

Write 3-4 diary entries from your trip to Australia. Write about the places you visited.

Day 1.

Last summer my family and I flew to Australia, a trip I will never forget. Our plane landed in Sydney which is the largest and oldest Australian city. It was built around a natural harbour.



From the top of the Harbour Bridge, you have a fantastic view over the sea and the city.

We stayed with an Australian family near the harbour. Our family, like many other Australian families, owned a boat and we went sailing at the weekend. Sailing and spending time at the beach are favourite free time activities for Australians. "Let's go to the beach" is what most Australian say to each other at least once a day in

summer.

In the evening we went to see the famous Opera House right by the harbour which looks like a huge sailing boat. Inside there are also two theatres, a library and a concert hall.

Day 4.

We rented a four-wheel drive, and my father took us to see the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Queensland. It is the largest system of coral reefs in the world. It stretches for over 2000 kilometres, and it can be seen from the plane. The reef is ideal for scuba diving, snorkelling and in some parts fishing is also allowed. I am not a good swimmer, and I like to keep my feet dry, so we went on a one-day trip on a boat with a glass bottom. I could see a lot of different kinds of fish and took many pictures. At lunch break, we stopped on one beautiful island with a sandy beach. We had a picnic there and then we built a sand castle.



Day 6.

Our next stop was Kakadu National Park in northern Australia, 171 km from Darwin. It is almost half the size of Switzerland, and there are a lot of things to see, especially if you are a nature lover. We saw kangaroos, Australian wild dogs called dingoes, and many different

birds including bright-coloured parrots. I saw big crocodiles, a freshwater crocodile and a saltwater crocodile. There were huge. A saltwater crocodile can be almost six metres long.

In Kakadu, we also saw Aboriginal rock paintings. Aborigines came to Australia 40 000 years ago, and they were in Australia before the British took their land and made a colony. The paintings show mostly Australian animals.

Day 8.



The highlight of our Australian trip. Today we visited a big mountain in the middle of Australia, Ayers Rock also called Uluru by the Aborigines who own the National Park there. When you arrive there by car, you suddenly see a huge red rock rising from the ground. Uluru is about 350 metres high, and you can climb it. We didn't do it because our guide didn't recommend it. It is a holy place for the Aborigines, and they are not happy when tourists climb it. We just walked around it and took pictures. I took a fantastic photo at sunset.