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## Burlington Lions Optimist Minor Hockey Association

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Midget MD Burlington Bulldogs Have a Fantastic Trip to Europe in December 2009 for A Series of Five Exhibition Games.....

Wow, what a trip! The boys and their families have created memories that will last a lifetime all due to Jack Holmes that arranged this amazing tour. Right from the first contact, Jack was there to answer all our questions and arrange everything on the itinerary from the hotels, to setting up games, tours and planning our meals. Jack was in contact on a regular basis during the planning process and it felt like we could reach out at any time of day or night, to get our questions answered and we had many!

Jack Holmes was always concerned about the well being of the group and went above and beyond in assisting a family get home early due to an emergency. He was there every step of the way, to translate and arrange flights home and to book the train ride to get back to airport. We were so impressed and touched by his attention and care.

The team had a great time playing the five different games and I must make mention that the abilities of all the teams matched ours very well. Jack knew what he was doing by asking the right questions. How proud we were to stand while O'Canada was being played before every game. It was great! The highlight of the trip was definitely New Year's Eve. Under the Italian night sky in Chiasso, the whole group danced and sang the evening away in the village square.

The double decker bus was comfortable and clean! The bus driver, Willie, made us feel safe and he was fun and knowledgeable. Stopping along route for breaks was never a problem.

The cost of the trip was very reasonable and I would recommend Jack Holmes Sport Travel to any team that is interested in embarking on such a trip.

Thank you Jack!

Sincerely,

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