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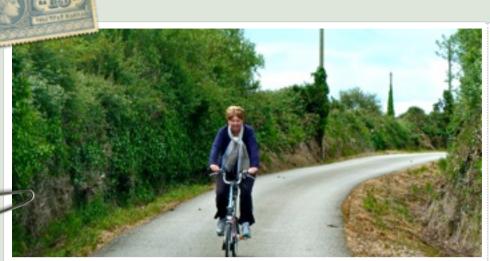




A Lay Day



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What!! No bikini?

A RELAXING DAY

We decided to stay at home today and relax. The weather continued to be overcast and there was intermittent rain later in the day. Doing nothing gave us a chance to do some laundry and give our little home and car a quick clean up. Heather needed to do some work related matters and I needed to rationalize (delete) files on the computer and the camera - I was running out of storage space yet still have 3 weeks of traveling still to go. We were also particularly keen to do some more research on the last part of our journey - where to go, and in what order.

We rode our bikes around the local area before lunch to get in some exercise and then had a leisurely walk on the beach. At the end of the day we treated ourselves to a restaurant (we have only eaten out a small number of times on this trip).

Tomorrow we drive to, and stay in, Newbridge (30Km from Dublin) for 4 days before picking up another motorhome for our last 2 weeks.

DUPLICATES

Just as we do, the Irish obviously flock to the seaside in the summer months. Our bike ride this morning was through a number of holiday parks and housing estates. This area must absolutely buzz with holiday makers in peak time. We came across wall to wall mobile homes. The housing estate we saw had the same house duplicated at least 100 times. Imagine the same house (design and color) duplicated again and again. We have seen this phenomenon many times in Ireland.

Away from the wind the conditions on the beach were surprisingly pleasant. The colors were quite vibrant - the heavy clouds contrasting with the sun shinning on the sea. Although we cannot see the sea from our house, there is a very private path leading directly to the beach - a luxury the masses don't have.

Heather has had a great time watching the Horse & Country channel. Thank heavens it isn't available at home! My soccer watching might suffer. The Wexford area boasts the best (read mildest) climate in all of Ireland.

Wexford's other boast is that it grows Ireland's best tasting (read sweetest) strawberries and potatoes. We agree - we have tasted both and have found them absolutely delicious.

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