GERMANY


Ramsau

Bavaria

We left our park early to get ahead of the masses. We have just discovered that Bavaria has started a two week holiday period. The busy town of Berchtesgaden was given a miss. Instead we took a mountainous minor road and were treated to lovely mountain and river scenes. One road was through some alpine meadows. Cows were contentedly mooching around beside the narrow road.

The little village of Ramsau was our first stop - just a beautiful location beside a swiftly flowing, shallow stream. It was crystal clear and a turquoise colour. The houses and church mainly stood on the high side of the river. We walked over the bridges and up the step bank behind the cemetery. Glorious.

Uncertain about where to go next we finally decided on using the motorway to get to the town of Bad Tolz - still in Bavaria but some 100km distant. The motorway was manic. Trucks, trucks and motorhomes steamed along beside us. However the last 30km through quiet

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OVERNIGHT? Paid for our parking but did not see the No Camping sign. Neither did any of the other motor homes it seems.

COWS? When you round the corner and come upon a cow lying down ruminating. Certainly makes every driver slow down.

NAAAA? The driver wanted to turn right to check this town out but the travel agent prevailed - so we drove past.

country, and the sight of the town soothed us. Bad Tolz is a stunningly beautiful town. The town sits beside another river of heavenly coloured water that widens near the town and provides a watery wonderland for tourists and locals alike. It is very hot today. We managed to get a park right on the rivers edge and paid to stay the night. People were playing in the water and sitting under the trees beside the water. Just idyllic. After having lunch we rode into town and were enchanted by the many frescoed and beautifully decorated buildings in the "Markt-strasse". Some of these statuesque structures had huge overhangs that looked twice as high because of the sloping street.

We are back in the van now preparing tea and intending to go for another ride along the river in the cool of the evening. Germany is delivering.

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