

任多杰的西班牙度假—Jack's Trip to Spain

对美国学生来说，高中毕业很重要，因为上完高中以后大部分学生会搬出家住，开始自己的独立生活。所以学生的父母常常会趁这个机会跟学生一起去度假，利用这个时间多跟他们在一起。很多父母会带他们的孩子去旅游。所以去年我高中最后一年四月的时候也跟爸爸妈妈一起去了一趟西班牙。我跟父母从芝加哥的O' hare飞机场坐飞机去西班牙的巴塞罗那。然后，再去了一些小城市，最后到了首都马德里。除了旅游景点以外，我们还去了很多博物馆，吃了很好吃的饭。我很喜欢跟我爸爸妈妈去西班牙，因为我觉得跟父母旅行很好玩儿。

我觉得旅游很重要，因为旅游的时候我常常比较了解别的文化。比方说在西班牙很多人看上去很闲，所以大家都吃晚饭吃得很晚，在那儿我跟父母常常九点才吃晚饭。西班牙人没有美国人每天生活得那么紧张有那么多工作，他们常常跟朋友或者同事去饭馆吃中饭。中饭的时候他们常常慢慢地喝啤酒。我在美国中饭的时候没看见过有人喝啤酒。西班牙人虽然生活比较悠闲，可是我想他们也

有不健康的地方，比方说他们常常抽烟。我觉得西班牙人比美国人抽烟抽得多了。

我去过西班牙、中国、法国、爱尔兰、加拿大、德国和奥地利。但是我还想去更多的国家。我特别希望以后暑假有机会跟朋友一起到冰岛去钓鱼和骑自行车。我们可以先在一个叫Reykjavik的城市学习冰岛的文化，然后一起骑自行车环岛旅行和露营。我相信一定会非常好玩和有意思的。

你们喜欢旅行吗？我觉得现在很多中国人都有机会出国旅行。对美国大学生来说，旅行特别重要。因为在别的国家不但可以学习到很多不一样的东西，而且也会比较了解自己国家的文化。所以他们常常出国旅行或者留学。

English Translation:

For American students high school graduation is very important, because most of the time after graduation students will move out of the house to start their own independent lives. So the students parents often take this opportunity to go on vacation with their parents, and use this time to spend more time together.

Many parents can take their kids to travel. So, last year after during april of my last year of high school I went on a trip to Spain with my parents. My parents and I went from Chicago's O'hare airport and took a plane to Barcelona. Then, we went to a few smaller cities and finally we ended up in Madrid. In addition to tourist attractions, we also went to many museums and ate a lot of good food. I really liked going to Spain with my parents, because I think traveling with parents is very fun.

I think traveling is very important, because often while I'm traveling I get to learn about other cultures. for example, in Spain lots of people look like they aren't busy, so they all eat dinner very late, and while we were there my parents and I often ate after 9:00 p.m.. Spanish people are less nervous and have less work each day than American's, they often go out to eat with coworkers or friends for lunch. During lunch they often slowly drink beer. I never see business people drink beer during lunch in America. Although Spanish people have more leisurely days, but also I think they are less healthy, for example they often smoke cigarettes. I think Spanish people smoke a lot more cigarettes than American people.

Ive been to Spain, China, France, Ireland, Canada, Germany and Austria, but I want to go to even more countries. I especially

want to have the opportunity to go to Iceland with my friends to fish and ride bikes. We can start at Reykjavik to learn about Iceland's culture, after we can all together ride our bikes on Iceland's ring roads and camp. I believe that it will be both extraordinarily fun and interesting.

Do you all like to travel? I think that right now a lot of Chinese people have the opportunity to travel abroad. American students think that travel is especially important. because in different countries you can not only learn lots of different things, but also learn about their own culture. So they often travel or study abroad.

Vocabulary:

西班牙	xībānyá	Spain
旅游	lǚ yóu	travel
大部分	dà bùfen	most of the time
一趟	yī tàng	Measure word for trips
巴塞罗那	bāsāiluōnǎ	Barcelona
马德里	àitàrlán	Madrid
爱尔兰	àitàrlán	Ireland
法国	fǎguó	France
冰岛	bīngdǎo	Iceland

钓鱼	diào yú	Fishing
独	dú	Alone
了解	liǎojiě	understand
抽烟	chōuyān	To smoke cigarettes
首都	shǒudū	Capital
度假	dùjià	To go on vacation