

North Germany



Thursday 27th September- Wednesday 3rd October 2012

Thanks for the following contributions about the holiday

Thanks to Swallows for providing a great coach, to Tony for a smooth journey and to everyone for getting to the pick-up points on time and all-round friendliness. An excellent start. Lovely to have Ulrich and Helgard meeting us.

Delicious pumpkin soup.

Never has so much been arranged for so many by so few. Lots of thanks, it's much appreciated.

Der Urlaub war so wunderbar
(Did we spend too much in the bar?)
Our diet didn't get a look in
Too much lovely German Kuchen.
Frische Luft and Hermannsweg
Can't wait for the second leg.
A non-y-no

With apologies to Goethe and Wordsworth

We have felt privileged to meet so many lovely people and thank everyone who has put in so much effort to make this holiday successful. May we meet you all again!

.....and beautifully summed up in the following verbal photograph album:

Vielen Dank für die wunderschönen Erinnerungen.....

galloping pigs, wooden frame houses, green classrooms, peaceful church interiors, lunch in the open air theatre, sunflowers, inscribed and decorated doorways, geraniums in window boxes, two goats on a roof, lovely Tecklenburg

singing with the local choir and listening to the accordion, sweetheart padlocks on the bridge in Osnabrück, the bride in her lovely frothy dress, all the well-dressed citizens walking to the market with smart baskets and stylish umbrellas gourds and pumpkins, flowers and Chinese lanterns, step-gabled buildings, gilded plaques and shop signs, the street cellist, the stripy Leddenhof and the lovely Schloss gardens, the strange Nussbaum Museum and Varus battlefield

the cemetery in the woods, the arch of trees near the old convent, tea in the garden at Helgard and Ulrich's house, sitting in the sun, the basket of wine, the crate of beer, the vintage schnapps

early morning sun on the fields across the road at Gasthof Prigge,

the very special day seeing Lengerich, walking in the countryside round about with the local group and the presentation at the railway tunnel, also the ground star fungi in the woods nearby, tea with the German ladies at the Heimathaus and more Schnapps and Kuchen

decorated bells in the window of the Münster Bike-Corner, painted lanterns hanging from the arches, St Clements church with the gold and turquoise columns and painted cherubs, the gorgeous colours of the china in Haus Schütte, row upon row

two lovely moated houses

walking in the beautiful woods and fields, Pinkelpausen

lots of fun and laughter, kindness and good feeling.