

My Student Exchange with Freeport in the USA

Our journey started on **8 December 2015**.

We met at 6.30 am at school and from there we continued by bus to **Frankfurt Airport**.

We left Germany by flight LH 418 to reach **Washington** eight hours later.

After our arrival in Washington we went to our hotel by taxi. There we got our rooms and then we had a meal at Mc Donald's which was nearby.

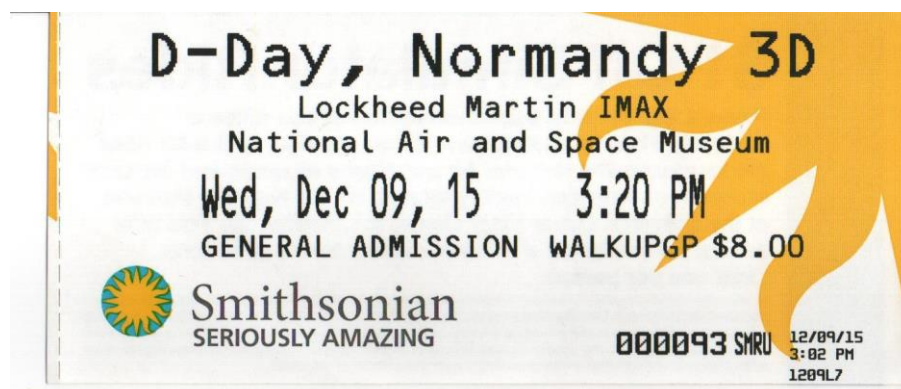
We were very excited but also very tired.



The next day **12/9** we made an excursion to the **Capitol** from where we walked to the **Monuments**. We were a little bit disappointed that we could see the **White House** only from a distance.

When walking to the **Lincoln Museum** we passed the **WW II Memorial**.

Then we visited the **Air and Space Museum**. There we could see space rockets and watched the film „General Admission“. This was very interesting for us.



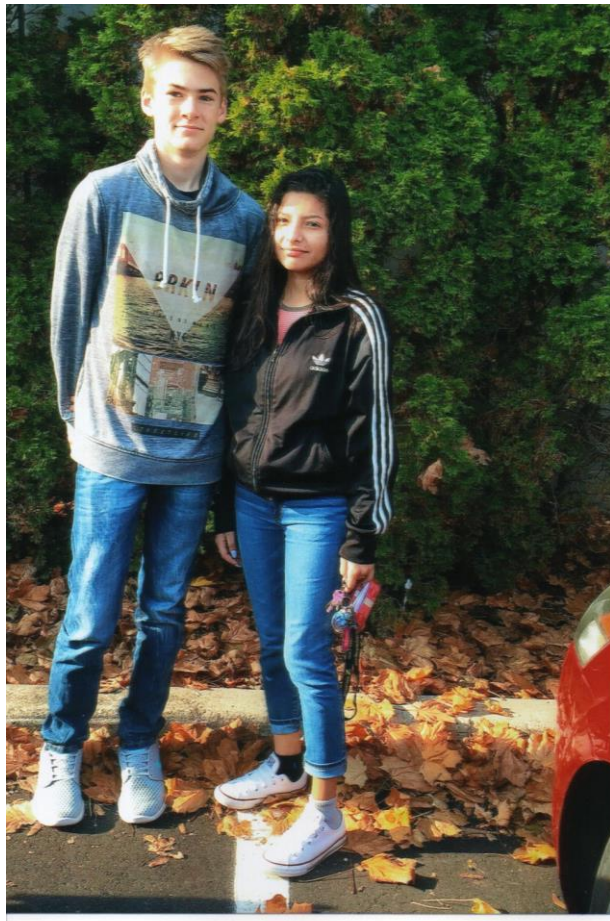
On our third day **12/10** we took the bus to **Chinatown in Washington**. After walking through this part of the town we continued our trip by coach. Four hours later we arrived New York.

There we met two of our American teachers who took us to **Freeport High School** by a yellow school bus.

Unfortunately it took us three hours to reach our new school because of traffic problems we had.

Arriving at school we met our exchange students who were waiting for us in front of the building. Everybody was very excited and happy to meet each other.

After eating pizza in the cafeteria we were taken home by our **guest families**.

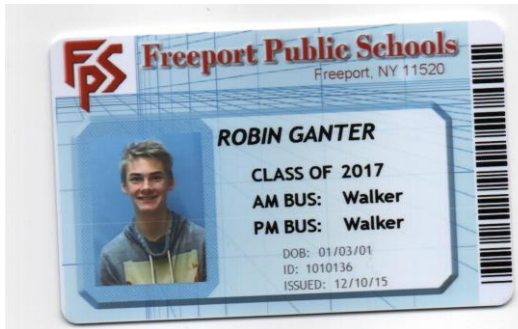


The next morning **12/11** my host student and me took the school bus at 6.45 am and went to **school**.

During the first period our American schoolmates had to write a test. In the next one we had math and then we watched a movie. In the next period we got donuts and then we developed photos in an old manner.

Then we had a break and after it Spanish and Geography. After school we visited a museum where we learned a lot about of Freeport's history.

After that we were invited for dinner by school at a restaurant and then we



went **ice skating**. It was real fun.

Saturday **12/12** we were very busy.

After a tasty breakfast in the restaurant „I Hope“ we went bowling and drank bubble tea at Starbucks.

But the most funny thing on this day was **bounce jumping**. I would like to have



such kind of thing in Germany. It was real cool.

On Sunday **12/13** we had breakfast at Mc Donald's again and then I went



shopping with my exchange student. Her name is **Ashley** and she was very nice. Ashley and me met some friends in the evening and had dinner at Applebee's.

Our day of departure on **12/14** came too early. I had to say "Good bye" to my guest family early in the morning.

We took our baggage to the yellow bus and went to school.

There the principal Ms Carter said good bye to us with presents for everybody and a nice ceremony.

After searching a lost key we started at 3 pm for **Pennsylvania Hotel in Manhattan.**

After checking in and dinner we had to change our clothes because it started to



rain. Then we walked to **Time Square** where some of us went shopping in big stores.

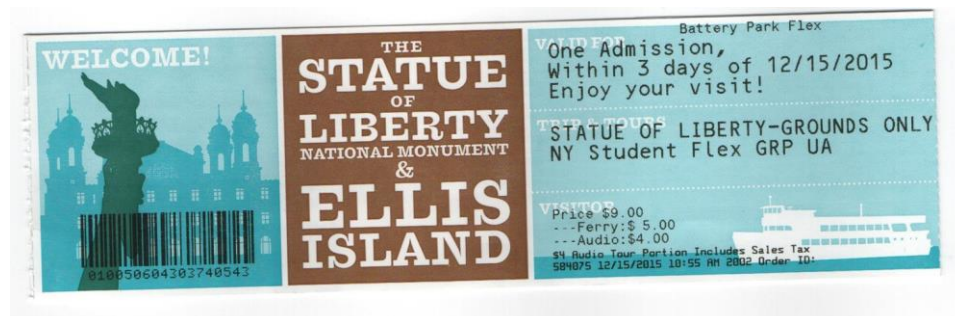
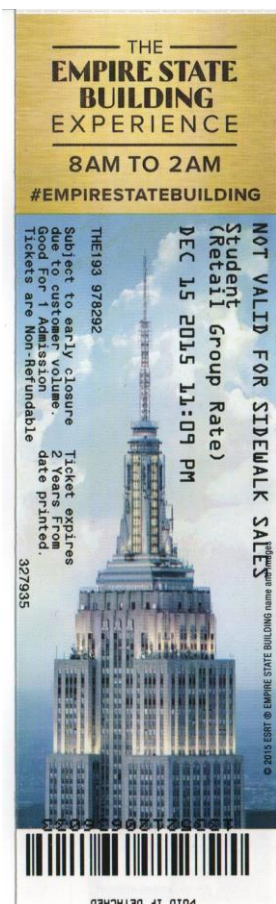
After having breakfast on **12/15** at the hotel we took the subway to Battery Park and then the ferry to the **Statue of Liberty** and then to **Ellis Island**.

There we visited the museum and watched a movie about immigrants. After coming back we visited the **Brass Bull** at Wall Street.

One of the most exciting activities was our trip to **Ground Zero** and to the **One World Trade Center**.

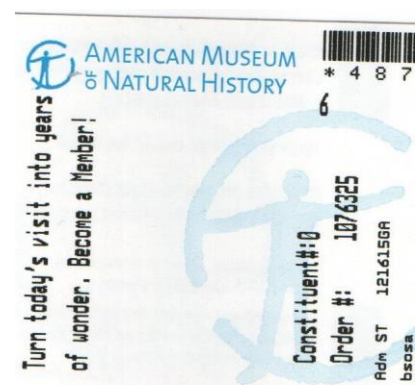
After eating pizza we went to **Chinatown**.

In the evening we went to the **Empire State Building** where we could see New York by night from the platform. We had a wonderful sight.



The next day **12/16** was full of impressions for us.

We went to the **Museum of American Natural History**. There we met a few of our exchange students. Then we walked along **5th Avenue** and passed the Blazer Hotel the location where parts of the film "Kevin alone in New York" were produced. We saw the **Trump Tower** and we were at the **Rockefeller Center**. There we could see the famous



Christmas Tree. Well I was a little bit disappointing because it wasn't that big as I had expected.

Afterwards we went to a Christmas Market near New York Library.

On our last day **12/17** in New York we had some time for shopping.

Unfortunately we were picked up by bus at 11 am which took us to the airport.



With flight LH 401 we went **back home to Germany**. I was real sad.

On Friday **12/18** at 5.45 am we touched the **German** territory again.

After claiming our baggage we went by bus to school where our parents were



waiting for us.

For me it was a very exciting and a marvellous journey and I would do it again anytime.

It was simply.....**GEORGEIOUS!!!**