

NEWS LETTER NO 18



Update 16/9/2013 Lake Ledro



Lake Ledro is a pretty little lake only about 5 miles from Riva at the top of lake Garda, but its 2000ft above lake Garda. The journey up there is quite interesting, outside Riva you enter a tunnel and steadily climb till you pop out at the top of the mountain, no tolls great.

Ladro has a good path round it, which is a nice walk. The main reason people come up here is, it's a Mecca for mountain biking.

ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA

Update 17/9/2013 Maderno

From ledro we took the scenic route through the Val D Ampola which is a bit like Cheddar Gorge except 10 times longer, through Salo up to Maderno on Garda.

Then it went wrong. This was our favourite site last year, but it has been sold and altered and we won't be coming back. Image of last year then this year.



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ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA

Good Tirimisu is good, but Tirimisu ice cream, made in Italy and ate on a sunny day on Garda is "GREAT"



To all you workers out there "SORRY"

We even played tourist and took the ferry across the lake to Torri which is a very pretty harbour on the east shore of Garda



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Update 19/9/2013 Malcesine

The trip from Maderno to Malcesine is a pretty drive, if you dare take your eyes off the road. From Maderno to Riva it hugs the lake with about half the distance in old tunnels about 20ft wide, and we are 9' 6" from mirror to mirror. When you come up to a white box van man, who is Italian and does not care what happens to his boss's van. Yep that's another wing mirror gone (that's the second in this camper both in Italian tunnels) But gaffa tape will see it home.



Like of the day

The Italian ability to live and let live.

Dislike of the day

The French government who take money out of your bank account for council tax on a house you don't own any more.

ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA



Malcesine is one of our favourite places on Garda, also the camp-site is great set in a olive grove.



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ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA

Update 21/9/2013 Malcesine

Malcesine translated from the Latin means “pearl of the lake”
From it there is a cable car up Mt Baldo, Where the paragliders and the very brave mountain bikers go, to see if their body's are indestructible. (of course my mate Buzz has been down it on his bike). That's why you need key man insurance. !!!!

We got off at the half way station and walked back. Its not hard walking, taking about 2 hours, but most of it is a old cobbled Donkey track of a constant steep gradient, and time you get to the bottom your thighs burn and you have knee trembles (with out the good bit).



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ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA

Can anyone tell me the name of this duck please.



I have a plan to sort out the white van drivers, I'm going to get one of these next.



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ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA

Competition Help

Day 15 Lake Calleranica to Lake Ledro

Day 16 stationary

Day 17 Lake Ledro to Maderno (via Storo, Nozza and Salo)

Day 18 stationary

Day 19 Maderna to Malcesine

Day 20 – 24 Stationary

Correction as my clever next door neighbour noticed Natters to Trento is 120 miles not 120 k.

Well tomorrow it's off to Sirmione to meet up with our good friends Catie and Peter Jellett, who are in a hotel there. (We will probably eat out a bit which will give Wendy a rest from cooking.)

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