

January 1, 2013

For winter vacation this year we picked Orlando. Chechy and I had been looking forward to going to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter for a long time. The flight was only in the afternoon. So we didn't have to wake up too early after our late New Year's eve celebration. Just after lunch we locked up and drove to San Francisco. We parked at the Park SFO parking garage and took a shuttle to the airport. We quickly checked in. The security line moved very very slowly. So though we got to go on the Premier Access line, it still took a long time. Finally we were through and we headed to our terminal. Daddy and Mommy got upgraded to first class. Chechy took Mommy's seat. So Mommy and I sat in our original economy seats. They were fine. We even had one extra seat. There was some bad turbulence few times. One time a lady with a baby who was going to the restroom had to sit down suddenly and sat in our free seat. She was a fourth grade teacher in Florida. So we talked about what we were learning in fourth grade. I slept quite a bit, read a little, played games with mummy a little. For dinner we bought a wrap, a snack box and Chex Mix. It was good. Apparently the hot pasta that chechy and daddy got in first class wasn't that good! The movie on flight was "Pitch Perfect". I had heard it wasn't appropriate for small kids, so didn't watch it. Chechy did. It was midnight when we landed in Orlando. It was a warm night. We went down and found the Magical Express motor coach. Soon we were off on our way to Disneyworld. They showed some video on the bus monitors. In 30 minutes we reached Disney World. After couple stops, we stopped at the Port Orleans French Quarter resort. That was our stop. We checked in. We got the room 3245. It was a nice room. There was a Mickey towel arrangement on the bed. We quickly settled in and went to bed.

January 2, 2013

Woke up at 10am. Did not realize it was so late. Of course the three hour time difference didn't help. We went to the Sassagoula Floatworks cafeteria in our resort for breakfast. I liked my kids meal with pancake. After breakfast we waited for a bus to Animal Kingdom. After a while, we gave up and decided to spend the day at the resort. We went to the room, changed into our swimsuits and jumped into the resort pool. It was a good pool with a nice slide. The day was sunny and warm. So we spent the rest of the morning in the pool. Had lunch at the resort café and then strolled along the river to the Port Orleans Riverside resort. Relaxed in a hammock for a while. Daddy wanted to try fishing at the fishing hole but it was closed. We rented bikes and rode around the resort. Then we had some ice-cream at the Riverside café. We took a boat from the Riverside docks to Downtown Disney. Downtown was nicely lit up and quite colorful as we approached. The red hot air balloon above it looked picturesque. We walked around and looked for a place to eat. There was a long line everywhere. We got our names into the list for T-Rex café. Then we walked around a bit more. Went to the huge World of Disney shop, saw the amazing Lego structures near the Lego store, and listened to some street musicians. The T-Rex café was amazing. There were meteor showers every 20 minutes. Each section of the restaurant had a different theme. We sat in the Dinosaur area. We walked around

and saw the Ice Age one, the Ocean one and so on. Dinner was good. After dinner we went back and hit the bed.

January 3, 2013

Woke up by 7:30am. Had the usual breakfast and took the bus to Animal Kingdom. As soon as we entered the park we decided to go try for Expedition Everest. The line wasn't too long, so we went straight ahead. It was fun and a bit scary. At one point we went backwards. It was my first big ride. Then we went on the Kali River Rapids. That was a bad idea because we got all wet. We then stood in line for the Kilimanjaro Safari. That was a longer wait than we thought. Anyways, we went in a bus and saw many African wild animals including lions, wildebeests, giraffes, rhinos, etc. The wet clothes were bothering us. So we went back to the hotel. We changed and ate lunch there. Then we went back to Animal Kingdom. This time we took it more leisurely and looked around to see the "Tree of Life", and the many animals in enclosures all around. We took a Fastpass to the Dinosaur ride and then went to Zimba show. That was a nice musical. Very colorful and some amazing acrobatics. After the show we went and rode on the Dinosaur ride. It wasn't too scary. After that ride we went to the Nemo show. That was good too. After the show we walked to Expedition Everest. Chechy wanted to ride again but the line was too long. So we started our walk back. Daddy got some chai and we got really big cookies. On the way we saw the "It is tough to be a bug" show. That was scarier than I thought it would be. I kept trying to shoo things away when things seemed to come too close due to 3D effect. The final feeling along the seats as the bugs went away was spooky. We went back to Port Orleans and had dinner. We listened to some live music for a little while and then went to bed.

January 4, 2013

It was an overcast and rainy day. But that didn't stop us. We went to Epcot. Mommy's camera wasn't working properly and she was upset. But it would work after a few bangs and shakes! So we took pictures with the Spaceship Earth as soon as we entered. The line was too long. We decided to watch the Ellen's Energy Adventure show. That was quite fun with the seats actually moving around. After that we spent some time at Innoventions and then went on Mission Space. I got to be Commander. That was fun. Ate a burger for lunch. Got Fastpass for TestTrack though we never used it. We went and watched the Captain EO show. Another 3D show but quite a mild one. It had Michael Jackson in it. We hung out at the Imagination Labs making some music, figments, etc. Then we walked through the World Showcase. I made sure I took a picture in every country. Mommy's camera got fixed by itself in the middle of that. We started off with Canada. It had some tall totem poles and a waterfall. Next was England. The red phone booths were fun. We walked the old cobbled streets and stopped in front of the Tower of London, and some pubs. There was some live music going on. We wanted to eat pastries in France but the lines were too long. Mommy bought a dessert in Morocco. The Moroccan market was very colorful. In Germany we had treats from a caramel shop.

I had caramel marshmallows and chechy had caramel apple. It was delicious. Japan and Italy looked quite familiar since they looked like places we visited when we went there. In China, we saw a miniature of the terracotta soldiers. In Norway we had some Norwegian food – troll horn and salmon and egg sandwich. Quite yummy. In Mexico, we went inside the pyramid to see a little Mexican city inside. We watched glass blowing. That was interesting. After we made a complete round, we took the bus back to the hotel. After dinner and bath, we went back to Epcot and watched the Illuminations fireworks. It was short but fantastic.

January 5, 2013

Harry Potter day! It started out rather chilly but soon warmed up. After breakfast we took a cab to the Avis car rental place at the Hilton. We got the car and drove to Universal Studios. We went to the Universal Islands of Adventure. We decided to head straight to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. It was a long walk passing through Seuss Landing, and other attractions of the Lost Continent. The Harry Potter world looked as amazing as I had imagined. We headed straight to Hogwarts and stood in line for the Forbidden Journey. There was a 90 minute wait. But once inside the castle we walked through corridors with talking portraits. We saw many of the characters we knew. The ride itself was a bit scary. Especially the huge spiders. Once we got out we went through Filch's Emporium where we bought ride pictures. Daddy left his hat on the ride, so lost it. Chechy and I bought wands. I got Hermione's and chechy got Sirius Black's. Next we went on the Flight of the Hippogriff ride. That was a fun quick one. We walked back to Hogsmeade and looked for a good place to eat. We decided on the Three Broomsticks. Got our lunch and Butterbeer. The butterbeer was delicious. Daddy got a brew from Hog's Head. After lunch it became quite sunny. We spent some more time in Hogsmeade, going through shops like HoneyDukes and Zonkos trick store. Then we left Harry Potter world and went and saw the Sindbad show. Next we went to the Marvel area. Stood in a long line and went on the Spiderman ride. It was a bit scary because of the 3D effects. Had some Dipping Dots when we got out. Saw a rock climbing thing and chechy tried out. She made it to the top on both attempts. Then chechy and Daddy went on the Jurassic park river adventure. Mommy and I just watched. But then they said it was a lot of fun. So they went again and took me too. Mommy just took pictures. We walked back to Hogsmeade. Chechy got a Tshirt and I got a shawl. As we walked back to the car my feet were hurting. Got back to the resort, ate dinner and watched some Food Network.

January 6, 2013

We woke up later than the previous days. Skipped breakfast and drove to Discovery Cove. As soon as we checked in we went for the breakfast. It was good. After that we changed into wet suits. It did not feel that good. But then we entered the warm waters of the lazy river and it all felt fine! We waded through the caves, under waterfalls, and so on. Mommy came for a little while and then went back. She walked around and took pictures. We met at the aviary where chechy fed birds that

came and sat on her arm. We saw a tiny deer there too. We went back in the river to complete the loop. Mommy met Sherman the tortoise going for a walk when she walked back. We picked up some snacks and sat in the calm oasis eating it. Then we got snorkeling gear and went to the reef. There were a lot of fish. I was a bit scared of the big Sting rays. 12:30 we went for our dolphin swim training. Daddy, chechy, and I did the Dolphin swim. It was an amazing experience. We met 3 dolphins personally. I kissed one and swam with one. After the swim we went and had lunch. There was a lot of choice. After lunch we went back to the Reef and explored more. We even saw sharks. Thankfully they were behind glass. We went back to the lazy river and relaxed for a bit before taking hot showers and getting ready to leave. We picked up some snacks for the road and left. It was an amazing day. Thankfully though rain was predicted we had a beautiful day. After dropping the car at the rental place we walked to Downtown Disney. We had dinner at Portobello restaurant. We were very tired when we took the boat back to the resort.

January 7 2013

Time to head back home. But the flight was only in the evening. So woke up late and after breakfast walked over to Riverside. Tried fishing at the Fishing Hole. I actually caught a fish. Chechy caught ne too. Then Daddy caught several. The last one was the biggest. Unfortunately it swallowed the hook and died by the time we got the hook out. All the rest swam away as soon as we put them back. We came back to French quarter and had lunch. Then we checked out and waited in the lobby for the bus. I watched some cartoons and did some drawing. Chechy also drew and even did some homework on her iPod. We took the Magical Express to Orlando airport. This time we all sat together on the flight. I slept quite a bit on this flight too. We reached San Francisco by 8:30pm and got home by 9:30pm. Got into bed quickly to be up and ready for school the next day.