

CASTLES OF THE WORLD was the tour my friend and I booked last year to take place this past July. It covered all the things that my friend wanted to see in Germany. She is a planner and always has been.

She knows how to pick the best. I am a traveller and hopefully always will be. I love the social aspect of travelling with interesting people and seeing wonderful places is the bonus. I definitely experienced just that on this tour. The group was small in number, which was another great aspect of this tour. A few years ago my friend and I travelled to Ireland together. Our tour group was almost 50, which was definitely too many people. You couldn't get to know everyone and the group never had the feeling of family.

One of the reasons that this tour felt like family, however, wasn't just due to a smaller group of people. It mainly happened because of our tour guide. Astrid Baur made us all feel comfortable ... and because of this comfort, a closeness just happened to be a natural result. My friend and I definitely will travel with Astrid again, not only because of her pleasant demeanour ... but also because of her knowledge of what her tours entail. She includes the most wonderful parts of the areas she tours and always asks for her tour's input after seeing each place. Because of this, her tours are unique and enjoyable; nothing is forced or regimented. The entire tour felt like one glorious holiday created just for us. I would definitely recommend Astrid Baur's CASTLES OF THE WORLD tour.

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