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Day 18- Saturday

Location- Camping Süd, Vienna GPS:

Miles driven- none!

Weather- not raining! In fact dry, sunny and warm! Yay

Bluebell the motorhome is parked on her luxury pitch still at Camping Süd, Buenna. Vans

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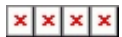
arrived late into the night, all presumably having the same problem at the aire that we did, but we enjoyed a peaceful sleep, and a lay in and woke up feeling refreshed and happy not to be woken by rain!

A lazy morning, including a cooked breakfast, a food shop at the opposite Aldi (or Hofer as it's known in Austria) was enjoyed before boarding the public bus from outside the campsite gate and purchasing a single ticket, for €2.20 each which took us on the bus and underground in 30 minutes all the way to the centre.

We had been given a city map at campsite reception, which helped us navigate around the beautiful old streets. The more we

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walked, the more we fell in love with this wonderful city. The buildings are high and old, the streets are cobbled and horse and carriages travel down them, the churches tall and grand, we feel like we're in a hybrid of Paris and London.



The main square by St Stephens Cathedral, which is where Mozart got married and his memorial service was, is buzzing with life and we just loved the vibe here.



We visited Mozart's Vienna house in turns as usual, I went first and Keith sat and had a beer in a nearby bar with jazz, us then swapping. There wasn't much to see in the house, but it was great to be in the building where our favourite Mozart pieces were composed.

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It must have been a very luxurious apartment, it still is, strange to think he died a pauper.



We wandered through the Imperial Palace courtyard and gardens, marvelling at the architecture as we went.



Mozart's statue in Burggarten with the treble clef flower bed was a highlight for me, having seen this picture on all sorts of advertising mags. It's just as beautiful as I imagined and hoped.



We had decided to treat ourselves to a meal out tonight, so found a cosy pizzeria just off one of the main squares and had a couple of

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drinks each with a pizza for Keith and calzone for me. It was delicious and ridiculously cheap, less than £30 total!



We found the building where Mozart died, catching the last of the evening sun, before heading back on the tube and bus and having an hour sat outside star gazing.



A fabulous day, I really love it here.



Day 19– Sunday

Location– Camping Süd, Vienna GPS:

Miles driven- none!

Weather– felling hot, hot hot! ☀

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Bluebell is still enjoying her life on a luxury pitch, at £35 on we dont think its too bad value either, considering how close to the city centre we are.

Today we had an earlier start, with the intention of coming back earlier and sitting and chilling outside the van. We thought about trying a boat trip along the Danube, so headed towards the river first- we found a company running trips so queued up for a ticket each for a city cruise, but 20 mins later, the queue had t moved, minimum staff were on, we'd had chance to look at trip adviser and we weren't feeling it so we walked away.

The area where we were was heavily graffitied and a bit manky so we headed

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back into the old town and enjoyed a delicious apple strudel and coffee overlooking the main square.



We wandered further, back to the Mozart statue and had a sunbathe in the gardens before noticing that dogs weren't allowed in here. Whoops, we'd been there ages and yesterday too. We carried on to the city hall area, and found a great food and drink festival which Ian's friends had told us about- we were luckily there was a great jazz band playing, so we got ourselves some drinks and before we knew it we d been there 3 hours!



I tried an Austrian macaroni cheese dish when I got the munchies after 4 glasses of

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Austrian wine, Keith tried an Austrian Boiled sausage, both were Fab.



We made our way back to the van and enjoyed a chill outside- tea tonight was pulled pork and homemade chips – we made the most of the electric so the slow cooker was on all day. Yum.

Tomorrow sees us back on road. I feel sad to be leaving Vienna, I've loved it here. I think Ultravox got it wrong in their song, "Vienna"- "it means nothing to me, oh Vienna" – couldn't be further from the truth, I would come back here in a heartbeat.

Until next time

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