

PETERBOROUGH PETES PEEWEE AA CHRISTMAS TOUR 2019-2020

On December 26, 2019 my sons Peewee AA hockey team embarked on an 11 day tour of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. We were greeted at the airport by Jack and Caroline and taken to our bus. WOW! An amazing double decker with club seats on the lower level and Bern, our driver was fantastic! We were taken directly to the BMW tour and eventually got to our hotel in Munich. The hotel was lovely and the staff was great.

The trip was well organized and the timing was perfect. We got to tour Salzburg and really enjoyed the walking tour hosts. This was where I sampled my first gluhwein;) There were several organized tours throughout our trip and I found them to be informative, enjoyable and the perfect length of time. It was great to break up the hockey and bus rides.

The hockey was amazing! What an experience for our boys to play in those beautiful arenas on the big ice. They were quick to learn the different rules and loved the bigger ice. The teams could have been a little more challenging for them, but overall it allowed them to really enjoy themselves and it showed them, and us what great gentlemen they are by their good sportsmanship and grace. I was very proud of how they acted on the ice.

The 3 day extended stay in Interlaken was one we will never forget. The hotel was under construction and it would have been nice to have slightly better accommodations, but the location was perfect. We were walking distance to the outdoor rink and entertainment area. There was music on the street and entertainment everywhere. The trip up Grindlwald was beautiful and the weather didn't disappoint!! My only complaint for this portion was that it would have been nice to stay for the Interlaken festival on January 2nd. We were sad to go!

The hockey teams that hosted us were gracious and generous. Fans came to watch (even those who did not have kids playing!) and the atmosphere was always positive and celebratory.

Jack was a great host when he was with us. He was knowledgeable of the areas and had some great tidbits of information about the hockey organizations and places we visited. There was another tour that he was away with so we had the pleasure of having his daughter Caroline stay with us the entire journey. Caroline was well organized, patient, kind and kept us all on schedule. We got to meet her family over New Years. She was engaging and funny and we all loved her to bits. Archer still talks about her and would like her to come and visit us here in Canada!

This is a class act organization and I would recommend this tour to other hockey families. The kids were a great age to have an experience like this and see how other countries play hockey. This was our first time ever being on a group tour like this and we would give it *****5 STARS!!*****

Thanks Jack and Caroline for a great experience!

Angie, Joe and Archer Stalteri

