Austria June 2026 diary Maurach by Achensee and Seefeld

Wednesday 10th June **Stroud to Cologne**

We left Stroud on the 8.30am train to London, Eurostar to Brussels, just caught our connection to Cologne and arrived there at 18.15. The hotel room looked over gardens to the river Rhine and we had time for a short walk along the river and around the outside of the cathedral. 4.5 miles total walked

Thursday 11th June **Cologne to Munich**

We arrived by train in Munich at 14.30 and the hotel was very near the station. We wandered around the old part of the city and saw quite a few of the sights. We arrived at the old town hall in time to see and hear the glockenspiel play and the figures move. 4.5 miles walked

Friday 12th June **Munich to Maurach by Achensee for 7 nights**

Morning rain then cloudy 12C. The 11.30 train from Munich arrived at Jenbach in Austria at 13.00, then the 14.00 bus brought us to Maurach at 14.30.

We stayed near the bus stops, cable car station and shops, in a spacious apartment with views to the lake and over the village to mountains. The village is several hamlets with fields between - we could see horses and cows - most of the houses are alpine style and everything is well kept. It's only a 20min walk to the lake so a perfect location. We went to the tourist information office by the lake, where they are generous with free maps and leaflets. We bought holiday cards that give unlimited rides on the cable cars, steam train and tourist boats on the lake and we made good use of them - buses are free if you are staying there. There are two supermarkets and we found everything we needed for self-catering, but most things seem more expensive than at home. 4 miles walked

Saturday 13th June **Pertisau cable car**

Sunny 25C. Bus to Pertisau, the next village by the lake. Cable car to 1,500m (4,920ft) above sea level, then we followed a circular trail on a broad track that was easy to follow up and down. Fantastic views. Back down and to the lakeshore to catch the boat back. 7 miles walked

Sunday 14th June **Rofan cable car**

Sunny and cloud 20C. We took the Rofan cable car that we could see from our window to 1,840m (6,036ft) above sea level and walked on a rocky mountain path to a view point over the lake. Went back to the apartment for lunch then down to the lakeside to take a short ride on the steam train. Afterwards we walked to some waterfalls in the forest. Total 8 miles walked

Monday 15th June **Sixenhof Museum at Achenkirche**

Cloudy and sun 20C. An easy day, with a trip to the other end of the lake by boat, a walk to a waterfall then back to a museum that was a farmhouse. Return by boat and steam train. 4.8 miles walked

Tuesday 16th June **Jenbach**

Cloudy and sun 20C. 30 min zigzag bus ride down the mountain to Jenbach (563 m (1,850ft) above sea level) where we wandered around the town for an hour. 40 min steam cog railway straight up - the engine just about made it - to Maurach at 950m (3,117ft).

Rain shower while we had lunch in the apartment then we took a bus ride for 15mins up the western side of the lake and walked about 1hr 30mins back. After a cup of tea we went up to a chapel before popping into a supermarket. Total walking today 7.8 miles

Wednesday 17 June **Walk by the lake**

Cloud and sun. 23C - warm enough. A walk down to the lake then a boat ride to second the stop. There is no road this side of the lake. We followed a narrow rocky path through the forest above the lake, then a wider track, back to the first boat stop. Then up on the cable car and lunch. Saw 3 paragliders jump off the mountain. Down again and back to the boat for a trip up and down the lake then on the steam train. Walked 5.5 miles

Thursday 18 June **Rofan cable car**

Sunny 28C. Nice temperature at the top Rofan cable car station this morning. Exciting hiking up a rocky path then down to a small lake. Back down in the valley was hot. Lunch on our balcony then walked in the forest on both sides of the valley. Walked 6 miles - some of it tricky

Friday 19 June **to Innsbruck and Seefeld**

Sunny max 31C. We took the bus from Maurach to Jenbach then a train to Innsbruck and managed the left luggage lockers. The sights in the old town are not far from the station - lovely old buildings. It was very hot. After picking up the luggage we took the train to Seefeld - a town in the Austrian mountains - where we stayed for 3 nights. A thunderstorm brought the temperature down so it was much cooler when we had a look around the town in the evening. Walked 7 miles

Saturday 20 June. **Wildmoos and Scharnitz**

Sunny 28C. Bus to Wildmoos and a walk the forest. Back in Seefeld we caught a bus to Scharnitz - the next village, near the source of the River Isar that flows north to Munich. Walked 7 miles

Sunday 21 June **Mittenwald**

Sunny 29C. Train to Mittenwald, a lovely town just over the border in Bavaria. Many of the houses have frescoes of biblical or historical scenes. We walked up to see a waterfall and also to a gorge where it was cool. A rocky mountain path up through the forest took us to a bridge across the gorge - more exciting hiking. Back in Seefeld we went down to see the lake. Walked 7.7 miles

Monday 22 June **to Augsburg**

30C.Train from Seefeld to Augsburg, so we left the mountains. Wandered around the old town. 4.7 miles

Tuesday 23 June **to Cologne**

30C. Train from Augsburg to Cologne and a wander into the cathedral and in the old town.

5.8 miles

Wednesday 24 June **Cologne to Brussels. London, Stroud**

A good breakfast was included with the hotel room. Train Cologne to Brussels. Eurostar to London 35C, worse than in Brussels. Arrived back in Stroud at 10pm after some delays. Walked 2.4 miles

A wonderful holiday