

Friday & Saturday January 4 & 5  
Day 10 & 11 –Innsbruck & Neuschwanstein  
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Northern Lights 16-2

Hello again from Europe! We are currently on our way to Munich for our flight tomorrow. I am very sad that we are leaving so soon, but I am excited to reflect on the past few days while I take in the beautiful winter scene in Germany.

**Day 10:** This was our last day of the tournament in Innsbruck, it was much more exciting than the other days because we finally met some good competition. First, we played the Austrian junior national team, then we played the 16-1's. Both teams were really fun to play, it was definitely high level volleyball. Our team finished second overall in the tournament, which was very impressive. One thing that I thought was cool was that instead of giving us a trophy we got a cowbell. Once the awards ceremony was over we all went to dinner at a cute Austrian café/restaurant. All of us really enjoyed the fries, but the meals were also a fun adventure. After dinner we walked back to the hotel, taking in the beautiful mountain scenery one last time.

**Day 11:** Today we leave Innsbruck and head towards Munich. We got on the bus bright and early and headed out. We slowly made our way up the mountains, many of us were very curious as to where we were going because Curt insisted on keeping it a secret. We finally arrived at our first destination; a castle in the mountains. After many days of playing I was not thrilled about a hike up the mountain to see this castle, but the walk was well worth it. The scenery was unreal, everything was covered in a beautiful sheet of snow. The castle itself was gorgeous, it was so ornate. We got to take a tour, it was just as beautiful on the inside as it was on the outside, every little detail was thought of and it just fit together perfectly. After the castle we stopped at a small local pizza shop for lunch. We were all very hungry which led us to devouring our pizzas. We then got back on the bus for a two hour drive to our hotel in Munich.

Overall this trip has been unreal. I can't wait to come home and share all of the amazing memories I have made on the trip. For now though I will enjoy what little time I have left in Europe.

See you soon, I miss you all!  
Kali