

Bruce Ryan with Eleanor Emberson at VI VADI HOTEL
August 28 at 12:14am ·

So, as you may have gathered, we're in Munich. As ever, I've brought far too much stuff: a full rucksack and an extra bike pannier and not enough braincells.

At the airport, I succumbed to the lure of a cover/keyboard for the iPad Mini. It's necessarily a bit wee for full speed typing but it's so much better than the onscreen keyboard. Cursor keys, function keys and the iPad is protected. The only function it doesn't have is a dongle to prevent me leaving it in the plane seat-pocket. Fortunately I remembered just after I got off the plane. See what I mean about braincells? The other lack of brain incident was leaving my passport with the hotel receptionist,

The reason for the kit? In a few days' time, we start cycling around the Bodensee (7 days of cycling - 330km). This is one of those 'you cycle, we move your luggage' trips. But that requires me to be organised - in the morning! So my solution is to bring panniers and carry my kit on the hire-bikes. (They **should** have racks. If not, how much of a plonker am I?). One pannier of clothing 3/4 fills my rucksack. And then there's a frame bag for food and a saddle-bag for tools (I always have to be able to deal with punctures, broken chains etc), my SPD pedals and pedal spanner... so that's the rucksack full.

The other pannier (my cabin bag) held my iPad, our train-tickets, my helmet and the electronica I refuse to put in the hold yet can't travel without (2 iPhones, iPad, portable USB battery, headlamp and all the relevant cables).

One of these days I will force myself to go on a cycling holiday with just a change of lycra and a phone, But don't hold your breath!

And so tomorrow we're on a cycle-tour of Munich. 6 miles in 4 hours. I like

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Jeannie Hunter Coolhave fun.....I cycled round the Bodensee in 1980... no mobile phones then !!! x
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Bruce Ryan Looking forward to comparing notes. B x
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Nikki Brown Gute Reise! Have a super trip, at least once you manage to find a baggage transport system that suits you.
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Jeannie Hunter Mine was a fantastically eventful trip, set to the soundtrack of We Fade To Grey by Visage
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Bruce Ryan Radio Bruce is playing Need A Man Blues, in homage to inter railing when I was 19. 29 years ago! Remember Bronski Beat and Walkmen?
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