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(River Cruise, continued from page 6)

Bamberg, Wurzburg, Wertheim, Rudesheim, Mark-
bug (where we had dinner in the castle), Cologne and
finally Amsterdam.

The weather was gorgeous with daily tem-
peratures at 30 celsius, but when we arrived in Am-
sterdam it was pouring with rain and according to the
local people it had rained every day since June.

The things we saw such as the Nazi building
and the stadium at Nuremberg, which is now a mu-
seum; beautiful vineyards that rise up the side of the
mountains; castle after castle on every bend of the
Rhine; the cable car ride at Rudesheim; and even the
canal cruise in Amsterdam in the rain with the win-
dows fogging up, will remain in our memories.

So much was done by the cruise line to make
our trip interesting including guest musicians, glass
blowers, zither concerts and much more. Since the
cruise line is Australian, most of the guests were of
course Australians. Now that was a culture shift for
the few Canadians and Americans on board – what
fun!

(Prairee, continued from page 8)

Last Halloween I was in Toronto, in a
neighborhood with flocks of little kids. One mother
had made a penguin costume for her child, and a
work of art it was, too. A penguin head, body, and
even penguin floppy feet, and therein lay the prob-
lem. With his floppy feet, he had difficulty walking
with any speed. Splat! Splat! His poor feet kept step-
ping on each other. He couldn't keep up with his
pals, and they were not going to wait for him. His
Dad had to accompany him down the road. He was
quite young so I don't think he would have held the
experience against his well meaning mother for more
than ten years.

Speaking of dumb ideas, it is reported that a
Chinese man attempted to smuggle his pet tortoise
on a plane by placing it on his back and pretending
he was a hunchback. It seems that he passed security,
which seems incredible, but was later examined by a
guard because the lump looked suspicious. I suppose
it was crawling up and down or something. To sum
it up, a dumb idea for sure.

The moral of this story? There are lots of
dumb people around. ..often in positions of authority.



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