

## NYC Adventure

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, my family and I went on vacation to New York City! We drove to Austin first and stayed at a hotel for one night. Then early in the morning we woke up, got dressed and went to the airport. I got the chills! I was so nervous that I asked my Dad if he had barf bags. I felt like throwing up! When we got inside, we had to check our bags. Waiting for the plane was so boring. When the airplane came to our lane we were so excited. As we boarded the plane, I saw three young girls leave their parents. The oldest one was so sad. The middle one was strong and tried not to cry. The little one, I think she was eight, was extremely sad. Can you imagine how hard it is to leave your parents to go to a different city? The flight attendant called our tickets. I was so excited! It was my first time on the airplane. It was a three-hour flight. When I went to the bathroom, I got scared because you had to close the door to turn on the light! I was afraid of all the water falling out! The flight attendant gave us snacks and drinks. When the pilot turned the plane, I could feel it. When we took off and landed it felt like I was on a rollercoaster! Then the plane stopped....WE LANDED!

I loved how everything looked! When we got inside the airport I was so amazed by the people everywhere. A driver picked us up and drove us into Manhattan. I really was not interested in all the buildings. My sister and I just watched a Disney movie. My Mom kept telling us to look out our window. Then I saw the tall, shiny, beautiful Empire State Building! It was so tall! Our driver dropped us off a few buildings away from our hotel (with five suitcases) because of construction on the street. I was tired. When we got to the hotel I thought everything was a dream and I was walking in a fantasy world! I loved the hotel so much. We checked into our room and changed into our fancy clothes for dinner. I enjoyed my spaghetti and meatball dinner. Then I did not feel so good, so instead of going to Times Square we had to go home. We popped into CVS for medicine and then my parents took us to Dylan's Candy Bar for dessert. It seemed like an hour walk but it was so worth it. When we got there, I was kind of impressed. There was everything you could see in San Antonio. On the second floor, the door said "Welcome to Candy Heaven"! When we opened the door...we saw all kinds of candy from around the world. Spicy candies, sushi candies, small mugs filled with liquid candy!!! I was definitely in heaven! As we walked up the clear stairs, we realized they were filled with candy. It was so cool. My parents let me pick out twenty pieces of candy. On our walk back to the hotel, we ate 10 pieces! As we got settled for bed, I was impressed that the bed had a reading light. In the morning, my sisters and I awoke to the sound of sirens. We jumped out of bed and looked out the window. We saw nothing but a brick wall! We jumped onto our parents' bed and woke them up. They told us to go

back to sleep. Instead, we got ready for the day and headed down to Chelsea on the subway. For breakfast, I ate French toast and drank coffee. Everything was delicious! We went for a walk on The High Line. There were so many varieties of plants along our walk. We also took breaks along the way at the different rest areas. We were able to see The Statue of Liberty! We bought some t-shirts and sparkling waters and headed home. After a rest, we changed again and went to the American Girl store. When we got inside, I was so amazed! There were three floors filled with doll clothes, a doll hair salon and the Beforever doll collection. There was even a doll hospital, café and clothing design area. It was so hard for me to decide on an outfit for my doll. I finally chose a 1950s poodle skirt outfit and my sister chose a green birthday dress for her doll. We then walked 15 blocks to Times Square. I did not enjoy such a long walk but when we got there I saw that everything was glowing! At the Disney store, a store employee asked to help us and found out from my mom that it was our first time in NYC. The employee made an announcement to the whole store and everyone clapped for us! I got a little embarrassed. We also checked out the Hershey and M&M stores. On the walk back to the hotel, my dad bought us ice cream but it was not so good.

In the morning, we got breakfast from Ess-a-Bagel. Their sandwiches were amazing and not like anything we get back home. Then we headed to the Statue of Liberty. We boarded a ferry that took us across the river to Liberty Island. The statue was so much smaller than I expected. That night we met some friends for dinner in Brooklyn. While my parents visited with them, my sisters and I watched the Opening Ceremony of the Summer Olympics.

We had a wonderful family vacation and I can't wait to go back!