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Exploring the World of Wonders in 10 days

They say a journey of a thousand miles starts with one step, well for me it started with no job. “Okay let me get this straight, you lost your job so you’re going to travel around the world in 10 days by yourself with your savings.” said my sister Emma. “I am going.” I said, “Okay at least tell me where you’re Bethany.” “I’m going to a tour around Europe, I’m going to France, Italy and the Netherlands.” I said. “I don’t approve but go on your journey and come back safe,” she said. I nodded.

“Please fasten your seatbelt because we are going to take off” said the flight attendants. After a bunch of movies and no sleep, I arrived in France, a gust of wind hit my face. I was very jetlagged so I slept on the cab on the way to the hotel. When I arrived, I was shocked. It looked like a mansion. In the pictures, it was pretty but in real life it’s so much more. I went to my room and there it was the Eiffel tower. That’s why the first thing I decided to do was go to the Eiffel tower! When I left the building, I was thinking the Shangri-la hotel Paris is amazing.

I took a glass lift to the top of the Eiffel tower, it was a spectacular view. I saw the Palace of Versailles, Notre Dame Cathedral and Stade de France and many more buildings. After that, I went to have lunch, I ate a sandwich that was with a baguette, after that I strolled around and found beautiful white tassel earrings with pearls, I knew immediately that Emma would love them so I bought it. After all of that, I finally went back to the hotel. I didn’t need dinner. I just went back to my room and watched movies till I fell asleep.

On my second day, I went to the Louvre Museum, I saw a lot of artworks but my favourites were the I.M. Pei’s Pyramis, The Lamassu and The Mona Lisa. Everything else was also beautiful but

the ones I mentioned just stood out to me, for dinner I had proper French food such as frog legs and escargots.

On my third and final days, I went to Palais Garnier to watch an opera. It was a beautiful and Imgis, for lunch I just had a light meal. I wasn't hungry so I had salad. It was my final day so I decided to walk along the Seine River at night, I was going miss France but I was going to Venice and I'm excited.

I arrived at Venice and I felt so happy that I chose Palazzo San Luca because it was close to the Grand Canal of Venice, I was going to go on a gondola ride as soon as I put down my bags. My hotel was breath-taking! I hurried off, out of my hotel for my first gondola ride. I passed La Fenice Theatre I also saw palaces and iconic bridges. I saw the Salute Church too. The whole ride I felt very relaxed. After that I went to St. Mark's Basilica, the works of art on the inside of the domed riding, I loved everything about this place. It's only my first day but I have very high expectations.

On my second day I went to Gallerie dell' Accademia, it's a museum that shows Renaissance art such as the Vitruvian Man, the Resurrection and the Battle of Lepanto. Every artwork in there are masterpieces, I wonder now people can make such exquisite things. After that I went to Venice Lido and just relaxed. The beach was much calmer than anywhere I went to this whole journey.

On the third day, I went Doge's Palace. It was stunning, the inside was impressive, almost everything had original and impeccable details. After that, I rode a Vaporetto through the Grand Canal, it's a very different feeling from riding a gondola.

On my fourth and final day, I went to San Marco Campanile, on top of the tallest structure in Venice was a golden statue of Gabriel. The best part was that I could take a great panoramic picture. After that I went to Murano, it has a wonderful charm and is not as crowded as the main areas in

Venice, I also saw a glass blowing demonstration that Murano's famous for. I had a wonderful time in Venice, it was much more action-packed than France but it's hard to say which one I prefer.

I finally arrived at my last stop Amsterdam. I went to Hotel the Dylan Amsterdam and it was very pretty and had a nice aura. The first place I went to was Madame Tussauds Amsterdam, there were a lot of wax figures but my favourites were pop singers, I also enjoyed some like Albert Einstein or presidents. After that, I went the Van Gogh Museum, my favourite artworks were Bedroom in Arles and Almond Blossoms. I had a splendid first day and I'm quite excited for the next two.

On my second day, I went to Natura Artis Magistra, the oldest zoo in Amsterdam. I saw a bunch of animals and even saw some art exhibits too. After that, I went to Ripley's believe it or not, I saw crazy things that I'm still having trouble believing, you should go there.

On my last day, I went to Foam, a museum in Amsterdam. It's a photography museum with different genres such a documentary, art and fashion. When I was there, I was there, I was more interested than I thought I would be. After that, I went to Muiderslot, a castle, I honestly couldn't believe my eyes, they were filming a television show set in the Middle Ages. I may have fooled around a bit but I had fun. Amsterdam is a very interesting place and I could love to go there again.

I had a wonderful journey and you know what they say "Life takes you to unexpected places. Love brings you home."