

Part 12 Europe 2025

Tuesday 15th April , 2025.

Today's main outing for us was to Veste Coburg, a huge Benedictine Abbey (fortress). I have written about this castle in a separate page.



This is the view from the top of the hill (from Coburg Fortress).



There are more locks along this river and typical river banks of trees with their leaves coming through green and the wild cherries in blossom.

Wednesday 16th April, 2025.

Today we arrived in Nuremberg. There is a lot of confronting history here in Nuremberg. We feel it is good to know about these events (with a view to not repeating them).



You may remember this structure. In its day, it was decorated in the red and black flags and had many gold eagles. Add to that, the German hierarchy in their uniforms neatly standing beside Hitler.

We are standing on the parade ground where the soldiers and workers and equipment were mustered.

Now it is used for motorcycle licence training.



In the distance (behind the trees) you can see what is left of the stands where the audience of German people would watch the parade of the soldiers.

Now it is old and worn out and doesn't seem as big as the historical films showed.



Then it was on to the Congress Hall. This building was never finished. It was deliberately built like the Colosseum, because they were building an Empire to last a thousand years.

After the war, it was not torn down, because most of Nuremberg was bombed and human resources were needed for building houses and workplaces.



The medieval walls, towers and moats around the town survived most of the bombing.



Our third place to visit was the courthouse.

This building was already in existence before the trials. It is connected to the prison where the remaining German hierarchy were housed.

Courtroom 600 was so named simply because it was the room between room 599 and 601.



It is quite interesting to see the cross on the wall in the courtroom. An elevator (hidden in the panelling to the left) brought the prisoners directly from the prison to the courtroom.



While we were visiting Nuremberg, once again, our ship sailed on, but we beat it to this quiet stretch of river where we walked along the bank while waiting.



Another day of beautiful weather ... after the cold of Amsterdam, we are now enjoying 22C and sunshine. We have another stretch of shallow water to pass before we can be sure of the rest of the trip (up the Main River and down the Danube, the Donau in German) down to Budapest.



During this part of the trip we passed through the biggest lock on our trip.



It really is as big as it seems.



While in the lock, there was a hold up (a bit of wood stuck in the doors so they wouldn't close). Here are the passengers enjoying the wonderful view of the countryside.



We did get to the top and were once again on our way.