

# EUROPE 2023

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## Kremsmünster

The mammoth benedictine abbey of Kremsmünster, looms large above the Krems River valley. It is the biggest abbey of its type in Europe. It was commenced in 777. We had hoped to do a tour of the place but no tours were available for us today. It is quite likely because we are visiting near the end of the normal “tourist” season.

Despite that we enjoyed our casual walk around those areas that were open to us and were amazed by the enormous size and complexity of the establishment. It has courtyards and fish ponds and gardens and giant buildings. Cloisters line many sides of the buildings.

After our visit we tried to navigate to the old centre of the town below the abbey but were foiled in our attempt and thus headed out of town to find some countryside. This we managed and were rewarded with lovely skies and a foreground of colourful crops - sunflowers and a legume crop with purple flowers. The weather appeared to be closing in so we headed for home. By the time we arrived we noticed a considerable warming of the weather. Innes told us that it is a weather phenomenon called a foehn wind which happens a lot in Austria.

Just an interesting note - diesel fuel costs the equivalent of \$2.85 a litre Australian here in Austria. Luckily we are not travelling too far on this leg of our journey











