



EXPLORING EUROPE WITH KIDS!

Are you trying to find out where the best family adventures in Europe are? Not sure of where to go, things to do or how to plan your travels around Europe. Then you're in the right place with LifeinourVan's TOP 5 Family Adventures guide!

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Introduction

Picture this. All your belongings safely stowed in the back of your motorhome. Imagine you sitting in the drivers seat, with the kids in the back, ready and raring to go for yet another family adventure in your trusty motorhome.

Our families road trip really has become an adventure in every sense of the word. Every day full of surprises as we move our motorhome from one location to another. So where better to follow our adventures than on on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)? We look forward to sharing our journey with you there too

Let us help you

We travel Europe in our fantastic [Adria Family Motorhome](#) seeking out family adventures and learning experiences to share with you. Discovering amazing people, places, food and adventures across Europe. So let us help you by:

- Helping you to spend less time planning
- Allowing you more time enjoying your travels in Europe
- Inspiring your kids and sharing our adventures

We truly believe that everyday should be an adventure, regardless of how big or small... it's just a chance to create that special memory that'll shape your child's life. We'd love to help share what has been so special for our family with you.

Life in our Van

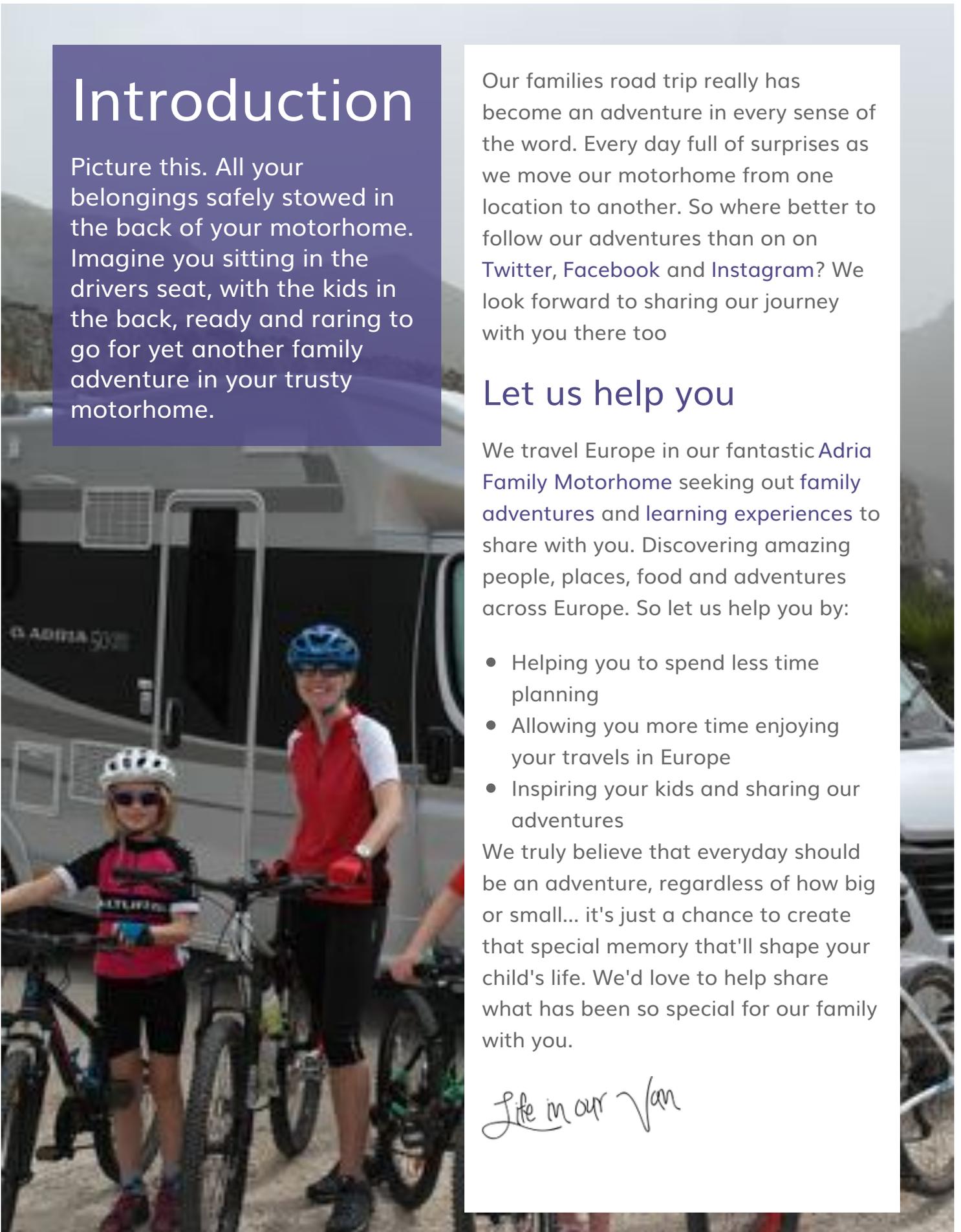


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About LifeinourVan

Ever wanted to pack your bags, just jump in a motorhome and go off and explore Europe as a family? Well, that's exactly what we (Catherine, Richard, Lottie & Libby) have done since September 2015.



Now, everyday brings a new outdoor classroom / playground / family adventure for us to discover together as a family. So as well as maybe making you want to start your own road trip, we hope it gives you some ideas for family fun across Europe.

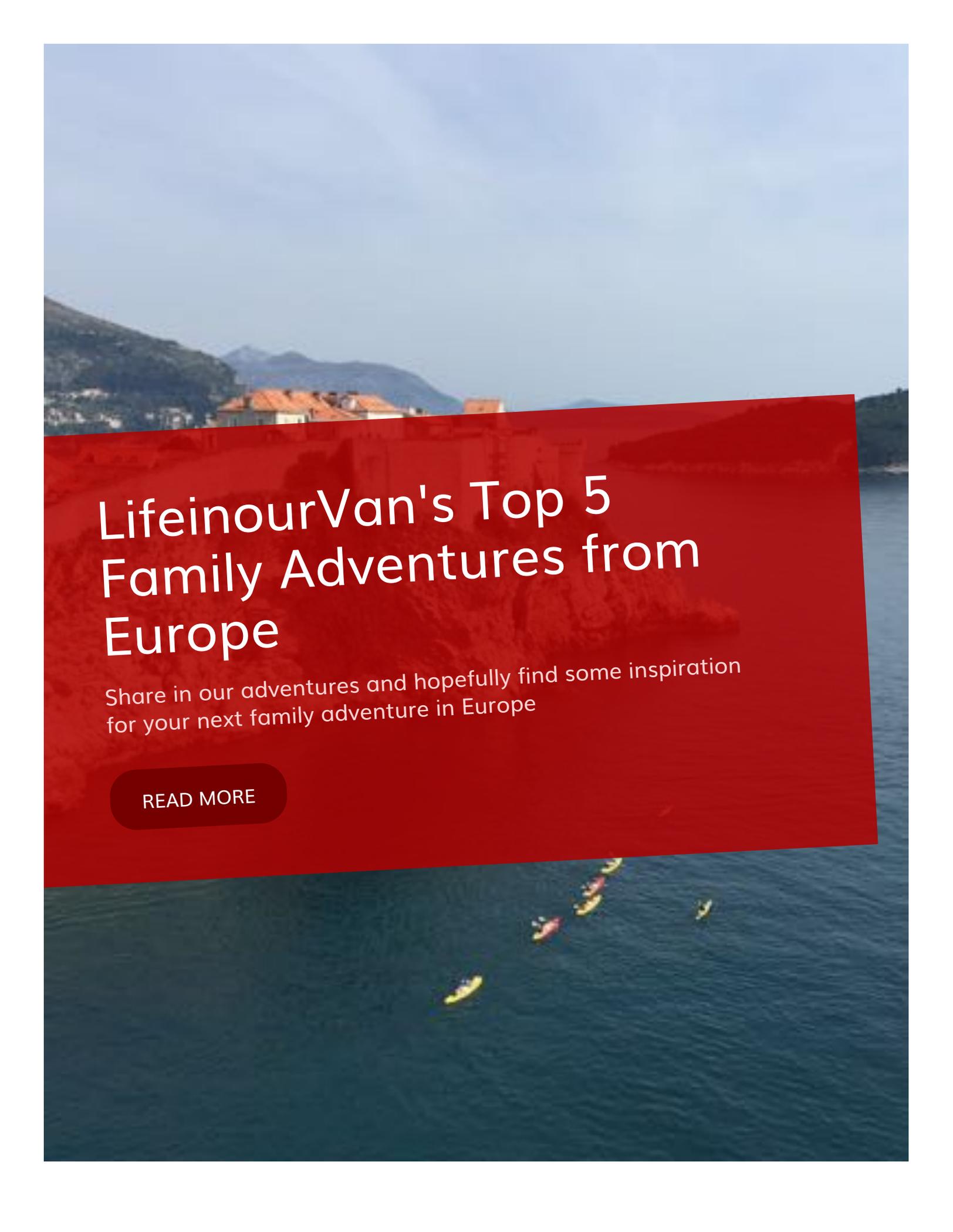
Where've we been....

Visiting 26 countries, travelling over 24,000 miles and grabbing over 250 family experiences on the way... enjoying Bobsleigh in Norway, Climbing into Mt Etna in Sicily or Kayaking the River Dordogne.

How did it all start....

We're just a normal family of 4 (& a dog) but when kayaking the Dordogne in July 2015, a switch just flipped! Life's too short, we needed to 'live' not 'exist' So we've taken up a 'once in a lifetime' family opportunity!





LifeinourVan's Top 5 Family Adventures from Europe

Share in our adventures and hopefully find some inspiration
for your next family adventure in Europe

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Bobsleigh At Lillehammer

There can't be too many opportunities to take your children to an Olympic venue and try to inspire them to look beyond the conventional sporting choice offered by schools in the UK... Perhaps consider other options, be inspired or just focus on being healthy children as they grow up...



Today was all about offering them a choice? **What would they like to see/do in Lillehammer, Norway?**

So they chose to....

Watch the ski jumpers (nerves of steel those guys!) first then onto the Bobsleigh. This proved to be a truly brilliant choice as Lottie chose to push her boundaries and try the bobsleigh experience... at 100kph and with 3.6G pushing down on you...

Where can I find more..

Read more here on our Travel Blog including a video of the Bobsleigh run



White Water Rafting in Slovenia

Rafting just offers a brilliant opportunity for family bonding... its simply all about teamwork! Some days you just have a blinder! and everything goes well and you just love being alive!!! Welcome to our experience of Lake Bled in Slovenia



I'd imagine that every travel writer in history has written about the sheer staggering beauty of [Lake Bled](#)... so I'll perhaps not reinvent the wheel and just offer this advice....Go in the Spring, the snow capped mountains simply tower above you whilst the river generates huge white water due to the meltwater coming down after winter...

When to arrive in Bled..

Arrive in daylight as the roads in and out (especially from Bohina are tight in a motorhome or even large car), make sure you book in advance (we were fine out of season with an almost empty site nearby, but thats not the same in high season) & allow at least 3-4 days to truly soak up this stunning location!!! Absolute Minimum!!!

Where can I find more..

Read more here on our [Travel Blog](#) or see the [video footage](#) of our other rafting adventures across Europe



Sea Kayaking in Dubrovnik

So with real excitement from both girls, we followed in the footsteps of our Dordogne adventures and branched out into sea kayaking.... so where better than from the 'Game of Thrones' epic setting - The Kings Landing ... in Dubrovnik, Croatia



Both girls are now fairly adept at kayaking and they were soon in their stride as we raced the kayaks alongside the old city walls enroute to Lokrum.... the crystal clear water was unbelievable. Clearly seeing to the very bottom through at least 30ft of water!

So what else is there....

As Lokrum came into view, we enjoyed a full tour of the islands monasteries, the Dead Sea and the Botanical gardens... the freely roaming peacocks and rabbits were of special interest to two young ladies who were in their element... sadly we passed up the opportunity to snorkel (they give you kit) but we would certainly return next time with our own gear and enjoy the rocks on the northern side of the island

Where can I find more..

Read more here on our Travel Blog including a full video and details of the best kayak operators in town

Taking the Flamsbana Railway up, Mountain Biking down!

Life is one big adventure in 'LifeinourVan' yet there are always tricky choices to be made..... So decide how you might want to experience this extraordinary valley - should you see Norway's Flam's Valley by railway (Flamsbana) or on two legs & a bike?



Flam had this choice bubbling away underneath the sublime surface of crystal clear fjords, vertiginous gorges and abundant wildlife....

So why not do both....

Take a train ride up one of the steepest railways in the world followed by a downhill mountain bike ride down one of the best series of hairpin bends you could imagine along the Raller Road.... A perfect opportunity for a family to both enjoy the view, but also to expend some energy on the staggeringly beautiful bike ride down. A bike ride that will both tire and test even the most capable of children.

Where can I find more..

Read more here on our Travel Blog see the video footage on the way down or just check out the views from the train

Climbing to the volcanic crater on Mt Etna

With much to do and see, we headed up into the foothills of Mt Etna... through Nicolodi and northwards into the national park... hectic driving as normal and a few hairy moments... but we were soon up into the careering hairpin bends underneath the imposing yet majestic sight of a snow capped Mt Etna....



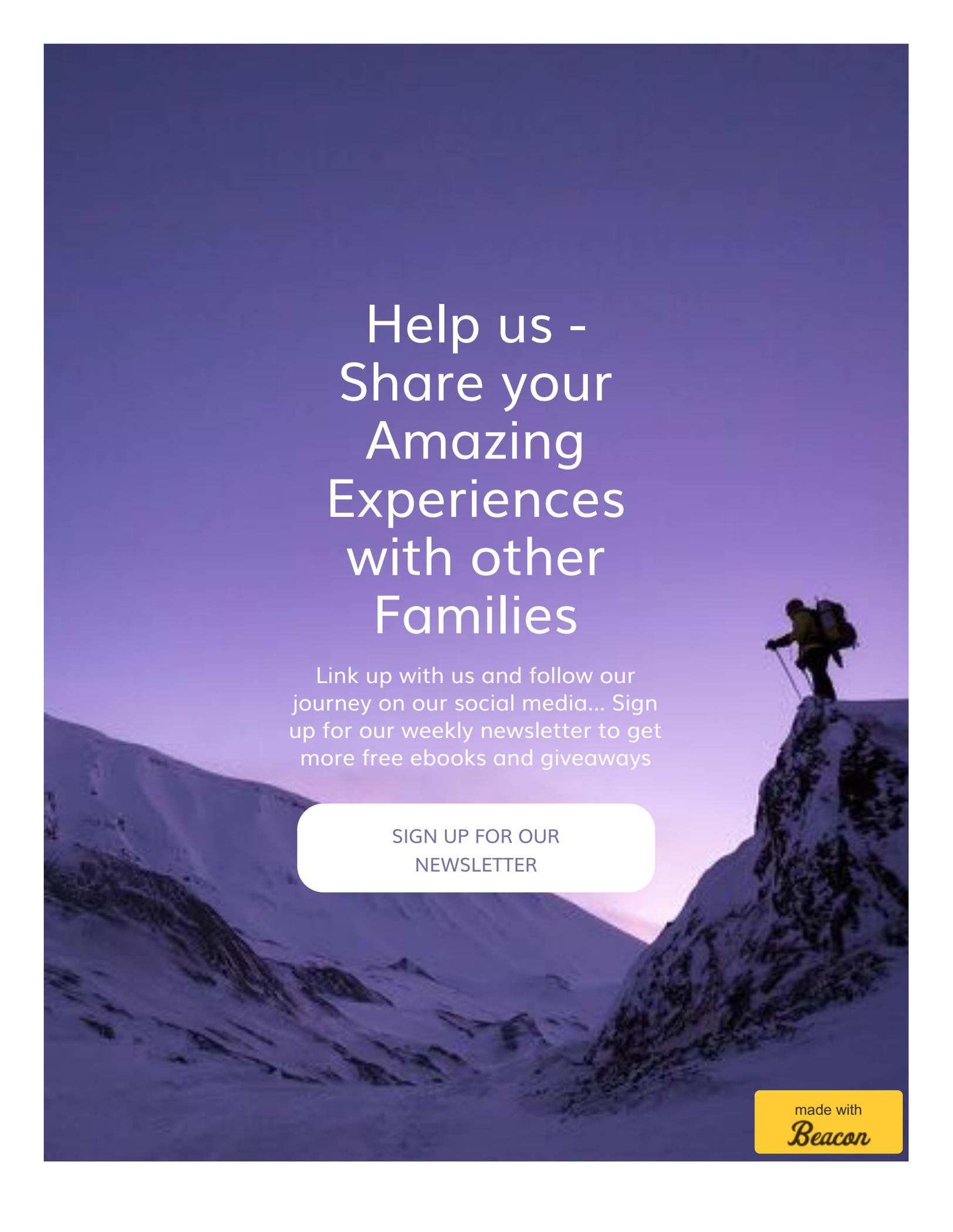
Try to arrive before 10.30am to get an early entry into the cable cars which we duly took... climbing the foothills with ease and enjoying the snow laden slopes of Etna... Phenomenally strong wind swept across the mountain but with visibility set fair, we headed upwards...

What does it look like....

The lava slopes were under a foot of snow and the footholds were hazardous to say the least... but after a slow but steady climb we arrived at the crater!!! Snow lay around the red rocks whilst the distant trembling murmur of the volcano and smoky haze around the perimeter only added to the atmosphere.

Where can I find more..

Read more here on our Travel Blog including some advice on clothing as we wrapped up warmly in our Berghaus gear



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