



INDIA

"Over summer I went to India for my cousin's wedding, and I was there for awhile because weddings in India are six days long."

Kanish Patel, 12

CRUISE

"This summer I went on a Carnival Dream Cruise to Cozumel, Roatan, and Belize."

Kyleigh Levins, 12



PORTUGUAL

"I went to Guincho Beach in Porto, Portugal. The water was freezing, but I had tons of fun. I even learned some Portuguese."

Eva Kaminski, 10

CUBA

"I went to Cuba to visit some of my family and it was really fun and nice to get off the grid. We went to a cathedral in Santiago and I saw Fidel Castro's grave and I stayed at the beach for a few days."

Victor Escobar, 11



EUROPE

"I went to London and France this summer. We had planned this trip a year before we knew the World Cup would be there. It happened to work in our schedule to go. In England we went to an outside viewing of the game and in France me and my mom went to downtown Disneyland and watched the game with 5000 other people on tv." **Sam Cary, 12**

TRAVELING the GLOBE

SENIOR ASLEE ADDISON EXPLORES NEW COUNTRY OVER SUMMER BREAK

As she boards her plane to take her to China, senior Aslee Addison calms her nerves and prepares for her first international flight all by herself. Her dad had gone before her with his Washington University class as a learning excursion. Since Addison has always had a passion for traveling her dad thought she could meet him there and make it a mini vacation.

"I flew to China by myself and was a little nervous, but it wasn't the first time I flew alone before," Addison said. "I had flown to Minnesota for a Korean language immersion summer camp. I knew what to expect from flying myself before."

The arrival in China wasn't all a culture shock for Addison. Through her freshman and sophomore year, when FHN still had the class available, she was enrolled in Mandarin Chinese for a foreign language class. Due to this past knowledge, the characters and culture she learned about in class helped her navigate her way around.

"I've had two years of formal Chinese language education, and it helped even though I forgot quite a lot of it but I could still recognize some of the characters and simple phrases people used," Addison said.

As culturally diverse as she is due to her interest in different languages and

opportunities for traveling, Addison came across unexpected popular interests in China once she got there. The American cartoon Peppa Pig seemed to be all the rage around parts of china.

"There was a interesting obsession with Peppa Pig, which was new to me," Addison said. "My friend Sandy, went to China after I did and got me some Peppa Pig socks."

What wasn't new to her was the beautiful sights all around her daily. In the city of Qualein, at a place called the Carst, is a site where big rock formations are carved out by the river around it.

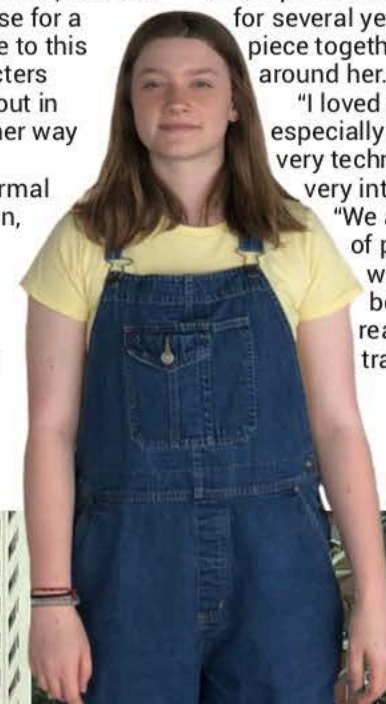
"It's so pretty and it's the kind of landscape seen in a lot of ancient Chinese paintings," Addison said.

After another adventure of traveling, Addison had even more new memories and experiences. After studying at home for several years Addison was able to piece together the language barrier around her.

"I loved being able to sight see, especially in ShangHai which is very technological advanced and very international," Addison said.

"We also got to ride a bunch of public transportation which is new to me because here we don't really use underground transportation."

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THE MUNY



"I went to the Munny with my friend Levi to see the play Singing in the rain. Corbin Bleu was the lead of the play so we got to meet him after. He signed my favorite pair of vans so I can walk with him wherever I go."

Wil Skaggs, 12

GRAFFITI WALL

"Me and my friends were bored and we wanted to adventure so we decided to walk down to the River Front where the graffiti wall is and took some pictures."



Emilegh Macmann, 11

MAINSTREET



"Me and my family always go down to the Mainstreet Riverfest on the Fourth of July to see the fireworks. This year, my mom and I both got matching henna which was cool because I've never had it before."

Audrey Sevier, 10

CARDINALS GAME

"My boyfriend Chase and I went to the Cardinals game to celebrate our six months. The game was super fun but they lost."



Jenna Galkowski, 12

THE ARCH



"Me and my friends went to a free Jason Derulo concert at the Arch. It was really fun because I had an amazing time with some good friends and we didn't have to pay for anything."

Abbie Miller, 12

TRAVELING
the **TOWN**



Adria Schmidt, 11
 Castlewood State Park



Alivia Faupel, 11
 Busch Wildlife Conservation Area



Caleb Helmick, 11
 Mississippi River



Justin Baniak, 10
 St. Charles River Front



Cailyn Hodges, 9
 Hollywood Casino Amphitheater



Ella Manthey, 11
 Delmar Loop



Jessica Papka, 11
 St. Charles July 4 Festival



Molly Scott, 11
 Grant's Farm

(Photos submitted)