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Hello Astrid,

My husband, Matt, and I returned last night from our private Royal Delights and Northern Bavaria tour led by Carolin Gonzalez and we can't say enough good things about our trip. Having travelled privately and on various tours before we have to say that this was the most relaxing, enjoyable, and hassle-free journey we have ever taken. From the moment we saw Carolin's smiling face at Munich airport (right on time) to the moment we had to sadly say goodbye everything was so well arranged. We are amazed at how much ground we covered and how much we were able to learn and experience in the relatively short time we had. More than that it was like travelling with a friend. We enjoyed talking and laughing with Carolin which enriched our experience so much - even on the long drive back from Vienna. We will truly miss her and the beautiful and rich country you call home! Thank you and we hope to be back.

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*Royal Delights Private Tour and
Rothenburg and Northern Bavaria 3-Day Tour*

Some individual notes:

As many of our favorite memories involve food we are glad for the opportunities to get in some good walking and fresh air!

Das Nikolai - best breakfast - Matt is still talking about the croissants and I loved all the fresh fruit, nice and quiet location.

Enjoyed seeing Dallmayr and the market. Our first meal in Germany was sausage, potato salad, pretzel and beer at a stall in the market and it was just the right welcome.

Particularly enjoyed the Augustiner-Brau as a contrast to the Hofbrauhaus (although that was fun too with the music and conversation with local folks).

Neuschwanstein exceeded expectations. The location was glorious in the autumn sun and we enjoyed so much the painted decoration.

Perfect weather for the Eagles Nest - a place for reflection. Best picture from the trip having a coffee with Carolin looking over the view.

Loved Salzburg - terrific location at the Hotel Elefant in the old section allowed us to enjoy walking about and exploring. Charming streets and shops. Meal at the Peterskeller was very special and offered an opportunity for an introduction to good local wine. Would love to go back.

Vienna was a treat - walking the streets imagining what it must have been like with horses and carriages. The tram was an excellent way to get around. The opulence of Schonbrunn, the market, interesting buildings everywhere, coffee and cake (love that

tradition), and a really great museum in the Kuntshistoriches - what a collection (and we only viewed a part). Could have spent days there.

Enjoyed the drive through the vineyards and small towns of the Wachau valley. Melk Abbey was magnificent.

Loved the country hotel in Odelzhausen. Matt said the potato salad there was just like his mom's and it brought back wonderful memories.

I am so glad we added on the trip up the Romantic Road to Dinkelsbuhl, Rothenburg, and Wurzburg. Fell in love with the little medieval villages and buildings and the green fields and forests we passed. Klosterstube was the perfect base hotel - well-located, friendly, comfortable, and charming. We particularly enjoyed Harburg castle, Residence & Marienburg, and strolling through Rothenburg.

Thanks again so much!!