



Interrailing from 26 February to 15 March 2022

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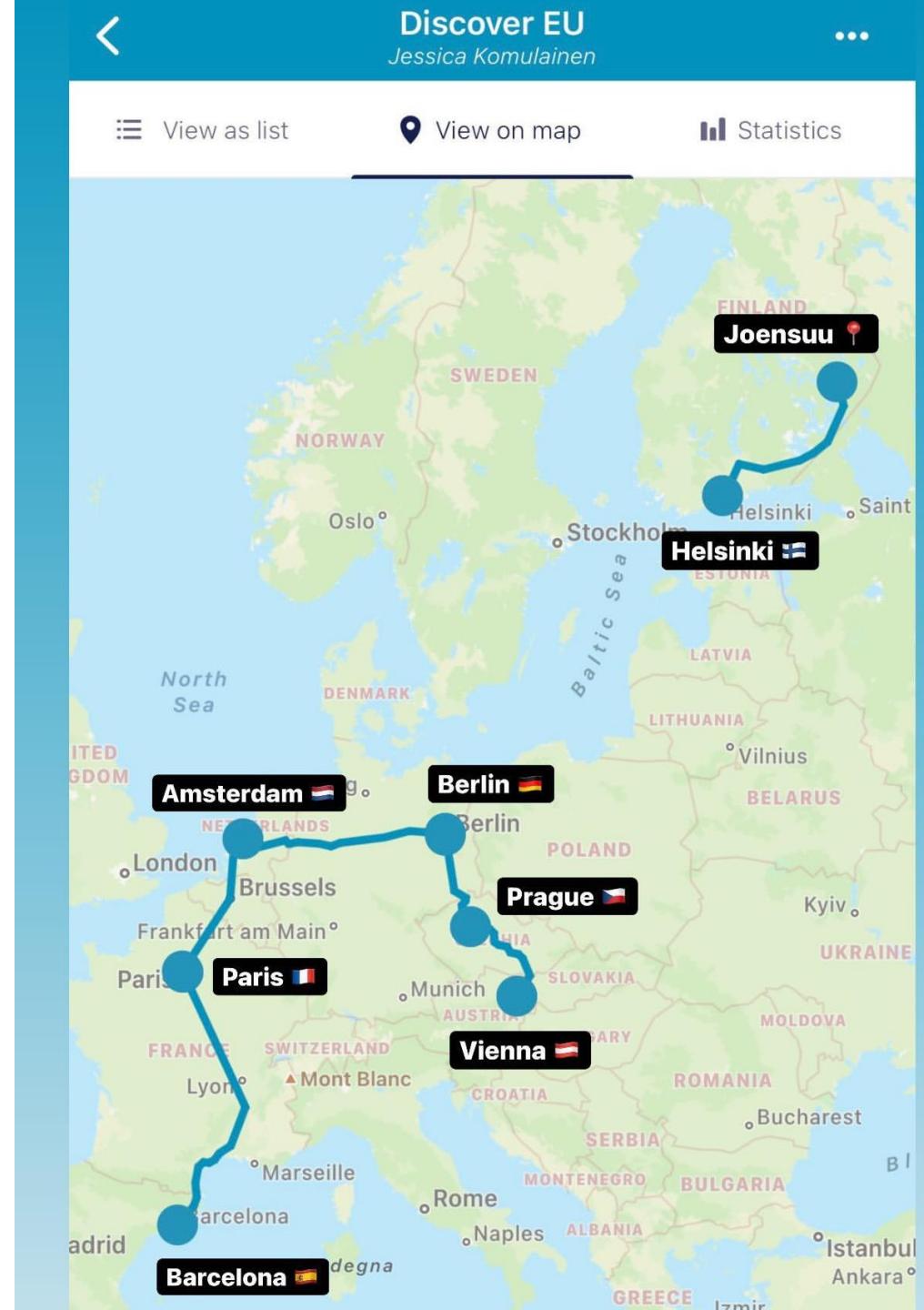
My route

- Vienna (3 nights)
- Bratislava (day trip)
- Prague (2 nights)
- Berlin (2 nights)
- Amsterdam (3 nights)
- Paris (3 nights)
- Barcelona (3 nights)

From idea to practice

- When I won the ticket, I was nervous because I did not know where to start planning the route and where to visit, how long to stay at a destination, etc. However, after several hours and reflections, my plans started to become clearer.

1. Time of the trip, check seasonal times, temperature, etc.
2. Budget
 - How much money are you ready to spend on the trip?
 - Use a budget in the planning of accommodation and attractions.
3. Route (and schedule planning)
 - <https://interrailplanner.com/>
4. Viewing and taking note of attractions
 - Google Maps
5. Planning a schedule more accurately when the attractions are clear (number of nights at the destination)
 - Excel
 - Rail Planner (train trip schedules)





When the indicative plan is completed

1. Accommodation at the destinations (if uncertain, it is a good idea to favour places that allow free cancellation)
 - Airbnb
 - Booking.com
2. Possible flights (it is advisable to book approximately 3 weeks in advance, usually the lowest cost)
 - Finnair
 - Book a ticket with a possibility to use the hold if you take along many liquids
3. Finish your plans, remember to leave plenty of time for transport, meals and free time so you have the energy to travel
4. **Don't forget to check travel restrictions and necessary documents!**



Tickets to attractions

- It is always a good idea to check whether the tickets are available on the website of the attraction or whether they should be bought on site!
 - It's possible to get free or very cheap tickets.
 - For example, I could get tickets to the Eiffel tower at a much cheaper price and free of charge to the Louvre museum by making the small effort of using a French website.
- Buying tickets from a tourist website is usually expensive, although for some places this is the only option.

Packing

- A 60-litre backpack + a day pack (18 days) is enough for the trip, including souvenirs.
- You do not necessarily need to do laundry on a shorter trip; I did not.
- Check the weather at the destinations and pack clothing accordingly.
- It's not a good idea to bring too much overwear, one nightie is enough, a couple of trousers and, for example, a couple of short-sleeved and long-sleeved shirts. Socks (if you walk a lot, take thick socks with long legs) and underwear for every day or until washing. Rain protection, such as an umbrella or rain-proof clothing.
- Pack your clothes in plastic bags, in case the backpack gets wet.
- Remember to bring a towel and other hygiene items with you.
- Also remember to bring along your ID card and passport.
- In many places in Europe, you can pay with a Finnish debit card, but you should also have 50 to 100 euros in cash with you.





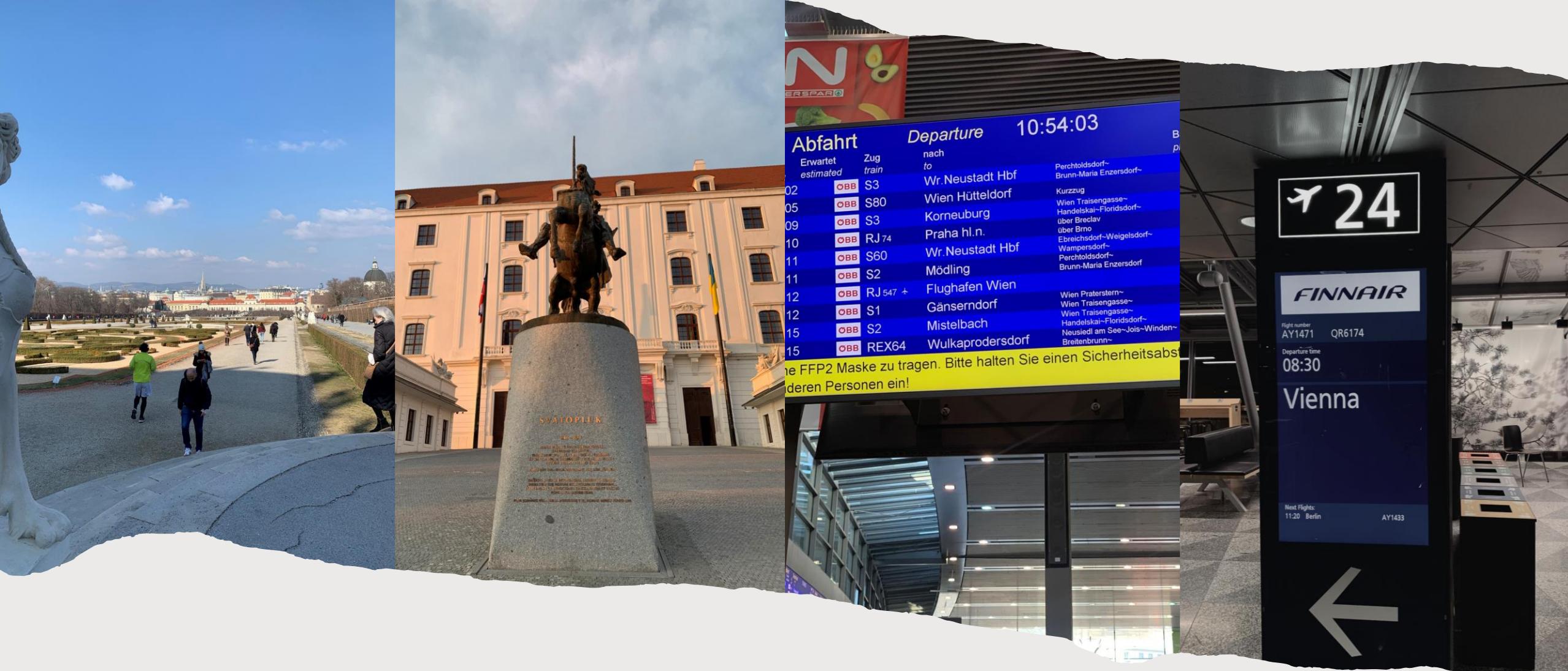
Safety

- If you sleep on a train or in a dorm where there are other people, you should lock up your belongings.
- Avoid large crowds
- If someone asks you for help, keep your eyes open or find a reason for not being able to help.
- Do not keep any important items in your pocket.
- Do not keep any important items in the outer pockets of your backpack or on the surface of the backpack.
- If you withdraw money from an ATM, make sure there are no scamming devices.
- If you pay with card, you should pay with a pin code instead of contactless payment.



My travel experiences





Questions

You may also ask me later Instagram / Snapchat: jzessica



**Thank you for your interest and have a rewarding
trip! ☺**