

# EUROPE 2023

4 months | 6 countries | 8 house swaps | 10 journey legs



## Orienting

Shopping at a Hofer (Austrian Aldi) and a few hours drive in the country to the east and south of Steyr was our little adventure for today. We've noticed since being on the European continent that most supermarkets have a large section for fresh bread and beautiful sweet creations. Hofer was no different. Each time we go we sample something new and yummy.

Our car for the next three weeks is a little VW. It has seats that sit slightly higher than normal which provide a great all round view and they are quite comfortable. Our little shake-down cruise around today was towards the uplands in an endeavour to get into a rural area. That we did extremely quickly. Within four kilometres we were high above the river valley on which Steyr sits. Much of the time the roadways were very narrow with steep sides. At one point I had just finished saying I hope we don't meet a school bus here when a large tractor pulling a huge tray came around the corner. However the curb was on an even grass surface and it was easy to pass. The scenery was idyllic. The bright blue sky was matched by brilliant green and dotted with individual farmsteads. On many occasions the roads on which we drove went straight into and through what appeared to be private property. Such a glorious drive.

