

Road Trip 1 - Blue Mountain Ski Trip

One of the things in my to do list for my exchange is to go snowboarding, therefore, when my cousin in Canada asked me if I want to join them to Blue Mountain for skiing I said yes immediately without any hesitation. The ride to the mountain is about 1 to 2 hours by car from Toronto. We staying at a chalet where we cooked our meals, we had hotpot for dinner which remind me of Taiwan. Ate so much that night that affected my brain and make me go crazy singing and dancing the whole night, but we had a blast and kept the memory in those classified videos that can't be leak, or my image will be ruined for ever. The mountain is not spectacular or breathtaking, in fact it is a very basic ski mountain, no much of a sight seeing. Thus, you got to be prepared to be skiing for hours or having some board games ready for night. Also, you will definitely get hungry in the middle of the sport and will want to have some snacks, don't worry there is a cafeteria where you can get food, but don't be picky because it does not have Michelin Star. I encourage to bring your own snack with you because the snacks are pricey even the water. Most of the tourist bring their own sandwich and salad. For recommendation, I suggest you to spend 2 nights if you are not a fan of skiing otherwise you will get really bored after skiing for 2 days because there's not much to do besides that. You can keep an eye on McMaster Outdoor Club facebook page or Exchange Group because they do organize skiing trip and other activities to see the beauty of Canada.

Road Trip 2- Montreal

My first trip with my exchange group was to Montreal. This trip was really special to me because it brought me closer to them. We got there by car and rented an Airbnb for a big group. First day we didn't do much since we got there a bit late so we ordered pizza and sushi for dinner. We decided to hit the clubs later on but I was already too f!!! up so decided to get some rest that night. The next day we went downtown to do some sightseeing but the weather at that time was freezing so we just kept ending up inside some cafes and having some hot drinks with a must French crepe, well more than one and some ice cream as well. Before the nighting we went out for dinner and we had very nice Portuguese roasted chicken and famous poutine. After that, we went to a club to burn some of the calories but ended up again at a weird Chinese restaurant where it serves a very indescribable peanut sauce noodle, even though it was strange but we had two of it. As for the last day it ended with a very good bagel and I even bought a dozen back to Hamilton. Last note, you know Montreal is famous for its poutine and bagel so don't forget to stop by it and enjoy your day as much as you can!



Road Trip 3 - Manitoulin Island

I must say this trip was very unexpected, we were just talking we should do something crazy and we actually ended up in Manitoulin Island which is basically a deserted island only with some old people during winter time. This is my favorite trip ever in my life. The first day we couldn't make it to the island because we got caught in a snowstorm therefore ended up at a motel. The night was so cozy we four people stuck in one small room watching horror movie I felt we were like in those college movie scene. The next day we finally got to the island but we discovered that our cabin didn't have bathroom neither water. Basically we ended up pooping in the nature and using tree branch for our marshmallow stick to make s'more. The trip taught me that no matter where you are or what you are as long as the people around you are those one you appreciate the most you can still make the most out of everything. In this trip I even get to do something on my bucket list which is take a topless pictures, I got to give the credit to my two best guy friends for patiently taking the picture for the girls, big love to them.



Road Trip 4- Tobermory The Last Trip

The thing that I value the most is my exchange family. We started the exchange with a trip to Montreal and we had to make a last all together no matter how hard is to have 16 people on the same schedule, however, we made it by making some sacrifices for each other. This time we decided to go for the nature and ended up in Tobermory, Bruce Peninsula located 3 hours away driving from McMaster. Even though we stayed for one night, we did maximize the time as it was the last day of exchange. First we went to LCBO to get the beers for the night then we went to hiking. Since it was winter, the trail was completely covered by snow and some of us weren't wearing snow boots (reminder: always have two pairs of shoes for winter). We spent one hour in the forest as we were in Narnia. When we got out our feet were soaked but hunger made us forget about the freezing feet situation. We went to the fanciest restaurant according to the locals and had all the fish and chips i could have in my life since it was all you can eat. At night, we kept our tradition and played cards with beers and some of us even try to get into the frozen lake barefoot, you can imagine it didn't turn out that well. The next day we went back to the forest and had the most beautiful breath taking view which marked a good end to this trip.

