

In Austria, the lockdown started on 16th of March. At that point we were still in Egypt, from where we got back to Vienna with a lot of difficulty, due to overnight cancellation of flights .

On the 21st of March we started our mandatory 14 days home isolation. The pantry was quite ok, as I like to have food that can feed a small army for 2 weeks in normal times, including toilet paper and disinfectants of 2-3 sorts... and alcohol (sanitary and drinkable kinds).

We were able to concentrate on the important things in life:

- crafts with our 4 year old daughter, new series on Netflix,
- new subscription to Disney+ (you cannot survive a pandemic without the Marvel movies, the Star Wars franchise and the classical children movies).
- office for the employed people, online projects for the other people.

After 2 weeks, being able to get out of the house, we managed to get back our dog, go a bit shopping and just enjoy the nature in spring around us. Luckily, we live in a very green area, so we were able to study the bees, the first butterflies, the birds at the beginning or in the middle of the mating season, squirrels and so on. We did it calmly, as there was no real schedule to keep track of. And of course with millions of questions: how do bees transform the pollen into honey, how many bees does this flowers need to be pollinated (we got the word but not the exact meaning of the process), how do birds pick their lover, why not all the flowers are blooming in the same time - remember the 4 year old? - and so on, making me feel I need to revisit all my accumulated knowledge.

Notable accomplishments in almost 8 weeks of isolation:

- Finished my website
- Finished or almost finished another 2 websites
- Learned to properly bake: sweets and dough with yeast stuff
- Bought an air fryer as we wanted to enjoy some fast food without feeling too guilty
 - Almost finished Marvel movies series (chronological order)
- Getting some wild animals visit us in the home and take pictures with them
- Seeing Vienna empty (now that the measures are relaxed we can walk around)
 - **Not** gaining weight

Best moments:

- Alone in the Japanese garden with the blooming cherry trees
- Having fresh and warm baguette delivered for lunch just as we were setting the table
 - Getting real Italian ice cream delivered for dessert
- Waking up at 4 am and sitting on the balcony to enjoy the birds singing just before sunrise

- Afternoon coffee every day with my husband on the balcony











