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Sydney: Once-in-a-life-time experience!

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Exploring Sydney

Sydney, the capital of New South Wales in Australia, Down Under, has always been eminent for its remarkable tourist hotspots, ranging from the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Opera House to the highly cosmopolitan community, etc. That was the reason why I went on my pilgrimage last summer with my elder sister, auntie and uncle. Two of my relatives are local Australians.

Day 1: Arrival and Sydney Opera House

We departed at 12:15 a.m. and took a fatiguing nine-hour midnight flight from Hong Kong International Airport to Sydney Airport – the 20th best airport in the world! When we arrived at the airport, we were already champing at the bit because we were about to meet our uncle and auntie that we haven't seen for years and were eager to know what exhilarating adventure they would give us! Then, we immediately resided in a hotel that they had already arranged for us. It was time to drop our stacks of luggage, lay on the bed and let our hair down in preparation for our next thrilling destination.

Once after we strolled around a warren of streets and took some photos, we stepped into the bustling and vibrant city centre of Sydney and what caught my eyes was spectacular Sydney Harbour. From there, the masterpiece of architecture, one of the most iconic symbols of Sydney, or even in the world – the Sydney Opera House could be seen in a distance. The Opera House is a polished white, shell-shaped structure that represents the unique thoughts of the legendary architect who designed the Opera House. The Opera House has various uses such as dining, dramas and orchestra. I used to only see it on a book or on the Internet. I walked close to see the main dish of our visit! After that another round of photo taking, we moved inside the structure, I was overwhelmed that I didn't know both of our uncle and auntie had already booked something for us again – a full guide to introduce to the tourists about the history of the Opera House and the rooms that are used for dramas or orchestras. We didn't watch any of these dramas or orchestras. What a pity!

Day 2: Sydney Tower

My initial expectation about the Sydney Tower was I could see scenic views on the vast observation deck. Yet unfortunately the reality was always the opposite of my expectations – I could only see a huge plain but only a few skyscrapers, tiny area of viewing but jam-packed with people unnecessarily long period of queuing time made the intact experience disappointing. My heart sank

from the top of the mountain to the bottom. The visit to Sydney Tower was unbelievably frustrating. I originally planned to take some stunning photos on the observation deck, but I didn't. What a waste of time to go there!

Day 3: Sea Aquarium Life Sydney

The Sea Life Sydney is one of the world largest aquariums where over 13,000 marine lives live there. The aquarium was way huger than I thought as its exterior shows. Here I could see innumerable species of marine creatures. I also learnt about their habitat, their effects on the food chain and some other endangered marine lives. It reminded me to be more environmentally friendly as global warming and water pollution are becoming more serious. Then, we walked into the underwater glass tunnel and took some dazzling photos. After that, we watched some sharks swimming around the aquarium and it was so invigorating, wasn't it?

Day 4: A shopping spree in the Queen Victoria Building

The quaint Queen Victoria Building had multiple purposes throughout history. But it is now used as its original purpose – a shopping and trading centre. There are such as excess of shops selling numerous brands such as Boune, Calvin Klein underwear, Asics, SABA and so on. We bought a hundred pieces of clothes, shows and sportswear. Prices were reasonable and we were satisfied with this trip to Sydney.