

Jack,

Just wanted to drop you a note to let you know how much our group enjoyed our 2009 trip. When we started planning a simple hockey trip to Europe we had no idea what it would turn into. As our parent planning group quickly built momentum it was evident this was going to be much more than just an exceptional hockey experience. Actually it turned into a once in a lifetime experience due to the ambition and hard work of our dedicated team of parents and kids.

After a long flight from Calgary we were thrilled to be welcomed in Switzerland by plush comforters, great food and an overall excellent hotel. Seeing the oldest library in the world, the cathedral and experiencing the efficiency of the Swiss was our first taste of Europe. In Germany we experienced the rich history of the culture, food and people. Experiencing the sorrow at the Dachau concentration camp in the same day as the celebration at German Hofbrahaus is a contrast in emotions that will be tough to match. In Italy we were forewarned but were unprepared for the overwhelming greeting we received from the Italian dignitaries, the Italian people and in particular the Italian school children. Our WWII Canadian Soldiers left such a strong and meaningful legacy that over 50 years later tears were still being shed by both Italians and Canadians alike. Our group will forever be touched by the Military component of the trip and while the grandeur of Florence and Rome was amazing it could not match the warmth and emotion we felt in Rimini and Villanova.

The hockey tournament and exhibition games were unforgettable and exceptional as well. Many of our boys are proudly wearing the European jerseys they exchanged on the trip.

It was an extremely ambitious trip and your knowledge, planning and understanding was instrumental in allowing us to pull it off with precision and style. We travelled in extreme comfort across the European countryside in two deluxe double decker buses, the like of which many of us have never seen before. The entire trip was very well planned.

Thanks again for all your help and I hope all your trips are as successful as ours was.

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