

Lifestyle #8: Jan Ruhe Live in Hungary= First Woman Network Marketer invited to speak in Hungary!

My son Clayton took us to the airport in Aspen, Colorado where we said goodbye to him and to the fabulous, pristine, beautiful, powerful Rocky Mountains. We jetted onward to Washington, DC where we boarded Austrian Airline flight straight to Vienna, Austria. Over the pond we went to Vienna and when we landed it was morning. We had a limo driver take us to the Hotel Intercontinental Wien and left our international luggage there, checked out the hotel, had a light breakfast and departed for the train station. Vienna has beautiful buildings, very old churches, and is a thriving and alive city. It was very bleak and cold though, no fountains flowing, all the trees bare and no flowers. I bet it is a beautiful city in the spring, summer and fall.

We departed by train for an adventure to Budapest, Hungary. I had not slept on the way over to Austria so I propped my feet up, (thank goodness we were in first class) and fell sound asleep and slept the entire train ride until right outside Budapest. When I awoke we were about 30 minutes from the train station and next to our train were train cars loaded to the hilt with new 2004 automobiles. A site to see! For almost 30 minutes, we saw nothing but new cars of all shapes and sizes.

We arrived at dark in Budapest and a huge thanks to Dr. Joseph Telkes for sending his secretary to meet us at the train. We all jumped aboard the underground and in only a few stops we departed into the Pest side of town to the fabulous Kempenski Hotel. Just fabulous. We had a short time to check in, change our clothes and jump into a taxi to go to Buda to the private home of Joseph and Marika Telks to get to meet them and 4 of their 5 children. Marika must have cooked all day, she had the best Hungarian traditional dinner you can imagine. It was delicious and we spent many hours just getting to know each other. Joseph had 3,000 in another company and the company dismissed him for no reason and he lost all that line. That company had promised him support and that they would come to Budapest to help train his Successline but they did not. You could NOT believe the pain he and his family went through. So sad. But Joseph is a Champion. He began looking for another company and found it, it did not work out, so he looked for yet another company and he is now getting it going. In Hungary, their government prefers they call their Network Marketing businesses, Franchises. Forever Living Products is the top company in Hungary and they have something like 50,000 or more distributors! Budapest is only 14 years out of the revolution so there is plenty of opportunity to do Network Marketing today in Hungary.

The city of Budapest is very old. We went on a city tour, went to famous squares, old churches and stood at the very top of the Danube looking both directions up and down this famous enormous river. Buda is on one side in the hills and Pest is on the other down in the planes. One day, we went shopping and I bought the most incredible Stork Black Boa jacket and long black gloves with tons of crystal necklaces and bracelets to wear in Vienna where I was introduced on stage in front of all the earners. Congratulations to my entire organization for being number ONE in Discovery Toys once AGAIN! The tradition continues!

On our last night there, Joseph came to the hotel to fetch us and took us to his private office in downtown Pest! Imagine, going into a private office! Joseph has his degree as a Dr. of Psychology so he is well educated. He loves Network Marketing and he had his team fired up to hear me speak. BUT, they spoke no English. Joseph speaks some English and so did one of his distributors so between the 2 of them they were able to translate for me for their team to understand.

Now, I must share with you that this is incredible. Here are people who do not know what Americans and the British know about Network Marketing. They are starving for information that freely flows to us. Joseph is translating my Champion News and other articles to help the industry there. He is like a giant in my eyes because he is working to get real solid Network Marketing advice that people can trust into Network Marketing. BRAVO Dr. Joseph Telkes, what a shining star in Hungary!

Fire Up! is being translated into Hungarian right now! When that book gets out, we will see about me going back to help the Network Marketers in all of Hungary.

We enjoyed our stay in Budapest and can honestly say that without having spent the time with Joseph and Marika we would probably have never returned. They made our stay so worthwhile! It's really special when you know someone in a country to make that connection. We totally enjoyed spending time with them and their beautiful family in their lovely home.

We departed by train back to Vienna, Austria where we checked into our suite at the Hotel Intercontinental, changed clothes and hosted a table for a dinner party in Vienna with top Discovery Toys distributors from all over America.

Watch for upcoming details on [www.janruhe.com](http://www.janruhe.com) about Jan Ruhe live in Hungary in summer 2004.

Watch for upcoming details in your Champion News about Fire Up! being printed in Hungary.