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Duck Pond

A late start to the day. Heather slept in. At least it was cooler. Our destination today was on the other side of an uplands that we had previously not traversed. We again pointed the GPS towards the back roads and enjoyed the ambience and lack of traffic. The bends in the road were numerous and the views expansive across farmed valleys and wooded uplands. It was certainly less populated there. Lovely drive.

After a while we eventually arrived at our destination, the Fonti del Clitunno, the source of the Clitunno River. This zen-like garden setting

The white duck led the pack forward until it heard a commotion up ahead. The troop stopped and the white duck took a rear position. Sound familiar?

proffers crystal clear springs, a tranquil lake and lush foliage of willows and poplars. Caligula was known to come here to consult the god of the Clitunno River. In 444AD the area was struck by an earthquake and the once navigable river changed into this haven. In the 1800s it was redesigned as we see it today. Fast water literally flows out from the rocks to create a wonderful water haven. We strolled the area in the company of a group of small children and a number of others seeking the coolness and tranquility. Watching the light fragments twinkling on the trees above, was very relaxing. The ducks were everywhere. We sat down regularly to take in the atmosphere. What a great relaxing environment for everyone.



When old technology continues to shine



10 years ago we purchased a dedicated Garmin GPS with unlimited map upgrades. It works throughout Europe in every country (including eastern block and Iceland). We have used it every time we travel around Europe. It has never failed us once.

Although the free map upgrade has just been discontinued, our Garmin GPS has proved to be a real saviour. Our smart phone with Google Maps can obviously be used as a GPS but problems occur when a smart phone loses its comms signal and you are then left high and dry in the worst possible way.

Our Garmin continues to happily work away without any broadband or wifi communication.





Our tranquil abode for the week



View from our bedroom