

Adventure before Dementia



The scribbles of an aged couple who are enjoying the best times of their life.

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Update 17/4/2016 Melcesine (Garda)

We have been in Melcesine, our favourite place on Lake Garda for a week now just chilling out like 2 lizards just taking in the heat from the sun.

The trip down was different, it started off at Dover very quiet.



Am I early or did I miss the boat (typical me early)

The next day travelling thro Lille they closed the Motorway and sent us on a diversion somewhere, we ended up losing 2 hours.

When we reached the Belgium border there was a lot of big signs with 3.5t and arrows. As from 1/4/2016 all Belgium roads are toll roads for any vehicle over 3.5 t (we are 3.7t) They said we should get a electronic toll device fitted for 135 Euro, most roads are zero toll but the cost vary and they then just take it off your card. We did not fancy this, as the Luxembourg border was only 2 hours away we went for it vowing never to enter Belgium again. Just before the border all trucks were pulled into the 2 inside lanes, cars and us were waved to the outside lane and carried on, there was 6 miles of double stacked trucks, it ended up being a protest by lorry drivers over the tolls.



I suppose I can't blame the Belgium's because nobody (except M.E.P's) want to go to Belgium every body just uses the motorways to pass thro.

Diesel in Luxembourg is 65p ltr. yippee

A couple of days later we were at our favourite site at Natters just outside Innsbruck in Austria

Natters is a beautiful site and always improving it, this year they are adding sleeping pods.



These beside the main camp and others on the hill side.



The wild life is also great.



The drive from Natters to Garda over the Brenner pass was interesting, it started of pouring rain then thick cloud then sleet and finally snow before we reached the top. But as we dropped down into Italy the weather just got better, we actually ended up cooking and eating outside, (first this year)

Admiration *walking into Melcesine we saw a cyclist by himself fully loaded every pannier you could get on a bike plus a tent, roll mat and a holdall sat on top. But this guy only had 1 arm (some people are just amazing) just think putting up a tent, mending a puncture !!!*

Dislike of the day Going to what was called the best pizza restaurant in the area, and after ordering a starter to share and wine, we were ordering our main when the waiter tells us no pizza today. !!!

Like of the day After the meal at a restaurant they leave a complimentary bottle of Lemoncello. Yummy.



The pics are of Melcesine castle and looking up the lake to Riva.

I started growing a beard but after 2 weeks it looked like someone had stuck a Badger on my face. (not a pretty site)

*Quote of the day "The electricity is closeded until fifteen"
But his English was a lot better than my German.*



International model yacht racing on Garda