

My Best Memories of Summer of 2009

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The summer of 2009 was certainly the best of my life! It all started back on a sunny afternoon in May, when I found out I was going to Poland. I couldn't believe my luck! The next weeks I spent shopping, packing, planning and talking non-stop about my big trip. I couldn't wait!

When it was finally time to board the plane, I could barely stand the excitement. Any nervousness I felt disappeared as we took off for Warsaw. My first view of Poland was through the airplane window. I had a sense of relief that we had finally arrived.

As I walked off the plane, I was overwhelmed by all the sites and sounds I didn't understand. Being in another country so far from home, I knew I was beginning the adventure of a lifetime! A bus took us to Pultusk, which would be our home for most of the trip. Fortunately, it didn't take long for any anxiety to melt away as I began to feel comfortable in my surroundings.

Over the next eleven days, I met so many wonderful people and experienced the beauty of Poland. We took a scenic gondola ride down the Narwi River and were awed by the splendor of Basilica Kolegiacka, Czestochowa, and the Opinogor Museum of Romanticism. We toured the Wieliczka Salts Mines, an amazing sight, and were moved by the tragedy of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. We played at the beach, relaxed by the bonfire at night, and made lifelong friends.

In the end, we were sad to leave. On the plane ride home, we shared Memories and said goodbye to a truly extraordinary experience. I will never forget the summer of 2009.