Reading 7a

Experiences of a Lifetime

Have you ever had an experience that has changed your life? These three young adventurers have! They told 'Young Traveller' all about it.



Check these words

- experience
- adventurer
- coral reef
- space
- species
- curious
- diver
- underwater
- jungle hike
- ancient
- challenging
- spectacular
- view
- rare
- hummingbird
- ruins
- resort
- destroy
- let off a rocket

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, AUSTRALIA

Nicky has just come back from her fantastic trip to the biggest coral reef on Earth. She says, "The reef is 2,000 km long. I've heard that you can even see it from space! I swam with dolphins and turtles. It was thrilling. There are also over 1,500 species of colourful fish on the reef and they aren't afraid of curious divers. I've taken some amazing underwater photos!"



MACHU PICCHU, PERU

Mary has just been on 'the Inca Trail', a famous jungle hike to the Lost City of the Incas. Mary tells us, "Machu Picchu is an ancient city in the mountains, 2,430 metres above sea level. The 4-day journey up was challenging and amazing! There were spectacular mountain views and rare wildlife – I even saw a hummingbird! People say the ruins were a holiday resort for rich Incas. The Incas built temples, houses and parks and time hasn't destroyed many of them. It's a very mysterious place because nobody knows why the Incas left. I had a brilliant time!"

PAMPLONA, SPAIN

Not many people have done something as dangerous as Alfie. He tells us, "People have run with bulls in Pamplona since the 14th century. These days, it's part of the Festival de San Fermin and it's a very popular event. Every day for a week in July, the runners dress in traditional red and white costumes, someone lets off a rocket and then everyone runs with bulls down four streets to the bullring. I've never run so fast in my life! Yes, it is dangerous, but I thought it was exciting. I've told my friends that I'm going back next year. They think I'm crazy!"



Reading & Speaking

1 **Describe the pictures. What can you see, hear, smell? Do you know these places? Write a question about each.**

Listen and read. Were your questions answered?

2 **a) Read and mark the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false).**

1 The fish on the Great Barrier Reef don't get close to divers. .....
2 The Incas used to go on holiday to Machu Picchu. .....
3 The Incas left the city because it was destroyed. .....
4 Running with bulls is an old tradition in Pamplona. .....
5 Alfie wants to run with bulls again. .....

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