

My Travel Journal

Last summer holiday, I went to Taipei with my friends for four days. We got off the plane at Taoyuan International Airport and started our trip. After putting down all our luggage in the hotel, we went to Taipei Zoo by subway.

We visited the animals there for a few hours. There were tigers, lions, elephants, snakes and many bugs! I thought they were interesting and I bought a book about bugs. I learnt many things in the zoo.

At night, we went to Jin Qi Japanese Food to have dinner. Although it was a famous restaurant there, I thought the food was tasteless. I preferred having Chinese food to having Japanese food. After dinner, we went back to the hotel.

In the morning, we left the hotel at around 10a.m. We took a bus to Taipei 101. The view at Taipei 101 was amazing. I took many pictures so that I could remember the beautiful view. One of my friends, Kelly tried bungee jump there. She was so brave. I wanted to try it too, but it was too expensive! It cost \$5000. I would rather enjoy the beautiful view than do a bungee jump.

At night, we went to Shilin Night Market by train. There were many different kinds of food and souvenirs. We had our dinner there. We tried hot star chicken, grilled prawns and oyster omelette. The hot star chicken was crispy on the outside but juicy in the inside, so I preferred having hot star chicken to having grilled prawns. And they were reasonably priced! It was delicious, but the waiting time might be a bit long.

In the morning, we left the hotel and took a taxi to Silks Palace near National Palace Museum. We tasted the famous beef noodles in Silks Palace. Beef noodles are a traditional Taiwanese food. We did not miss the beef noodles since it was so yummy.

After having the beef noodles, we went to National Palace Museum. It was a place where people put lots of ancient Chinese artworks. The artworks were so beautiful.

The next day, we went to Maokong cable car. We waited for so long to get on the cable car. The view outside the cable car was breathtaking. We saw mountains, buildings, and even Taipei 101! I took many pictures. The view was so amazing. The trip on the cable car was about ten minutes. I hoped it would be longer.

In the evening, we went to Taoyuan International Airport by bus. We needed to fly back to Hong Kong. Although we stayed in Taipei for just a few days, we all had a great time. I really want to go to Taipei again and try something new!

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Last summer holiday, I went to Barcelona with my family for four days.

After we arrived at Barcelona, we went to the hotel to put our luggage down. The weather was nice but humid, so we went to Picasso Museum. First, we visited the basement. We learnt a lot about the Romans and it was really marvelous! We took lots of photos there.

Then we went to Room 2 to see some famous artworks that were drawn by Picasso like Mountain Landscape and Portrait of Aunt Pepa, etc. We also went to Room 1 to see Man in a Beret and Portrait of the Artist's Father, etc. The artworks were so attractive that when I just entered the room, I got attracted to the pictures. Although we were exhausted after the journey, we learnt lots of knowledge.

On day 2, we visited Park Guell by Gaudi. We saw Gaudi's Art Nouveau Architecture. It was for decorating the central square. It was nice, but it was so crowded and we waited for a long time to see it. We also stopped at the central square to take a break and enjoyed the views of the whole city of Barcelona. I also went to some of Barcelona's famous landmarks, like the Montjuic and Sagrada Familia. We spent lots of time in Park Guell, so we had so less time to visit the Gaudi House Museum. Next time, I would rather spend more time on visiting the Gaudi House Museum than visit Park Guell. It was like a show house for Park Guell to show the architect and his work. It was stunning! We had fried milk for afternoon tea. We enjoyed the visit, but we were tired.

On day 3, we visited the Tibidabo. First, we went to the amusement park. We played some exciting games like roller coaster and pirate ship. However, Mum was afraid of heights, so she did not even play one game. She preferred enjoying the view of Barcelona to playing in an amusement park. After playing in the amusement park, it was already evening. We enjoyed the views of the city. I thought the views of Barcelona were fantastic!

At night, we went to Camp Nou Stadium to watch a match that FC Barcelona was playing against Real Madrid. When Barcelona goaled, we cheered and shouted. At last, Barcelona won! We tried paella and it was mouthwatering.

On day 4, we visited Museum of the History of Catalonia. We saw the exhibitions about the settlement of Romans in time of the Roman Empire. It was exciting to see the photos there. I learnt about Catalonia's history. At night, we visited the Magic Fountain. It was incredible!

Eventually, we left Barcelona at midnight. We bought a Barcelona T-shirt that was printed Messi's name at the back. This was an unforgettable journey! I hope I can go to Barcelona again in the future.

A different Peter

Peter was once a very smart but boastful boy, and he always looked down on others. But one day he had a bad experience that changed his personality! How? Well, let me tell you his story!

One day at school, as usual, Peter got perfect scores in his test and a trophy for being the smartest kid in his grade so far. He placed his hand on his hip, thinking, 'Oh! I'm getting used to this.' At recess, he walked proudly around, showing his test paper and sparkling trophy which made the other students jealous and envious. One of his classmates called Sam walked up to him with a beaming smile. 'Peter!' Sam asked, 'Can you help me with the homework?' But Peter just glared at him and rudely walked away. Another boy called Tom whispered, 'He won't! Although he is smart, he always looks down on others.' Sam's smile became a frown.

After school, Peter was still thinking about his perfect scores. He always got good marks on his tests, but he always felt lonely, but why? He never bullied anyone! Why didn't anyone want to be friends with him? He always won all sorts of board games, too. But still, he was lonely. He was so deep in thought that he didn't even notice a big car driving towards him. 'Honk honk!' The car tried to alert the boy, but still, Peter kept walking.

Bang!

And Peter was crashed by a car. His head became very dizzy and his vision was very blurry. He saw someone come up to him. When he got closer, he saw a man's worried face as he dialled the hospital. The man bit his lip and tried to comfort Peter. '...worry...car...ambulance...' was all Peter could hear before fainting.

When he came to, Peter saw his father right beside him. When his father saw his son was awake, he sobbed, 'Oh, my dear boy! How come you were so careless? Why didn't you avoid the car? I was worried sick!' Peter scanned his background and realized...he was in a hospital! His father signed and explained, 'You were crashed by a car, and you broke your arm and your head! Now you have to stay here for a month after your operation.' Peter burst into tears. He had to stay in hospital for a month! What could get worse?

'Hey, Peter!' Two boys came in and greeted Peter. They were Sam and Tom! They both decided to visit him! Peter was relieved that he wasn't alone anymore. He

asked, 'Why did you help me after all I've done to you?' Sam smiled and answered, 'Because we're friends! So turn that frown upside down and let's play a board game that I brought!' The three agreed cheerfully and started to play. Sam and Tom always visited him and Peter was grateful for that.

In the end, the three boys became very best friends.