

Time in America

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# MY TIME IN AMERICA

My name is Elena. I am 16 years old and come from Berlin. I live with Claras parents, who is my exchange student. In the first half of the year she in Berlin for four months. Then I came to America on February 17.th. Now I only have five more weeks. I enjoyed my time here very much. Sometimes it was hard to be so far away from my parents and my whole family. The first weekend I was here, we went to New York City, which was gorgeous. But after a little bit of time I realized that I didn't liked the really high buildings and the crowds. We went there with six other people, from our class. We also went to the ballet in Philadelphia two times. The first time we saw Swan Lake, which was very pretty to see. Then during the Easter holidays I went to Canada with my host family to visit Clara's aunt. They have a huge farm with cows, horses, sheeps and cats. There we went to a little place, which is the nearest place they had. One day we went to Toronto, to see the CN-Tower and do a little bit shopping. When we were there it snowed the whole time. So we went to Chinatown to eat there some Chinese food. Then we did a little bit shopping and after that I met my godmother and her two children. When I met her we both cried very much, because the last time I saw her was 12 years ago. There we went to a restaurant, where we had coffee. Then she took me to a shop, where she bought me some T-shirts, for my last several birthdays. In the beginning we spoke a lot of English, but in the end we spoke a little bit of German. In the last minutes, I was so sad, because I missed her so much these last 12 years. After the time with her, we went to the CN-Tower. We went up, which was very nice, because we could see everything from the top. Later we drove to the farm and got there at midnight. After a few days on the farm, we drove to Niagara Falls. We arrived very late so we also saw the falls at night. That was beautiful. We went under the falls, which was very wet and scary.

After the Easter holidays, we had one week practicum, I went to the Yellow-Springs-Farm. There I worked with the goat cheese and the goats. It was pretty fun, because I did the practicum

with another girl from my class. I also milked the goats and cleaned the goat room. One day me and the other girl, we fed the little goats and took some pictures of them. That was very cute.

On another day I drove to Philadelphia with my host family to admire and look at the Cherry Blossom Trees. Then on April 28, I went to the Prom for the High School. That day was a lot of fun. We danced a lot, but the only thing what was not that good was the dance room. On May 12, we went with another family to Washington D.C. There we visited the National Gallery and rode bikes to the Lincoln Memorial. I also saw the Capitol, the Washington Monument and the biggest diamond in the world, which was exhibited there.