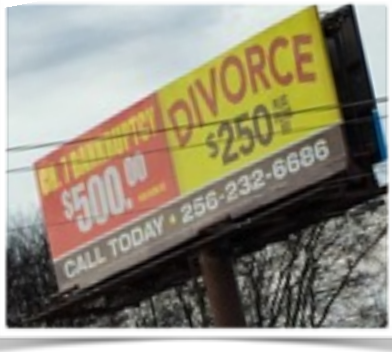


After Houston and Cape Canaveral, this is our third NASA Museum. Only here you can see a Saturn V rocket standing and simultaneously see these giant moon rocket hanging from the ceiling. Huntsville is the birthplace of manned space flight and is firmly linked to Werner von Braun. Countless exhibits and a replica of the International Space Station IRS fascinate us for hours.



LOST AND FOUND

OTHER THINGS TO BE MENTIONED



how cheap !

Our Thanksgiving Turkey was so tender and juicy that I didn't get him out of the oven in one peace.

And we wanted to make a beautiful photo at the table! (: -

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Noahs Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner

Despite continuous rain in the coming days

=> We remain on the Natchez Trace

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So, that would be it for today. The first 123 days are up. We look forward to the next! We move on.

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