

Mountain Scene

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Special points of interest:

- Waking up sooo early just to catch a train!!! =_ =
- The beautiful mountain scenery
- Cute guys~~
- Tou Chen Farm (probably our first time at a farm... and living in one!)

Highlight: Mountain Scenery

Today, we traveled to visit one of the amazing sights in Taiwan, the national mountain park in Hua Lian that is quite famous actually. We visited many different rock formations and learned that some of them are actually marble!!! Not only did we learn about marbles, we learned about the past history and how the mountain changed shape a lot and etc (especially after the 9/21 earthquake that happened a few years ago in Taiwan). There were many different



National Mountain Park in Hua Lian.

ing up a waterfall, and some other interesting formations. There are also temples in the mountains, however, we did not go to visit them. But, by looking from a far away distance, the temples do look very pretty though. Also, there were these tunnels that are closed off but

rock formations that are really unique that we were able to visit them all. There was the rock that looked like an Indian's head in profile view, a frog (a pretty giant one too), a fish leap-

used to be used for mining I believe. From the road in the mountain park, we were also able to see a river and lots of water falls too (mostly small ones though).



Caution signs along the trail.





What we did

We woke up really early to catch the earliest train ride to Hua Lian. Waking up at 5 o'clock and heading downstairs to go to the train station by bus, was really tiring. But, Belinda was pretty happy because she was waving at all the hotel staff people that came with us to the train station while she was in the bus. Then we were riding the train at 7 for about one 1/2 hrs. When we got off, we learned that we are going to go up in the mountain range where Hua Lian is famous for. Riding the bus through tunnels and up bumpy mountains made most of us very motion sick. Getting off the bus and seeing a big frog was kinda scary (there was this frog rock that was pretty big). After walking across the bridge, we saw tons of rivers and rocks that looked like

people's faces. One of the rocks looked like an Indian's profile view of a face. Walking through tunnels and looking at

the marble/jade shop. There, they showed us which jade is fake or not. Then we went to the mochi place. The mochi place was really cool because the mochi had many flavors. Later we went to the train trip where the seats can turn, so we played cards with each other. When we got off the bus it was already dark out. Our place of stay was

at Tou Chen Farm. We ate at a near by place to the farm. The food there was good and the star fruit was good. When we got back most of us took a shower. The shower there was really different then the one in America because the shower had no curtains, so the sink and toilet was exposed to the shower. Strange. But new.

"Ma-La-Su" (means 'How are you? Aloha!') -from the Natives in Taiwan



The wishing tree, alleyways, and lake of clam and peaceful Tou Chen Farm

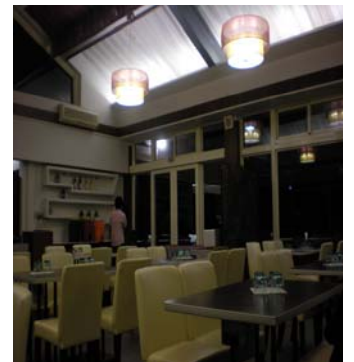
beautiful scenery, we arrived at The Formosa Hotel. After eating lunch, we went outside and took a picture with a guard. then taking more tunnels and down bumpy mountains, we got off the bus to see some more scenery. During that time ...it began raining !!! :0 We got on the bus and went to



The frog rock said to give the bridge builders at the time, nightmares.



The dim lighting at the buffet at Formosa Hotel



The modern café nearby Tou Chen Farm—getting there was vigorously insane.

