

Part 14 Europe 2025

Friday 18th April 2025. Good Friday

Our next day trip is to Salzburg. We could not be this close and not go to see this city, the city of Mozart, as well as the Sound of Music.

It was a long bus trip with very pretty countryside.

Our city tour began with the Mirabelle Palace (modelled after the Palace of Versailles). It is beautiful.



Relaxed lions.



Tulips and pansies.





You can just see the gnomes at the top of the stairs (no time to visit properly!).



Just one of the statues.



This is where “Do re mi” was filmed for the movie.



Statue and house of Von Karajan the conductor.



Across the Danube and into the old walled city. They have arches going under the buildings and many little shops. You can buy a “dirndl” like this (or you can make one out of curtains!)



**Had to snap a picture of this shop.
"No kangaroos in Austria!"**



Mozart's birth place.



Marienplatz, Salzburg (Mary's statue).

Yes, it was raining enough to need a coat, but not enough to have to stay inside.



A fountain in honour of King Leopold.

Salzburg Cathedral, a mix of gothic and Baroque. It was first built in 774, then rebuilt after a fire in 1181. Mozart was baptised here in 1756.



Part of the ceiling.



Looking back to the entrance.



Looking forward to the altar.

This is a different church, the Franciscan church. A form of church building was here from the Eighth century, but this church was completed in 1498.



The Franciscan church in Salzburg. Very impressive too.



The altar was well lit with light coming in the windows of the dome.



Vaulted ceiling.



And this is the Church of Colleges, and is still part of the University, and it is so very different. It was nearly all white and there were no chairs. Apparently you sit around and contemplate God.

It was built from 1696 to 1707, very quickly for a Baroque building. Not only were church services held there, but people received their University papers too.



Impressive religious art work.

The altar.







Back on the bus and we could see the alps and snow. The little twin towered church near the lake (just left of centre) is the church where they filmed the marriage of Maria in *The Sound of Music*. Regardless, it is a pretty town by the lake where many people rent rooms to stay for a week or two of holidays in the summer.



Another view of the lake. Any later in the year and you would see next to nothing of the view because the trees would have lots of leaves.