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Beautiful day cycling through the Seez valley into Liechtenstein and then (just) into Austria. I am out of adjectives to describe the beauty of the scenery and many of the buildings. There are medieval castles and monasteries perched on dramatic rock faces, alpine houses of various ages with wooden shutters and colourful murals, flat river valleys with immaculately-tended fields, terraces of vines on steep hillsides and proper mountains overlooking it all. I kept realising that I was cycling very slowly because I was too busy looking at the landscape!

People everywhere on this trip have been very friendly and remarkably well-informed about the Referendum. One striking example today: we stopped at a very small Italian deli in a back street in Triesen in Liechtenstein. There were two outside tables with a group of local men (and one charming Jack Russell terrier) drinking wine and setting the world to rights. The owner had to go and fetch one more table for us and we were obviously a curiosity. As soon as we mentioned Scotland, they were straight into the politics, and told us there had been something about the Referendum on Swiss radio this morning. Fortunately they spoke some English as my German vocabulary doesn't stretch that far.

Back into Switzerland tomorrow and some big hills, with an option on a train up the main climb if it turns out to be too much. I will be very sorry to leave all this fairy-tale countryside behind.



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