

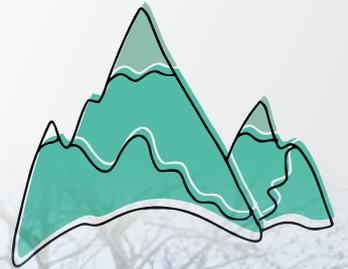


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Introduction

Learning English at the New Zealand Language Centre (NZLC)

During the 14-day of English exchange program, students are required to attend a 3-hour English course in the morning from Monday to Friday at the New Zealand Language Centre (NZLC), which has been established for almost 30 years. The teaching approach is very communicative and students are encouraged to use and practise the language as much as possible. The teaching methods are skills-based (reading, writing, speaking and listening), with vocabulary, grammar and structures introduced around interesting and relevant themes.

The professional teaching staff at the NZLC provide an authentic English learning experience by teaching students useful English vocabulary and expressions they can encounter during their stay in Auckland, for example, the geography, sports, places and tourist sites, animals and Maori culture in Auckland. Students are fully exposed to an English-rich environment where they can practice their listening and speaking skills every day with the teachers and local people they meet after school. In the afternoon, the Activity Companion from NZLC leads students to different landmarks for excursions where students can participate in activities such as skiing and horseriding. Most students feel that their daily communication skills have been greatly enhanced due to the intensive English course.



Departure from Hong Kong



New Zealand Language Centre (NZLC)

Itinerary

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Night
23/7 (Mon)	Departure from Hong Kong		
24/7 (Tue)	Arrival at New Zealand Language Centre (NZLC), Auckland. Picked up by host family		
25/7 (Wed)	English Course at NZLC	Sky Tower & City Tour	Homestay Experience
26/7 (Thurs)	English Course at NZLC	Auckland Zoo	
27/7 (Fri)	English Course at NZLC	Kelly Tarlton & Mission Bay	
28/7 (Sat)	Hobbiton & Hamilton Gardens		
29/7 (Sun)	Free time with Host Family		
30/7 (Mon)	English Course at NZLC	Snowplanet	
31/7 (Tue)	English Course at NZLC	Auckland Museum	
1/8 (Wed)	English Course at NZLC	Horseriding in Warkworth	
2/8 (Thurs)	English Course at NZLC	Devonport & Mount Victoria	
3/8 (Fri)	English Course at NZLC	Graduation Ceremony & One Tree Hill	
4/8 (Sat)	Rotorua including Te Puia, skyline Gondola & luge		Departure from New Zealand
5/8 (Sun)	Arrival in Hong Kong		

English Learning Opportunities

"Meet our teachers in Auckland"



Mr. Daniel Chapman

By 3C Katie Leung

Mr. Daniel Chapman is the Activity Companion from NZLC. His responsibility is to bring us to visit different places in Auckland in the afternoon during weekdays and taught us about the attractions.

Katie : How do you feel about us?

Daniel : You are very nice and your English standard doesn't seem too bad. You were open-minded and not as shy as I imagined.

Katie : What is the major difference between HK students and Auckland students?

Daniel : Hong Kong students are polite and well-behaved and have better manners. However, Aucklander students are naughtier and more energetic. Moreover, Hong Kong students concentrate well and respect the teachers with good manners, which leaves me a good impression.

Katie : What are our strengths and weaknesses in learning English?

Daniel : You aren't shy to speak English. You guys are also good at listening and your English foundation seems strong. However, your weakness may be that you rely on the teachers too much to communicate with foreigners during the trip. You should avoid it.

Katie : Can you give us some advice on improving our English?

Daniel : You should try your best to put yourselves in many different situations where you feel a little bit uncomfortable. Under this situation, it will force you to use English more. Chatting with other people at the supermarket and the zoo is a good way to have more conversation with foreigners. Watching English cartoons and movies is another way to train up your English especially in listening practices. Writing an article on an interesting thing is also a good method to upgrade your composition capability.



Miss Kaitanya
By 3C Victoria Kwok

Miss Kaitanya is our English teacher at NZLC. She is very funny and nice. She gives us some suggestions of learning English in the interview.

Victoria: How do you feel about us?

Kaitanya: I think you guys are really amazing and polite. All students work hard together.

Victoria: What is the major difference between Hong Kong students and Auckland students?

Kaitanya: Hong Kong students love to have a lot of fun and you guys have a good relationship with each other whereas Auckland students are more shy at first. However, both Hong Kong and Auckland students can get really well together.

Victoria: What are our strengths and weaknesses in learning English?

Kaitanya: I think the strength of learning English would be if you guys are young, you can learn really easily and you don't have to memorize all of the rules as you can learn just by listening. The weakness of Hong Kong student is the ability to focus as you have a lot of distractions around you, so I think if you could use technology to learn English, it might be better.

Victoria: Can you give us some advice on improving our English?

Kaitanya: The only advice I can give you is to keep practising and studying English. Never stop learning English!



4D John Ng (left) and Brian To (right) enjoy learning at NZLC



Enjoying the sunshine at Hobbiton

After spending 4 days in Auckland, I have already gained new experience of the lifestyle of people in New Zealand. At the same time, I have also improved my English skills and enhanced my learning motivation in English.

I think my English listening and speaking skills have been improved through daily communication with my host family and friends. I don't feel shy anymore when I talk with foreigners as I've learnt how to ask for their repetition and clarification politely, which I seldom ask before. This study tour has helped me improve my listening and speaking skills the most.

By 4D John Ng



Chatting with Mr. Chapman at Auckland Zoo



Chatting with our driver Mr Byard

In this tour, I can improve my English speaking and reading skills. I hope that I can have more courage and confidence to speak with foreigners. When I first met my host family, they were very nice as they prepared our meals for me and my roommate John. They also taught us the bus stop locations and some important information about studying in New Zealand.

At the NZLC, I felt so happy about studying the English course because we could have more interaction with our Aucklanders teachers. The student-teacher relationship is so close. I prefer studying in New Zealand more because I could focus more in the morning lessons.

By 4D Brian To

Host families + new friends

Homestay Experience

By 4B Ocean Mak and 4A Alan Look

Every experience in Auckland is awesome! Our host family is so cool. Apart from the host parents, Irshad and Janifa, their children are friendly too. Our host brothers are Ubaidan, Huzaifah and Hanzalah. They are so energetic. Our host sister Shakirah is responsible for assisting her mom with the housework and taking care of her little brothers.

Everyone in the host family is nice to us and treat us like their family. They cook, wash dishes and do laundry for us. They are also willing to communicate and play with us. I guess this is what a host family is supposed to be.

Yesterday was Sunday and it was the 'Host Family Day'. After a delicious breakfast, we watched an exciting boxing competition and played football in a park. We had so much fun in the park!

Playing football in the park with the host family.



Ocean and Alan meeting their host dad on the first day.

Homestay Experience

By 3B Gigi Leung and 3B Haley So

Let me introduce my host to you. There are three people in my host family. David, who is the host dad, is interested in cycling and hiking. Joanne, the host mum, loves pets. Hayden, the son of the host, is a Gym Leader.

My host keep three birds in their house. Sometimes my host would let the birds fly around indoors. The birds always fly very fast near me. I felt scared about the bird even they looked cute.

I learnt to help and do some housework in the host family, like washing dishes, setting the table and washing clothes. I seldom do these things in Hong Kong, I think I need to help my mother do more housework when I am back in Hong Kong.



Gigi and Haley meeting their host dad on the first day.

'This is one of the three birds I talked about. My host dad tried to put the bird on my arm but I was so scared!' says Gigi.

My new friend in New Zealand - our activity companion

By 3B Hilary Seto

In New Zealand, my first local new friend is our Activity Companion Daniel! His full name is Daniel Stephen Chapman. He was born in New Zealand, but his dad is from Germany. He accompanies us in all afternoon activities in New Zealand.

There are many reasons for him to be an Activity Companion, but the main reason is he likes to learn different cultures from other countries. He thinks that is really fun. Through talking to students from different countries, he can understand more different cultures. He also likes showing other people his home country, the New Zealand culture.

Another reason is he wants to be an English teacher in the future, so being a tour guide is a good chance for him to chat with other non-English speakers in English. Daniel is very patient in teaching us English speaking skills. He taught us how to speak fluently or be more confident. Daniel told us the history and culture of New Zealand during the activities, I am so glad to meet him in this tour!



Hilary and Harley talking to Daniel when visiting the museum.

We are making cute faces on the hill top of Devonport!



Meeting new friends - my host parents

By 3A Ricky Woo and 3A James So

New Zealand is a small country with a big heart. Its citizens are renowned for their friendliness and hospitality. We have encountered a lot of nice Aucklanders during this study tour.

On the first day of our trip, we met our host family which is consisted of four members, they are Ashley, Louisa, their son Joey and their daughter Leah. They are all really nice people who welcomed us with open arms. The host father Ashley is a tall and broad person who is a Corrections Officer. He likes music and listens to it all the time. His favorite singer is Brook Fraser. The host mother Louisa is an Insurance Agent. She is loving and just simply a pleasant person to be around with. She loves music too.

My host parents are humorous and they always tell jokes to us. We laugh out loud all the time. It is quite impressive. Besides, they have taught us how to take bus and walk to the city centre. Although we had lost our way before, they taught us again patiently. I really want to thank them for that.



Ricky and James, being picked up by host in NZLC.



'Come meet my host mum and dad,' says Ricky.

Learning about Local Culture

Local Culture - Cycling as Transport

By 4A Alan Look

In Auckland, there are many people cycling on the streets. They are either commuting or enjoying sports. However, you can rarely see Hong Kong people cycle on the road. Why? It is because the infrastructure of cycling facilities such as cycling paths and road signs are not enough. The support by the HK Government is not sufficient. On the other hand, numerous bike paths can be commonly seen. There are also cycling parks in the neighborhood. Another reason is that Aucklanders treasure everything they have but Hong Kong people don't. For example, they shower for less than 10 minutes and they will protect the environment as much as they can. That's why the air is so fresh and the water is so clear in Auckland.



Alan talking to Daniel, out Activity Companion, to learn more about Auckland.



Wide cycling paths on the side of the road are commonly seen in Auckland.



Kelly and Rachel with one of the Maori dancers.



Maori people have tattoos on their faces to make themselves look fierce.

Local Culture - Maori people

By 3A Rachel Fok

In this New Zealand tour, I learn that Maori is the language of New Zealand native Maori, and one of the three official language in New Zealand. The other two are English and sign language. Maori culture is a New Zealand national culture. Maori people are good at carvings, like wood carving and stone carving. Those are the essence of Maori art. Their songs and dances are powerful. Maori people have tattoos on their faces to make themselves look fierce. I think this kind of singing and dancing is very different from the Chinese opera I watch in Hong Kong. For Chinese opera, the performers move slowly and sing slowly. And we have some music as the background. For Maori dance, they always shout loudly and stamp their right feet to give the beat. So I think watching the Maori dance is a very special experience for me.

Eye-opening Experience

Horse-riding experience

By 3A Dennise Pang

We arrived a place called Warkworth. When I got off the bus, oh it was so smelly! I couldn't breathe and had to cover my mouth. But then I got used to the smell very soon. We were each assigned a horse that suit our height, and I saw my horse's name on the label, it was Breeze. After wearing our helmets and boots, I met my horse. It was so big! The helper helped me to get onto the horse and I was ready to start my horse-riding experience.

Before we started our horse-riding journey, suddenly Kelly's horse poo in front of us! I felt shocked because it was the first time I saw a horse poo, and the dung was so close to me! It was really an eye-opening experience for me!

Horse-riding was not as scary as I imagined. After a while, I started to enjoy it. On the way, I saw many different kinds of plants. I even got a chance to have a closer look at some sheep and their baby lambs. When we went uphill and downhill it was very exciting.

The horse-riding was just half an hour. I wished it could be longer. I felt a bit nervous but enjoyable. Horse-riding was impressive to me. It was amazing to have this experience in this tour.



'It's my first time riding on a horse, I am a bit nervous!' says Dennise.



Students listening to the instructions of riding a horse.

My first ski experience

By 3A Tiffany Yu

In this New Zealand English study tour, the new experience I've had is skiing. It was my first time trying this interesting sport. I felt excited.

In the afternoon on 31 July, we went to a very exciting place -- The Snowplanet. It is an indoor place full of snow. After putting on some gears like skiing jackets, pants, gloves and boots, we stepped into the skiing area which is -5 Degree Celsius! My face was freezing cold! The coach taught us how to turn left, turn right and stop. Finally we were on our own to try out skiing. Some of us fell down immediately. The coach was so helpful, he was always standing near us to help us.

I think the most difficult part of skiing is I did not know how to stop well. I always could not stop well and I lost my balance to one side. Luckily we had two good coaches, they taught us patiently and we improved soon.

The most unforgettable part of this activity was we tried to ski down from a higher point with Daniel, our activity companion in this tour. We took a moving rail to a higher point where we could ski down a short slope. When we ski down the slope the feeling was excellent. I really enjoy skiing.

It was an unforgettable experience for me. I can't wait to do it again next time.



The girls geared up for their ski experience!



Tiffany enjoying her time on the snow.



Visiting animals in Auckland Zoo

By 3A Anna Yung

Visiting the Auckland Museum gave me an eye-opening experience. In the zoo, I saw many types of animals, like giraffes, meerkats, emu, wallabies and kiwi. There is no zoo in Hong Kong, so I can't see giraffes in Hong Kong. Also, kiwi is a special kind of bird in New Zealand. They are shy and secretive so I think kiwi is the most special animal in New Zealand. One scene that was very unforgettable in the zoo was that I saw a cow leg in the tiger's cage! A real cow leg! I think that was horrible. I wondered if they put a cow in the cage for the tiger to kill or they just threw the cow leg into the cage?



Ocean, Alan and meerkat, cheers!



Do you know which animals are the eggs from?

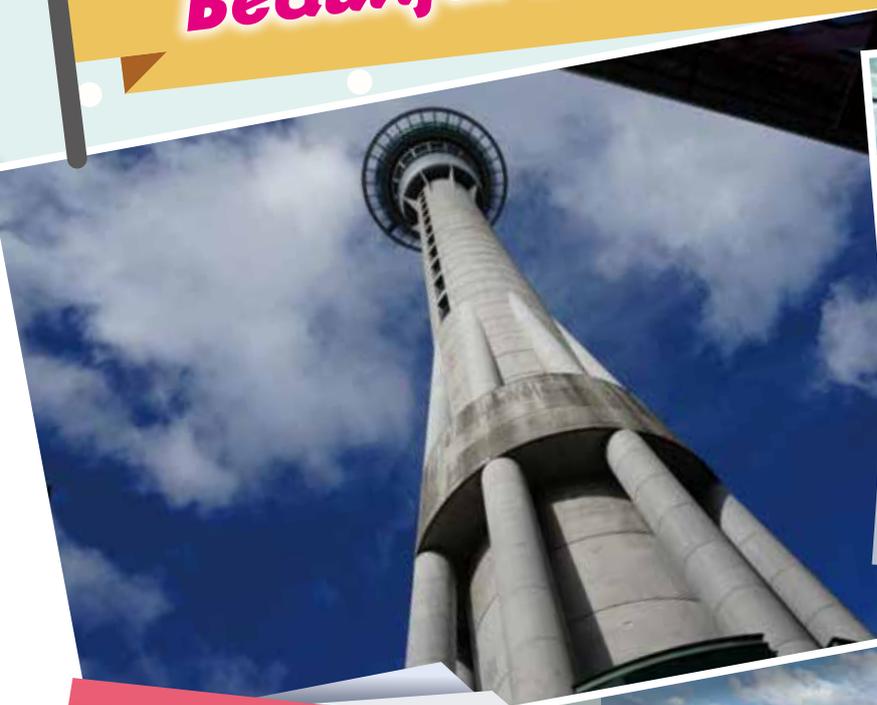


Alan meeting an emu, a special kind of bird in New Zealand.



Everyone cheers!

Beautiful Landmarks



Observation Floor at Sky Tower

Auckland Sky Tower



Devonport



Kelly Tarlton Aquarium

Auckland Zoo



Geyser



Warkworth

Reflections

Enhancing English skills and Learning Motivation

I've improved my English spelling!

My English speaking skills have been improved by talking in English with the Aucklanders voluntarily because this is the most useful and fastest way to practice spoken English. I am not shy anymore when talking to foreigners as I ask them to repeat if I don't understand them at the first time. Also, my English spelling skills have been improved by learning the vocabulary in the English programme and listening to the teachers in the class.

By 4D Brian To



I love English writing more than before!

I feel so delighted about joining this exchange program as it gives me the opportunity to travel to another country in order to improve myself in different ways.

At the New Zealand Language Centre (NZLC), where we had all our morning English programme, Mr. Kaitanya taught us in a way which we could understand very easily. All of the classmates focused on our learning. I love English writing more than before.

By 4D John Ng



Being exposed to an English-rich learning environment

Do you know the best way to enhance your English skills? I think the best way is to join an overseas study tour. It is because you will meet so many foreigners who don't speak Cantonese, so you must use English to communicate with others all the time during the study tour. Also, you can attend an English course with the foreign teachers, so you need to talk with them in English. Furthermore, you will do some English tasks in the lessons, so that you can enhance your English skills.

By 3C Katie Leung



A way to enhance my confidence and motivation in English learning!

If you would like to enhance your English skills, I have a good suggestion for you.

Joining an overseas study tour can help you a lot. First, you can speak a lot of English when you interact with the local people. While talking with the locals, you must listen carefully and also try to understand what they are saying, this can help you improve your listening skills, furthermore, you can learn how to speak English fluently and more confidently.

Second, you can have fun while learning English. When you're in Hong Kong, there is only one way for you to learn English, you can only sit in the classroom and just listen to your teacher; But if you join an overseas study tour, you can experience a different way of English learning, the classes in study tour are much funnier than those in Hong Kong as you don't need to care about quizzes and exams. The teachers at the language centre always play many interesting and educational games with students. Also, the teachers have so much interaction with students as they always chat with us during recess or lunchtime. They are very friendly so you can talk about anything with them.

Try your best and speak as much English as you can.

By 3C Victoria Kwok



Reasons why you should join the study tour

Benefits of joining an English study tour

There are various reasons why you should join an overseas English language study tour. First, improving your English skills. Being fluent in English helps you communicate with each other easily. As English is an international language, a fluent English speaker may gain more opportunities in the workplace because they can communicate with most people in the world or study abroad in a prestigious University.

Second, broadening your horizons. By joining an English language study tour, you are bound to experience a new culture, learn the custom of a new country and try out local activities. For instance, I learnt how kiwis, the unique animals in New Zealand, look like and information about their habitats when I visited the Auckland Zoo. Through talking with our Activity Companion, Mr. Daniel Chapman, I learnt a lot of interesting facts about Auckland. He told me that Auckland was surrounded by many volcanos. In addition, I can experience the local lifestyle by staying with a local host family, I can travel anywhere around the city with the use of the travelling app and live like the locals.

Last but not least, improving communication skills. When I stay in HK, I don't usually talk a lot because I always tilt my head and phub. However, when you join a study tour, you have no time to use your phone as you are busy talking with local people and learning how to communicate with the others in English verbally. At the same time, better communication skills will help you build a better relationship with people around you in a foreign country.



By 4A Alan Look

Start planning for your next trip!



Learning a different culture

I think the major reason for joining an overseas English tour is to enhance our English skills. As English is a very important international language, if we can master our English skills well, we can communicate with anyone in the English-speaking countries.

The second reason for joining an English study tour is to learn a different culture from that country. When you stay in the host family, you speak English with the host parents and their children. When you attend the English course in the morning, you learn vocabulary about the local culture and the historic background of the country. During my stay in Auckland, I met so many new friends and they are very awesome.

I look forward to joining the study tour to another country next year so I can meet more new friends and learn about a new culture.



By 4B Ocean Mak

Learning English in an authentic environment

There are many good reasons for joining an English study tour. First, learn the cultural differences between Hong Kong and another country. Take this New Zealand study tour as an example, I notice that the living pace here in New Zealand is much more relaxing than that in Hong Kong. People are nicer here and they greet others politely. This is something we won't see in Hong Kong as people walk and talk too quickly.

Also, you get a chance to visit some non-Asian countries. The cost is usually quite expensive. However, some students may get subsidy from the school, and that helps a lot.



By 3B Hilary Seto

Boosting my confidence in speaking English

Joining an English study tour gives you a chance to speak more English. Since we have English class every weekday morning, we learn a lot of vocabulary and culture related to Auckland. For example, we first learn different kinds of animals and their body parts in the morning, then we visit the Auckland Zoo in the afternoon. This really helps us to remember the vocabulary easily. If you think an English study tour is only about studying, you are wrong. All the afternoons on weekdays and the weekends are excursions and host family day. We visited many tourist spots and gained so much experience like skiing and horse-riding. This English study tour has definitely widened my horizon and increased my confidence in English speaking.



By 3B Stephanie Lam

Setting Life Goals



Planning for my overseas studying in the future!

This trip was an 'eye-opening' experience for me personally since this was the first time I have been away from Hong Kong. It was my first time of travelling to another country by plane and I felt really excited.

I went on this study tour because I hope that I can further improve my English by talking with the Aucklanders. My host family, the teachers, even the staff of the convenience store near the NZLC are all very nice and helpful, they all welcomed us with open arms. They all treated us like friends. I really enjoy everything about New Zealand: the climate, the people and the culture. This trip really made me consider going the University in New Zealand or even to be an immigrant in the future. It's such a dazzling and extraordinary country which has a breathtaking scenery and people here have a pleasant lifestyle. I would really like to study in the University here. I hope that I can visit this magnificent city again longer.

By 3A Ricky Woo



Setting my life goals!

After joining the New Zealand English Language study tour, I have set various life goals. One of them is that I wish to study in the Polytechnic University after graduating in the secondary school.

The reason why my life goal is studying in the Polytechnic University is that I want to be an Electrical and Mechanical Engineer like my father and my uncle. When I was a child, I really liked to build things with lego blocks because I thought it would strengthen my imagination and creativity.

In order to achieve my life goal of becoming an Engineer, I have to excel in my academic results in the coming senior secondary form study. I hope that all of my life goals can be accomplished using my determination and perseverance. After achieving my life goals, I can return the favour to express my gratitude to my parents.

By 3A James So

Planning for my working holiday after graduation

My first life goal is to learn better English. Through this trip I found that I have some difficulties to communicate with local people. I can't fully understand what the locals mean. Also, English is an international language, learning English is important.

My second life goal is to study in a university. I talked to Daniel, our activity companion in this trip, he has got his degree and master in New Zealand and is planning to get his PHD in somewhere else. I think that is amazing. After talking to him, I understand that studying is important and there is not an end in learning. So I will work very hard to get a place in the university.

My final life goal is going on a working holiday. I like the living environment in a foreign country because it is very relaxing. We got a chance to meet an alumni of our school, Winnie Yeung, and she is doing working holiday in New Zealand at the moment. The job she is doing seems very interesting. Therefore, I want to go on a working holiday for gaining working experience for future, and I can also become more independent.

I think this study tour reinforces my life goals. I will try my best to achieve them.

By 3A Tiffany Yu

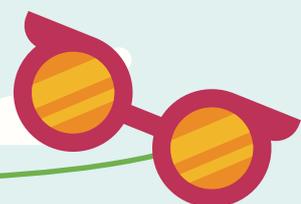


Nice to meet an alumni here!

After joining the New Zealand English study tour, I have a lot of ideas for my future. First of all, I need to work harder in studying English because in this tour I know that English is very important in the world no matter where you are. If my English is good, I can take my parents to travel to anywhere.

In the future, I hope I can study in a foreign country or go for a working holiday to enhance my life experience. We had a chance to meet an alumni who is on a working holiday in New Zealand. She is working in a farm now and she enjoys her job so much. I wish I can do something like this in the future as well.

By 4D Harley Ho



I become more active and mature

After joining this New Zealand study tour, I think my English speaking skill is improved. Besides, I think my self management has also improved.

When I first arrived Auckland, I was very shy. I was not brave enough to speak English with my host family. After a few days, I was more willing to try speaking English and let my host know what I wanted. I became more active in speaking English. I even helped out some housework like washing the dishes which I had never done in Hong Kong. I am so glad about that. I bet my parents are too.

By 3A Dennise Pang



I am more confident after the trip

In this trip, I stayed with the host family. This is the first time I stay in a homestay. Learning how to get along with them is an important thing for us to live here. In these two weeks we need to speak English at home all the time. In Hong Kong we speak English in the lessons but sometimes when we have some words we don't know we can say them in cantonese and the teachers can tell us how to say that in English. However, in the homestay we can't do that because nobody can help us do the translation.

Beside, we need to pack our suitcases and wash the dishes and clothes by ourselves. I seldom help my mum do housework at home, so this part made me grow a lot! I am so glad that I can actually do some housework myself! Packing my own luggage the night before we flies back to Hong Kong was a tough job for me. Luckily I could successfully packed everything into my luggage.

After this trip, I think I have grown up more. I have more confidence in traveling to other counties with my friends.

By 3A Kelly Hui





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