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A short country drive

Seriously, Austria is like one big golf course (but without the rough!). The beauty is truly awe inspiring.

It was just a short circular drive today, south of Steyr. We kept to the smaller by-ways and were rewarded with the ability to stop and appreciate the beauty of both the built and natural environments. We even caught sight of some deer! There are only a few villages around but there were many farmsteads dotting the landscape. Each farm usually consists of a very large building comprising human and animal habitation. We are seeing some animals and fences here — unlike Germany.

One village of note was Ternberg. It had the inevitable, very old, solid looking church as its centre piece and was on the very steep banks of the Enns. From the signage around it looks as if Ternberg is a very popular location in winter.

We continue to be impressed by flower arrangements everywhere we go in Austria. Geraniums seem to be the go. We even spent some time talking about how we could incorporate this feature at home. Mostly here, they are in the form of window boxes or big, old stone or wooden containers. Beautiful. That picture of the machine clinging on the side of the mountain was even more dramatic looking up from our car on the road below. It defied logic about how it got up there.







