

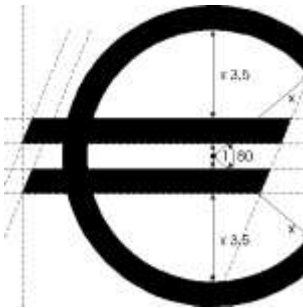
European Road Trip – Part 2

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It is decided: a van-load of young men will be driving across Europe in a few weeks time to visit Vienna. I will be sharing the driving responsibilities with one other confirmed driver who has recently renewed his insurance. The AA route planner suggests that the driving alone will take just under 14 hours, but rather than taking the Channel Tunnel we will traverse La Manche/The English Channel via the ferry from Dover. Rather than driving directly to Dover via the M20, we'll drive down the M2 via Canterbury to pick up a couple of the passengers. I've booked the ferry tickets, with some flexibility on the outbound journey and total flexibility on the return journey. (While I have a pretty good idea of when we'll be able to catch the ferry to Calais, I have no clue yet about the time of our return – it depends on how things go on the journey back across Europe.)



The spaces in the van have been reserved. We're all second generation Unificationist young men, so I'm expecting a manly adventure! I've told everyone how much to cough up for the trip and I'm beginning to receive payments. The initial cash instalments will reimburse the overhead ferry costs (£158.50) and the remaining pounds sterling will be changed into Euros in order to buy diesel while we're on the road. While I don't anticipate road tolls, the cash could also be useful in case there are any.

At the moment we don't have a confirmed place to stay. I'm personally keen on the idea of booking a room via airbnb.com. For less than £40 per person we can find our own apartment and spend 2 nights there.



This would be less of an inconvenience than staying at the home of a local blessed family. And the Viennese community of blessed families will already be under pressure to host guests considering many Europeans may be travelling to Vienna for the same purpose as us. Cheaper than a hotel or youth hostel, this option is already popular among the lads I've shared the idea with. Although I haven't booked a room yet, I think I'll do so in the next day or so after confirming with my co-travellers.

Perhaps in the next post on this thread I'll say something about the programme in Vienna, including the launch of the European chapter of the Cranes Club.

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