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Dear Astrid,

Our deepest and most heartfelt thanks to you and your very truly outstanding travel professional team – Carolin, Franz, and Ruth.

The private Bavarian Castles Tour, featuring the castles of “Mad” King Ludwig II was the absolute highlight our 23 day trip in Europe. In retrospect Ludwig was not mad – just far ahead of his time; he lives on not only in his castles but also in the Disney castles, inspired by him. And Franz was wonderful throughout the three days we spent with him. We grew to love him as a brother.

Chiemsee and the island were full of surprises for us. My research was flawed as we did not know that this castle was a replica of the Palace of Versailles in France. We have both been to Versailles and walking through it in Germany brought back many memories for us. And it was an exact replica but it was sad to learn that Ludwig II was only able to spend 10 days there.

The drive through the mountains was breathtaking and we enjoyed the unplanned stop at the Monastery. The hotel you selected for us, in Innsbruck was perfect. Comfortable and a short walk across the bridge to the Old Town. Katerina, who pretty much ran the hotel in the afternoon and evenings, was quite charming and full of informational tips. The restaurant you selected for dinner that night was most enjoyable and very, very good. The personnel treated us like VIP’s. That showed us you are very highly regarded by them. It could not have been better.

The comparatively short drives the following day to Linderhof Castle, Oberammergau, and the Church in the Meadow were equally stunning and we really enjoyed the “our treat” lunch with Franz. Linderhof was bright and creative, Oberammergau was quaint and interesting, and Wieskirche was in a beautiful, sacred setting.

The gem of the castles was Neuschwanstein. Who could ever forget that amazing experience? I would recommend that your future travelers stay a night at the Alpenstuben Hotel, and visit Schloss Hohenschwangau and the Museum of the Bavarian Kings. The staff at Alpenstuben were more than great; we felt like we were part of the family. The food was very good as well and Lucca the maestro of just about everything, was most personable, in every possible respect. For fine dining we highly recommend the Alpensee am Rose. The stunning views overlooking the lake complemented the meal quite nicely.

Thanks to you and your tremendous team we have incredible, treasured memories to share for the rest of our lives. Awesome simply does not describe the talents and hospitality you so generously showed us. We hope to see all of you again the next time we visit Germany. That will be in a few years because we are “hooked” on German sausages, schweinhaxe, and the great beers everywhere!

**The Warmest of Greetings from the Caribbean,
Pete and Beth DiDomenico
St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands**