

EUROPE 2023

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



Up Hill - Down Dale

Our hosts suggested we travel the short distance from Steyr to a favourite observation point near Damberg. It meant quite a steep climb. The morning was sufficiently crisp to require the donning of warm apparel but by the time we reached the top most of the added layer was superfluous. We climbed up through a forest trail and then out into open country where we stood beside a tiny chapel and admired the country at our feet. A further few hundred metres took us even higher through more pine forest and some grassland that glinting in the bright sunshine. A very old man, who must have been in his 90s, passed us as we enjoyed the scenery below. His efforts egged me on to climb further up but eventually, thankfully it was time to come down. We then headed the car east of Steyr to open country that provided us with amazing expansive views of forest clad mountains and beautiful homes. Very pleasant.



