Central Europe

Central Europe, or Mitteleuropa, means Habsburg Europe to me. I took the photo on the left in 1988 in a city part in Zagreb, which was still part of Yugoslavia then. The bandstand had been built back when Croatia had been part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and here is where an Austrian military band would play every Sunday.
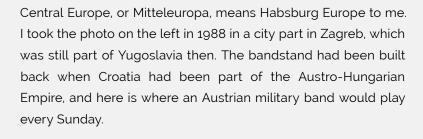
In the middle a cobbled alleyway in Prague just after a rain, in 1988. Below, a boy stands in the old town of Sibiu, Romania, which had been an almost entirely ethnic German city before 1940.