

A WEEKEND I WILL NEVER FORGET



Last month, my best friend Sofía and I decided to spend a weekend in Baños. We both had a lot of school stress, so a short trip sounded perfect. We left early Saturday morning, and the weather was fresh but sunny. When we arrived, the town was already full of tourists, local music, and the smell of sweet canelazo.

Our first plan was to walk across the famous waterfalls. I had seen pictures before, but being there felt completely different. The sound of the water was so loud that Sofía and I had to shout to hear each other. After that, we tried the zipline. I had never done anything like that, and honestly, I was scared at first. But once I started flying over the green mountains, I felt free. Sofía screamed the whole way, but she loved it too.

In the afternoon, we stopped at a small café run by an older couple. They told us stories about how Baños had changed over the years and recommended a trail that wasn't very popular with tourists. We followed their advice the next day, and it was amazing. The trail was quiet, and we could see the whole valley from the top. When we finally returned home on Sunday night, I felt tired but happy. I realized that I had spent two days without thinking about school, homework, or stress. That weekend wasn't just a trip—it was a reminder that sometimes you need to disconnect to feel alive again.

Choose the correct answer.

1. Why did the girls decide to go to Baños?

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| a) They wanted to visit family | c) They had a long holiday |
| b) They were stressed from school | d) They wanted to go shopping |

2. How did the writer feel about the zipline at first?

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| a) Excited | c) Scared |
| b) Confident | d) Angry |

3. Who recommended the secret trail?

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| a) The zipline instructor | c) The writer's friend |
| b) A tour guide | d) An older couple at a café |

4. What did the writer realize at the end of the trip?

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| a) School is the most important thing | c) Disconnecting is sometimes necessary |
| b) Trips with friends are stressful | d) Nature is dangerous |

Select True or False

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| 1. The writer had been to Baños many times before this trip. | True | False |
| 2. Sofía enjoyed the zipline even though she screamed. | True | False |
| 3. The trail recommended by the couple was crowded with many tourists. | True | False |

Match the word with the correct definition.

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| A. Stressed | 1. a path or route to walk on. |
| B. Trail | 2. feeling worried or under pressure |
| C. Valley | 3. low land between mountains |