



Special Travel issue by 4B.

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Dear Readers,

In this special travel issue, 4B students wrote about a particular day in their Guatemala trip.

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Chers lecteurs,

Dans ce numéro spécial voyages, les 4B racontent une journée particulière de leur voyage au Guatemala.

Nous espérons que vous apprécierez cette lecture et n'oubliez pas de nous envoyer vos articles à lajournal@gmail.com.



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Livingston, April 2015



Hi everybody ! We are back and today we are going to talk to you guys about a place we went to when we were in Guatemala .Well, first of all we stayed at a hotel named



Villa Caribe in Livingston, which is the name of a town in Izabal Department, Eastern Guatemala, at the mouth of Río Dulce in the Gulf of Honduras. Taking a boat to get there was just amazing! This voyage was fun: we sang, we laughed ,we put on some music, it was our own little party boat. Finally we reached our destination and the first thing

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we saw when we arrived was the great vegetation, the fabulous pool ,the great rooms ,the decoration. Moreover the service and the people were really nice.

The food was great, we had a huge buffet, the weather was not what we expected but we didn't let it bother us .Before going to bed, we

all went down to the pool to talk ,relax, communicate and bond.The next day, we went to see a presentation about the Garifuna culture, (more specifically the food and dancing) and had a degustation. Then, we admired the Garifuna dancing and we saw more men than women dancing. The main instruments they used were the drums and the shekere. After the presentation ,we went to the pool, others visited, talked and relaxed because, after all, we were pretty tired. After a wonderful day of socializing and discovery, we took a little walk and visited the streets of Livingston.

Finally, we went back to the hotel to get ready for another amazing day in this wonderful country, this time for another location (Tikal).

By Geneviève Bélizaire, Taino Ledan and David Boisson



Our adventure:

Today we are going to tell you all about our adventure in Tikal.

The first thing you need to know is that Tikal is a natural reserve where the Mayas built their temple from -2600 to 1520. Nowadays people are allowed to climb only a few temples because it can ruin their stairs, or even the temples themselves.

Now, let's talk about our day. In the morning, we woke up at 4:00 am because we needed to be at Tikal at 6:00 am. When everyone was ready, we headed to the bus where we ate our breakfast because from Flores to Tikal it was a 1 hour and 30-minute drive and we had to get there early so that it was quiet. We could see the animals and avoid the heat. But even though we arrived early, it was still really hot. When we got to Tikal the teachers formed 3 groups to separate the students. We were in the same group.

We also climbed some of the Maya temples, the ones we were allowed to. The biggest Temple we climbed had 200 stairs. We spent 6 hours in Tikal. When we were done exploring Tikal, we went to eat at a small restaurant. We were tired from all the

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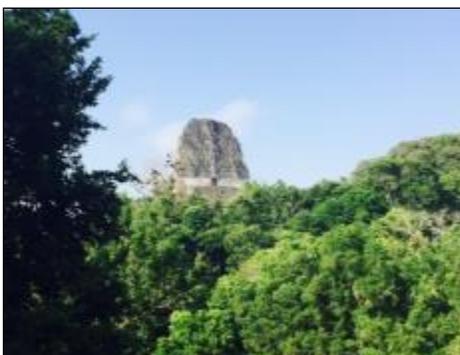
walking and we smelt really bad. So it was really refreshing when, at the restaurant, they gave us wet icy towels that enabled us to refresh ourselves from all that exhausting walking. It was a great adventure and we saw a lot of new things and animals that we don't see or hear in Haiti. We hope to go back some day.

by Athaly Sassine, Antony Noël, Ryan Dupervil

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A DAY IN GUATEMALA

Visiting Tikal .



On the fourth day, we visited Tikal which is an ancient Mayan city in a national park outside a small town called " Flores ". We woke up very early and took the bus for about 1 to 2 hours .

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When we arrived we bought a couple of gifts and snacks, then we began our visit around the park with our guides . We were split in a few groups and went our separate ways . We saw a big pond that happened to have crocodiles in it. Unfortunately, we didn't have the chance to see

any. But we did see giant trees ! We even saw the tree that was used to make bubblegum...pretty interesting ! Not to mention we also saw a couple of wild animals in their natural habitat, so much better than a zoo . We saw spider monkeys , howler monkeys , a various amount of birds and we also heard a jaguar ! All that was fun, but the best part was definitely all the pyramids and

temples we got to see and climb ! Some of them we couldn't climb due to the lack of safety but we all got pretty nice pictures of them . The highest pyramid is number 4, which is about 70 meters high . When we climbed it we got a whole view of the forest . It was scary to go up the stairs at first... when you looked down it seemed as if you were on top of the highest building on earth! But when we finally made it to the top we

were not disappointed .



Some pyramids were over 150 ft high ! We also learned a lot about the MAYAN culture from our guides . After visiting the park we went to have some lunch and showed each other the pictures we took , played cards etc... So overall it was a very fun day.

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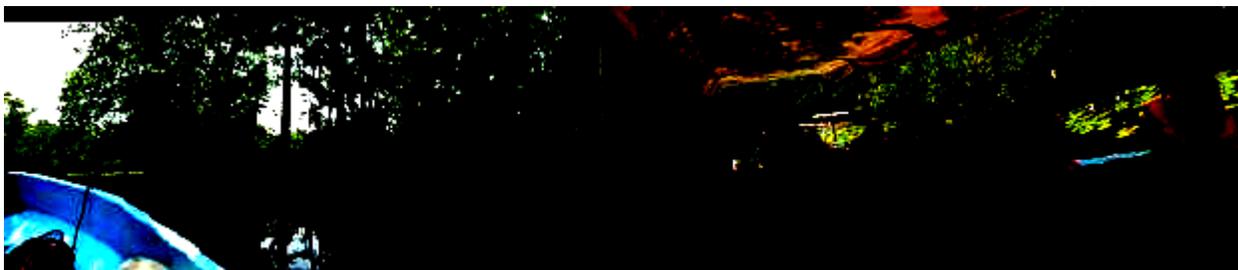
By Alexia Vorbe, Yann Madsen, Jerrick Jeannot.

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Kayla, Steve and Emeric's blog.

Hello Fellas!

Today we will be talking to you guys about our short time in Livingston, Guatemala. It was truly amazing: very green and most certainly one of the most beautiful and fun places we've visited on our class trip.



On our first night, some kids decided to hang out by the hammocks while others (Steve included) played spin the bottle. We discovered that we have some very naughty classmates, halha!



Steve woke up pretty early... So he got to see the beautiful sunset and some men fishing. You know what they say, the early bird gets the worm!



We had to wake up at around 6 or 8am to eat breakfast and then the majority of the kids went to the pool while others took pictures, hung out by the hammocks etc...

After the pool, we went to the back of the hotel where we got to see how Garifuna food is made. They didn't know how to speak French so our guide, Antonio, translated their explanations to us. They also offered us a taste of the food and it was pretty good!

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After that, we got another Garifuna presentation, but this time it was a dance! At some point, a few kids stood up and learned how to dance the way the dancers were! It was entertaining and a little funny!

When we were finished eating and relaxing in our rooms a little, we went on a walk around Livingston. It was a little dark so we didn't actually explore much.



On our last day, we didn't do anything special, we spent our last minutes by the lovely pool and hammocks before taking a boat out of the memorable place that is Livingston.

We only spent three days in Livingston but we still had the time of our life! We had many laughs and memories and discovered many things about each other. It is definitely a place we won't be forgetting anytime soon.

by K. Robet, S. Monsanto, E. Laborde

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Livingston Impressions

Hey there,

My friends and I are going to tell you about our Livingston journey in Guatemala. To start with, we woke up to the sound of birds.



Jade opened her window and saw the mountains and the sea. The first thing Oceane, Seydou, Jade and Jasmine did was take a typical Garufuna cooking class. The chef ensembled a dish called Machuca: it was delicious! We saw iguanas and lots of birds. Oceane was really scared when she saw the iguanas because she imagined that one of



them would follow her everywhere she went. A few hours later, we went to the pool.

by J. Chenet, J. Cardozo, O. Mathurin, S. Fall

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The Cool Kids Blog



Hey Guys,

We just got back home from our Class trip to Guatemala. Do you want to know what happened? I guess you'll just have to find out by reading.



Well first, let's say how beautiful Livingston village was!

To get there, we had to take this small boat ,from which Maël (our classmate) almost fell off (Lol☺).

Then, we arrived at this amazing Hotel; Villa Caribe. The Pool was huge and the rooms were comfortable .

The next morning, we learned about the Guarifuna culture where they made us taste two dishes; Machuka, Tapado and a

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small dessert. (the dessert was really good...)

Afterwards, we went to the restaurant where we saw some amazing Guarifuna dances.

And during the afternoon, we went to the pool with all the class. We spent about two hours in the pool. At around 6:30 we all went back to our rooms to shower.

Around 7, we met at the reception desk because we were going for a walk around Livingston village. (We were a little scared to walk in the streets.)

When we got back to the hotel we stayed at the reception for a bit of talking and fun while waiting for the buffet to be ready. When it was ready we all sat with our group of friends.

After the buffet the teachers gave us a curfew which was 10:30 .

We all went outside and sat by the lake to talk , tell jokes and lots of other things.

And that's about it for the adventure in Livingston. It was something that we will never forget and which brought back our class more united.

Hope you guys enjoyed this page.☺

by Ysatis San Millan, Krystal Thebaud, Mael Télémaque, Noa Monteiro.

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TIKAL

Guatemala, April 2015

Hi everybody! We're back from our trip!

If you're wondering, we went to Guatemala!!

It was pretty fun! Especially the day we went to Tikal.

So, we guess, you guys, already know that we are going to talk to you about our ADVENTURE at Tikal!!!! And all the fun we had.



Well, let us start by telling you that Tikal is a Maya park where you could see animals in their natural habitat and also these beautiful temples and pyramids where the Mayas used to live.

So, that day we woke up at maybe 3 in the morning. We all had to match, so we put our red shirts on!

After that we took the bus to go to Tikal, it was not a long long trip from where we were to go, but it still wasn't the shortest.

When we arrived at the park we divided ourselves into 3 groups: each group had a guide.

The guide explained to us the history of each temple and pyramid and also talked about the living

creatures and animals that were in the park. There were spider monkeys jumping from branch to branch! And some other animals.

That was pretty cool!

We also saw birds:, there were so many kinds of birds that we could not even remember their names; they had all sorts of colors. It was really, really awesome!!!

But for us, the best part was when we went on temples N4, which was the highest temples of them all! You could see all the other temples from the top that was actually very! Cool! But a little scary.

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So, after we were done visiting the park, we decided to eat at this little restaurant where the food was good. We got to talk with the other groups about the things we saw like animals

and all the other things we did.

Finally after all we had done it was time to go back to the hotel even if we went back early, it was still one of the best days we had in Guatemala and we thank our teachers for taking us there!

by E.Bellande, C.Nahra, L.De Chavigny