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Dear Astrid,

Rosie and I are so very pleased to have been part of your Castles of the World Winter Tour. I am sure that the castles are beautiful in the summer, but there is nothing quite like viewing Neuschwanstein in the snow.

Although I had taught Western Civilization and Modern European History for about thirty years, I had never actually been to Europe and was somewhat apprehensive. From the time you picked us up at the Munich Airport until the time that we were dropped off, you took care of everything. The Inn where we stayed was all that we could have hoped for. The view of the Alps from the balcony was nothing short of breath taking and the meals that you arranged were fantastic. We were especially, impressed with the place that we went on Sunday evening. It was the tavern that had been renovated to the original 15<sup>th</sup> century (I believe) standards. Being a woodworker, I was enthralled at the woodworking and joinery in this building. (and the food and drink were "Wunderbar"!) )

While you did have to maintain a schedule for the tour, you were also flexible (like taking us back to Neuschwanstein after dinner –at our request- so that we could see it at night all lighted up.) Little things like that make a big impression on your tour group and are truly appreciated.

I could ramble on and on, but let me sum up our evaluation of your Castles of the World tour by saying that, given the constraints of time that we were under, we simply cannot think of anything that you could have done that you did not do. Your tour and the efforts that you made on our behalf met all of our expectations and exceeded them. Visiting Hopfen, Fuessen, Hohenschwangau etc. and especially Neuschwanstein, was just like stepping into the land of Fairy Tales and Wagner. Thank you for a most wonderful experience and, to those out there who are interested in a tour of the Castles of Bavaria, I would say to you – "TAKE THIS TOUR," – I do not see how you could possible regret it.

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