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Eleanor Emberson

Thanks due once again to Czech railway officials: if the lady at the 'international' ticket desk at Ceske Budejovice station last night had been at all helpful about bike reservations, we would probably have done some miles by train today and missed out on a lot. As it turned out, we just set off by bike to see how we got on and Bruce's knee held up amazingly well. After 18 miles of hills on a (mostly) decent path, we came through Cesky Krumlov, a fascinating old town on the Vltava on multi levels around the river valley. Photo doesn't do it justice. Not a lot of time to explore so we will have to come back some day. We then pushed on another 18 miles or so down the main road along the Vltava to Vyšší Brod. This is Czech holiday country, with lots of hotels and campsites and lots of people in kayaks on the river. After some food and a deep breath, we decided to try to make it to Linz today - and we did, but the last 25 miles were seriously hard, with some long climbs in the late afternoon heat and then a white-knuckle 5 miles or so of fast, twisty downhill on the last drop into Linz (Al M, I think you would have liked this road!). Think this is the hardest day's cycling I

have ever done. Now showered off the road grime and about to have some dinner. We have about 135 miles left to Vienna along the Danube valley so we may yet make it on two wheels. — with [Bruce Ryan](#) at [Linz, Österreich](#).

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- Richard Laing** and 5 others like this.
- Janet Noakes** If Linzer Torte really comes from Linz, do remember to eat some on my behalf. Once described as the world's most opulent jam tart, which completely fails to capture the essence of heaven it embodies.
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- Janet Noakes** PS I'm loving your descriptions. and very admiring of your efforts.
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- Eleanor Emberson** Linzertorte would have been very welcome yesterday! I'm owed Kaffee-und-Kuchen today since we didn't manage it yesterday so I will keep an eye on cafes we pass.
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- Al Macdonald** Fast downhills are my thing. There has to be some advantage to being too short for my weight. Sounds like a cracking day. And well done to Bruce's knee.
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- Alison Stokes** Most impressed. I could have told you how

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unhelpful Czech officials can be. We just had a week in Austria and I didn't get one bit of cake. However, thanks to moaning 4 year old we have discovered the eminently civilised version if hillwalking- take the ski lift up and stroll down. And all this in the sunshine. I was thinking if you both, too, as we drove into our French mountain village which hosted a stage for the tdf last week. It was very up hill!
Keep pedaling and you can have a piece of Apfelstrudel for me. X
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Eleanor Emberson


July 20 at 8:44pm in Linz, Oberosterreich · 🧑


A P.S. to today. We were passed by several roadies along the way, and great respect to them for their strength to tackle those hills at that speed. However, I had one moment of wicked pleasure: we were overtaken shortly after leaving Ceske Budejovice by a teenage boy riding hell for leather on a mountain bike, but we caught and passed him on the next serious climb. Not bad for a couple of forty-somethings! — with [Bruce Ryan](#) at Linz, Österreich.



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 **Al Macdonald** Not competitive at all! Good going.
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 **Nikki Brown** And I bet he isn't riding nearly as far as you are. Good for you!
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