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Update 22/6/2014 Mondsee

We left the lovely Wolfgangsee and came to a camp-site between Mondsee and Zellersee, when we got here they where full but could offer us a pitch outside the site.



Well we are lucky these pitches where far better than those inside and how about this for a view while cooking the evening meal. (stirring it)



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Dislike of the day

Public holidays on a Thursday. We arrived at a Aldi last Thursday and wondered why it was shut. Never mind, we ate out, then the next day walked the 3 miles to Aldi then back with a full rucksack.

Update 26/6/2014 Chiemsee.

Chiemsee is one of Germanys largest lakes about 50 mile around, and once again the pitch gods have been kind to us.



Question

In England steep hills on roads were given as 1 in 6 or 1 in 8 Now European hills are given as a percentage as 8% or 12% What does this percentage mean?

History Lesson.

Ludwig the second reigned in Germany from 1864 to 1886, he was a prolific palace and castle builder, he had built Neuschwanstein castle (which Walt Disney copied) Hohenschwangau castle and Linderhof castle, his last palace was Herrenchiemsee castle here on Chiemsee, on the largest island. Ludwig was a fan of the French kings and here attempted to build a palace to outshine Versailles. He didn't quite do it. He ran out of money after only completing a third of the building and finishing only 17 of the 90 rooms. It was so lavish it cost more than the other palaces put together. The hall of mirrors was over a 100m long (bigger than Versailles) using 22 chandeliers each with 100 candles to light it.

Everything was covered in gold leaf with fantastic murals on the walls and ceilings. As an example it took 30 woman 7 years just to make the drapes and wall hangings for 1 bedroom. The Germans finally got fed up with his spending and he mysteriously died.



The fountains are fantastic.



The lake has 8 ferrys taking people around the lake and islands. The largest being a 1926 paddle steamer which holds 680 people and is beautiful inside



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Camp - site Bit

I used to think the Caravan club had the best toilet blocks, but Austria and Germany are miles ahead, this one was block no 3.





The shower rooms were 10 \times 6 (bigger than mine at home) There was also bathrooms and a kids shower room that was a giant sailing ship.

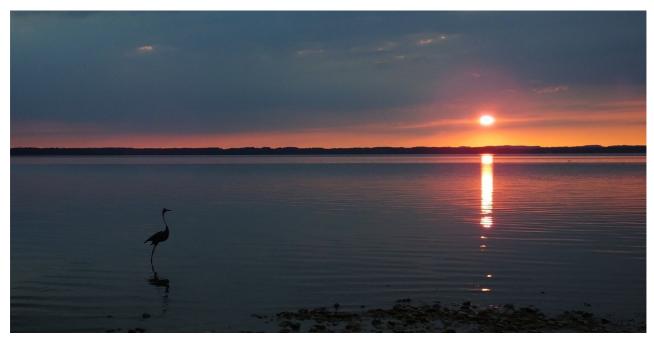
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