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Jim and Emmy's Travel Journal

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We arrived in Germany on May 9, visited France, Andorra, a tiny speck of Spain, Monaco, Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily, Italy, Yugoslavia and Austria, then crossed the border into Liechtenstein.

We found the Liechtenstein border was manned by the Swiss, and they use Swiss money. The border control charged 50¢ to stamp a passport, if we happened to want the Liechtenstein stamp as a souvenir. It does not have the remoteness of San Marino and Andorra, but Liechtenstein does have the beauty of this mountain area, quite different from the other two. In this case the weather is so bad we can't see too much of the reported beauty.

We talked to a man at the Post Office who said it has rained almost every day for six weeks and the crops are rotting in the field. Potatoes, peaches, apricots, apples, and even bananas (they don't grow them here!) are very expensive. Since they don't let us pick out the fruit when we buy, it doesn't pay to buy at all. It was easy to find the campsite tonight, just outside of town.

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We had mailed Linda a letter from Rome, and it took 15 days to get there, so instead of having an answer to a question about Oberammergau tickets, she had just received the letter. (Turns out we never got tickets to that pageant.)

We walked and drove around the town then up to the castle, still in use by the ruling family. Not a fancy place like a lot of them are, but sturdy. We bought some very delicious rolls in the bakery.

We left Liechtenstein and after visiting Switzerland, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland and The Netherlands, on October 26, we returned to the US .

In 1983 we spent an hour or two in Liechtenstein.