

European Hockey Trip

From March until April 1, 2008 a Midget AA team from NW Calgary, Alberta travelled to Grindelwold, Switzerland for a hockey tournament. A total of 44 players, parents and siblings had to be transported, get accommodations and travel from Switzerland to Rome, Italy for departure back to Calgary. As the organizer of this trip a lot of planning had to take place and with the help of Jack Holmes (ex-pat Canadian now living in Switzerland) we were able to plan and execute a trip of a lifetime. Jack was able to organize a great tournament with teams from Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, England and Finland. We were able to secure 4 star accommodations in Grindelwold during the tournament in one of the most scenic settings in all of Europe. After our tournament the team travelled on thru Austria into N. Italy to play 2 exhibition games against Italian teams.

The hockey now finished, we traveled to Venice for a 2 nights stay on the Adriatic Sea with a tour of Venice. Again all the logistics surrounding this trip was planned and executed flawlessly. We then traveled to Rimini, Florence and finally Rome. In Rome with pre-purchased tickets we went to the Vatican and the Coliseum. During the entire trip we had a double Decker bus at our disposal to take us any where we wanted to go.

Everyone raved about how well planned and executed this trip went. I would Highly Recommend the services of Jack Holmes; he was extremely patient planning our trip as we changed our minds numerous times and when the final plans were finished all our destinations were incorporate into a doable itinerary. Jack was able to stay within our budget and yet still go everywhere we wished to see. It is very difficult to plan everything, buses, accommodations, sightseeing tickets, etc. from North America. The expertise from Jack is not only from a planning perspective but using his hockey knowledge to plan the perfect tournament.

If you are going to Europe to play hockey and want someone who can make your experience a once in a lifetime trip then use Jack Holmes to plan and help you carry out the perfect trip. I started out not knowing Jack but after many phone calls back and forth and spending 2 weeks travelling with Jack, I now have a friend in Switzerland.

From all the Players, Coaches, Parents & family members.

Thank You Jack for a once in a lifetime trip.