

Maya

Hey there,

as you already know I've been in India since 4 months now with Mike, Jordan and Hannah. Those 4 months has been incredible and an amazing adventure for us. Sadly this adventure is coming to an end. But I want to share my experience with you, so where do I start? All of this started the 5.25.2016. As you ^{may} know India has 28 different states and is a huge country. We all started in the little town called Shimla. It's a beautiful town full of mountains and snow with cute little houses. If you love winter Shimla is perfect but as you probably know I really can't stand the winter so we didn't stayed very long in Shimla. After visiting Shimla went to see Punjab. The architecture is very beautiful and especially the golden temples where so incredibly beautiful, you should've seen it! After that we went to see the Taj Mahal every one talks about! It's situated in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. And, omg! It's mind blowing. It's so huge and just so beautiful. I love the architecture and just the history about it. Even tho we loved it there we just stayed a couple days, visiting the city Agra and than we continued our road trip. We traveled in a Van and stopped by towns like Delhi, Jaipur, Bhopal, Silvassa and than ended up in Mumbai. While on this road trip to Mumbai we've seen a lot of different cultures, landscape and people. All of this was mind-blowing. The different landscapes are incredible and so beautiful. Some regions are full of mountains, plantations. Others are full of snow or forests. It's incredible how much the landscape can change depending on where you are.

Almost everybody can speak English but 28 other languages are spoken by more than 1 million native citizens! It's been so interesting to discover the different cultures. Arrived in Mumbai it was a bit overwhelming with so many people, apartments and the traffic. Because nobody of us really like big towns we didn't stay for a long time and our next destination was Goa. The landscape in Goa is just so beautiful. A lot of beaches and palm trees but also very green forests! I loved the south of India not only because of the landscape and people but also because of the weather! It was so hot but still so pleasant too! We stayed the last two weeks in Goa.

And here I am, staying the last night in India in our van writing this letter to you. This whole roadtrip was just an amazing adventure that I'll never forget. I learned and grew up so much and all of this is just a life experience. I'm so excited to see you again and show you all the pictures I've took and tell you all the details. See you next Friday,
in love,
Maya.

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E-mail about India

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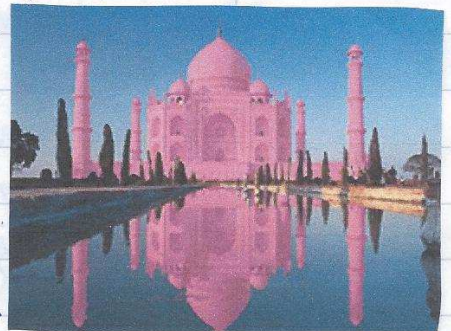
Dear Mom and Dad,

It's been 2 weeks now since your children left you to discover the whole world and I thought you would be happy to hear from us. We started our trip in South Asia, in India and even though I didn't want to stay in a country for more than one week, we are still there. There is just too much to see and you would never guess what Denzel and I already discovered!

India is much bigger than Germany and the difference between the northern and southern part is so incredible that it's kind of impossible to leave: You can walk on ice in Shimla one day and relax on the beach in Goa the other.

The first thing we visited is the Taj Mahal in Agra: I was desperate to see it because it's the building I used to want in Henopely! This mausoleum looks even more amazing when you're actually in front of it: it is built of white marbles and symbolizes purity, love and pain. A tourist guide also told us that the emperor had it built in memory of his third wife in 1632 and that it took them 22 years to finish it! People had a lot of help from elephants, which transported the majority of the stones and materials needed. Thanks to them we got to see one of the most symmetrical structures, we even watched the Taj Mahal change its colour in a shy pinkish blue in the early morning!

But I have to admit that there is something else I will never forget about this journey:



PICTURE OF THE TAJ MAHAL

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the day we visited the Bandhavgarh National Park when we were in the central part of the country, in Madhya Pradesh. This park has such a large biodiversity, I kept staring at all the beauty in front of me without getting tired of it. I saw all kinds of wild animals: I spotted tigers and various species deers. What impressed me the most was the density of the tiger population, which is one of the highest one known in India. I guess that Denzel even got a little bit too agitated because we nearly got killed because of him: I was so fascinated by the landscape that I lost him and when I turned around to look after him, a big tiger was approaching him! I started to panic and ran straight in his direction and guess what? The wild animal began to chase after me! He must have mistaked us with some food because his mouth was wide open. Denzel and I were sure that this would be our end when a watchman came to stop the desoster. I know we had a lot of luck. But even after an experience like this, I am still in love with this place because everything's different compared to our usual life. And today is another special day: friendly neighbors invited us to a party where girls have to dress up in those traditional saris! Our time here is so exciting that we both agreed to stay here for some more, so we can enjoy the culture to the fullest. I promise to watch after my little brother attentively (DON'T WORRY!) and we hope you're having a great time back home.

We always think of you and miss you very much!
Big kiss from your adventurous children,
Denzel and Feige.

The India Trip

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Hi Mom and Dad,

Simon
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I write to you to tell you what we have already done here in India until now. But first of all, we are all fine and we don't have any problems.

India is a very impressive country. In the north it is cold and there is snow and in the south it is hot and the sun is shining. My favorite cities in the south are Hampi, Goa, Bangalore, Mumbai. Hampi is a historical city. There are almost only temples in this city but they are so amazing and the endless rocky landscape is just incredible. Goa is situated at the west coast. The beaches with the palm trees and so on are very beautiful and many couples visit this city. Bangalore and Mumbai are very modern cities but I liked them too. My favorite cities in the north are New-Delhi, Agra and Srinagar. New-Delhi is a modern city too, but it has also awesome landscapes. In Agra I've saw one of the highlights: the Taj-Mahal. If you see this you can just marvel! In Srinagar there is a big lake. We've tooked a boat and relaxed on the lake and had an impressive view to the Himalaya mountains. Tomorrow we are going to Darjeeling, it's in the region of Bengal. I heard that you can see the

Bengal Tiger sometimes.

As you can see we've did already a lot of things
and we still have a lot in mind. I'm looking
forward to seeing you soon.

Best regards, Simon :)

Hi Mom and Dad,

How are you? I am fine! India is sooo beautiful. How are grandma and grandpa? Here in India, I have already experienced so much great things. First I was a little bit amazed how big all the things are, quite different than at home, but then I was ready for the adventure! It is so hot here, 40 degrees every day!!! We travel all around of India. It is so fascinating how many different languages they have; over 30!

Our first stop was in ^{the} North of India. Strictly speaking in Kashmir. #Probably it could be called the city of the snow.

Everything is white and we could also go skiing! It was so funny because we had understood nothing what the teacher wanted to say us! After Kashmir we went to Srinagar to a beautiful lake called "Dal Lake". It is a so big sea. On the sea are many colorful boats with which you can drive over it.

I remember that ~~we~~ suddenly Jake was falling into the sea that was funny! But then our drive help him out of the water. The Indians are very nice and helpful people. We visited also the Taj Mahal. It's a kind of mosque. It is 58 m high, so it is a very big palast! After all these beautiful activities we had taken the plane to Patna. Patna is the capital of Bihar and it's one of the biggest city in India. We still only two days there because then we went to Darjeeling the city of tea. The tea fields are so green and full of litre tea plants. I have also bought some tea for you! Our last stop was in ^{the} South of India. The south is very famous for the festivals. The most famous festival is called Mysore Dushera. It's a 10 day long festival in October with many glamour.

I miss you and send you all my love,

Emma

Dear grandma,

I`m writing this e-mail from a part of the world that has a culture, which is totally different from ours, I`m writing you from India.

I`m here with my best friend Tom. Together we will travel around 28 states of India. Until now we`ve seen ten. Actually I`m in the north of India, where it snows a lot. Yesterday I was in Punjab, I`ve visited the Golden Temple and I`ve learned a lot about Hindu religion. Did you know that in India you can find more than ten religions and 29 languages? Impressive, isn`t it? Furthermore I`ve learned to dance a traditional dance called Bhangra, in Punjab, an area in the north-west of the Country. Tomorrow I will visit Bombay to take part in the Ganesh Chaturthi, which is a celebration to honour the Hindu god Ganesh, who is presented with the head of an elephant. I hope I will find out why he is presented like that.

With best regards

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