

# MEDITERRANEAN

SIGGY AND HEATHER | TRIP AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN | WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL 2013

## Out of Austria - Almost

With Heather tightly controlling our GPS  
 We pointed it to Slovenia where we wanted to rest  
 We needed to drive out of the ice and snow  
 Down to the Mediterranean is where we wanted to go.  
 Quickly.

But getting to places here one cannot speed  
 Even if one has quite an urgent need  
 Speed limits and landscapes with few places to pass  
 But going on freeways is too frighteningly fast.  
 Bloody hell.

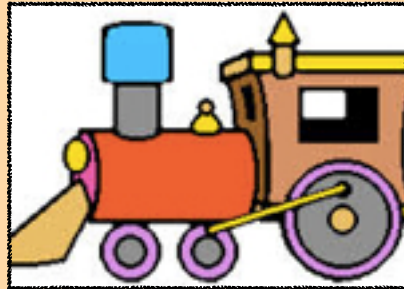
We decided instead to take the A route to give us a thrill  
 "Look a castle" cried Heather "right up there on a hill"  
 I take a peek and realised the shame  
 Its only a telecom tower you silly old dame.  
 Still amazing.

But Innsbruck's long valley was really beautiful  
 The town's backdrop of high mountains was very ethereal  
 A far away view can be something very pleasing  
 When up close and personal it may be cold and freezing  
 Brrrrrrrrr.

Austria has some of the most amazing views  
 The architecture, the beauty, the colours and hues  
 Driving along with our eyes looking up high  
 The white of the mountains against the blue of the sky.  
 Simply stunning.

Our trip to the coast is something that must be done  
 But you can't drive through the alps to follow the sun  
 You must go round and not over while enjoying the view  
 For once we get to the Mediterranean we should enjoy that too.  
 We hope.

And so we are camped in Zell am See  
 Truly awe inspiring, unbelievable, in raptures are we  
 Tomorrow our van has to catch a train  
 To get off this mountain and away from the expectant rain.  
 Wot tha?



**ROAD TRAIN** We have heard of catching the ferry but catching the train.....? The road ends near Zell am See and all vehicles drive on to a train to be taken through a long tunnel under the mountains to the other side. We will do that tomorrow. Amazing.



**SURF CLUB INDEED** Zell am See is only a small lake but we could be wrong about the surf here. Obviously it gets pretty bad when the surf is up. Maybe that is why this area draws large crowds in summer. I have this picture in my head of a surfers paradise with lots of people on paddle boards and long boards on 2cm waves.



**TOBOGANNING ANYONE?** This photo out of the window of our motorhome scared the wits out of our motorhome owner who asked us to please not drive on any more B roads or through the snow because we could have insurance issues. Trouble is anywhere you go here in Austria you come across snow.



# PHOTOS



OUR TRIP TODAY WAS THROUGH A NUMBER OF STEEP SIDED VALLEYS WITH SNOW COVERED PEAKS EITHER SIDE. THE SUN CAME OUT MAKING THE DRIVE WONDERFULLY STUNNING FOR VISITING AUSTRALIANS.

FOR LOCAL AUSTRIANS ITS PROBABLY SIMPLY A WAY OF LIFE THEY HAVE LED FOR AGES. HOW WE ALL TAKE THINGS FOR GRANTED.

