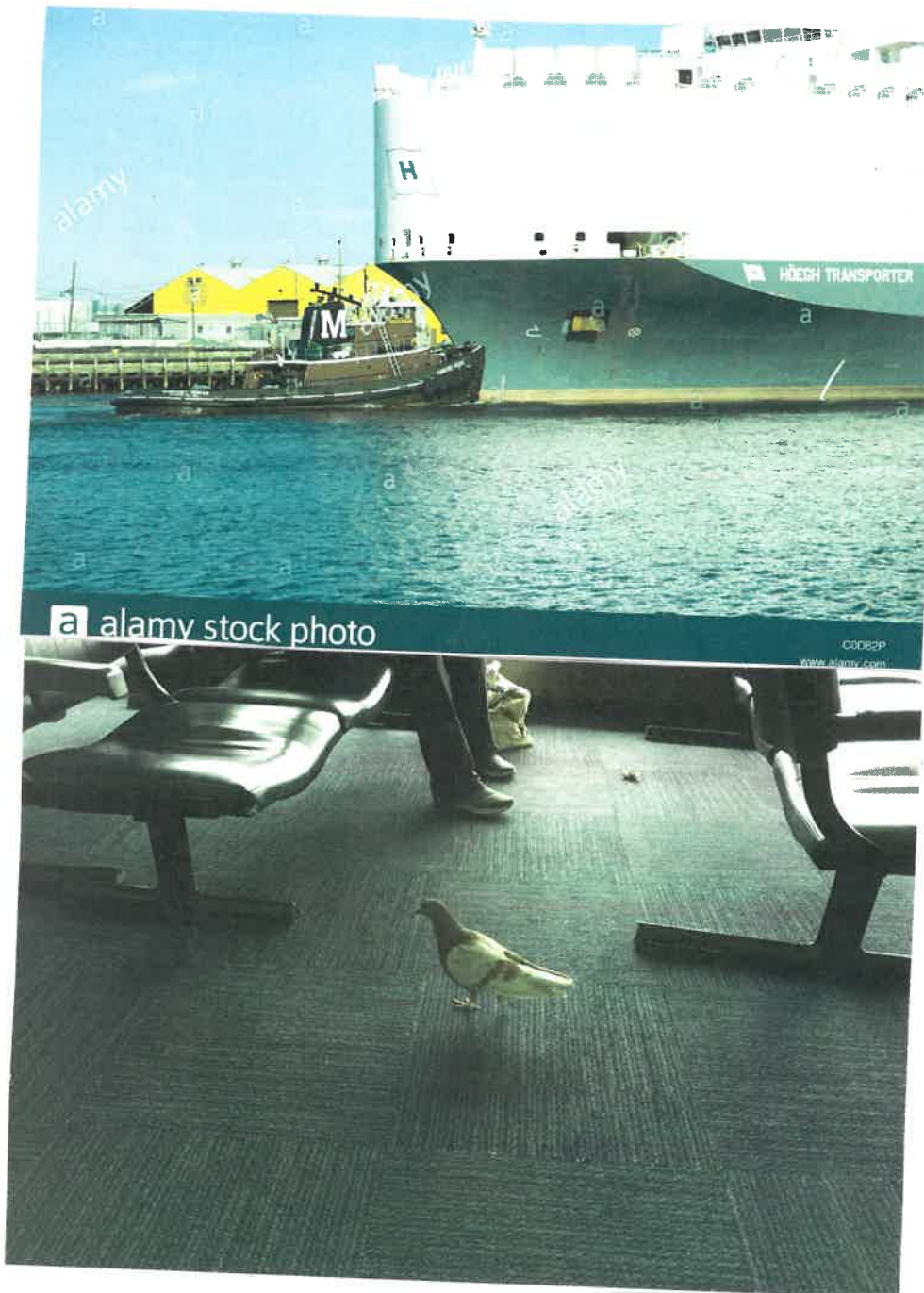


Flat Keira's Trip to Newark, New Jersey



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Flat Keira traveled to my town Newark which is in the State of New Jersey. Newark is one of the oldest cities in the united States and New Jersey is also known as "The Garden State" because of the flowers and also foods that are grown here. Did you know that?

Newark is the transportation "hub" of New Jersey and also one of the big transportation hubs for the "Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

We traveled by car and got to experience The Lincoln Tunnel, The Holland Tunnel and the George Washington Bridge.

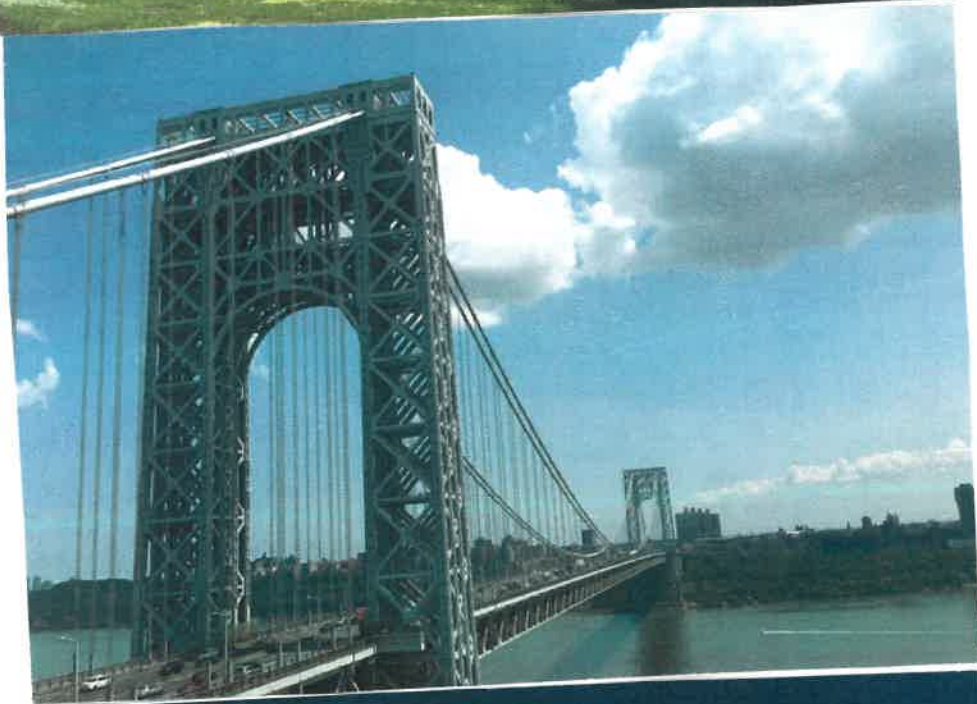
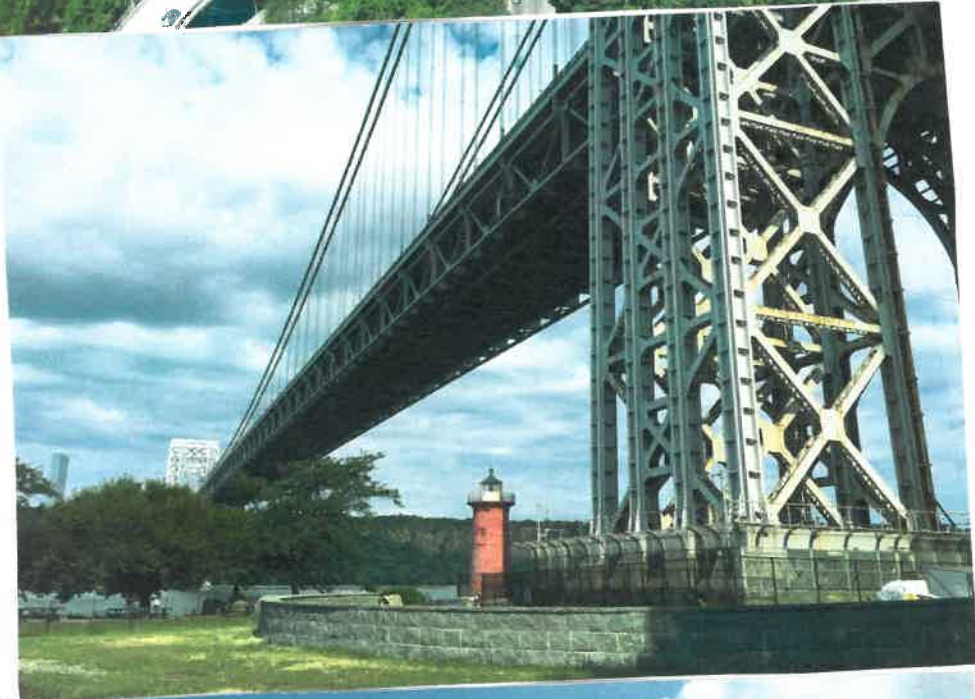
The Lincoln Tunnel is the biggest tunnel here and it goes under the Hudson River so we could drive to NYC. It has 3 big tubes and carries many cars and buses to and from New Jersey to 42nd Street in Manhattan. It has a beautiful "Helix" which is a big curved highway at its entrance. It was like riding on a big water slide coming into it!



The Holland Tunnel is smaller than the Lincoln Tunnel. It has only two tubes and it carries people to and from New Jersey and Chinatown in Manhattan. It is not as pretty as the Lincoln Tunnel and it is very crowded, but lots of people use it.



The George Washington Bridge is the busiest bridge in America. It carries people to and from New Jersey to 180th Street in Manhattan. It is a very "majestic" bridge. It carries people over the Hudson River. There are awesome views of New York and New Jersey from the bridge.



Flat Keira visited Newark Airport. It is one of the 3 major Airports in the "Tri-State" area. Newark is the busiest airport in this area and carries international passengers like Flat Keira and domestic travelers like Michael! There are always many planes and some pretty ones there too.



Newark has lots of public transportation too. Flat Keira took the PATH train. It is a clean and modern train. It goes from New Jersey to the World Trade Center and as far up as 33rd Street in Manhattan and it goes underground. We could use our Metrocard, but Michael had a PATH card so we had a discount. Michael is scared of heights so we did not go up to the top of the World Trade Center.



Flat Keira visited Port Newark which is the biggest and busiest seaport on the East Coast. Flat Keira could see many cargo ships bringing cars, materials and even some Pokemon and X-Boxes!



Flat Keira took New Jersey Transit. It is the train system for New Jersey. We can take it to the mountains for skiing and camping, too the New Jersey Shore for the beach and casinos or we can take it to NYC. It costs a little more than the PATH train, but the seats are comfortable and the trains look like trains, not like subways.



Finally Flat Keira and Michael took the City Subway. The City Subway in Newark is my favorite form of transportation and I think Flat Keira liked it too. Originally it was a trolley system like in San Francisco, but now it is a modern "light rail" system. The City Subway runs along Branch Brook Park and so you can see trees and flowers as well as snow in winter. I always liked it, because the older City subways trains you could roll the windows up and down. There was an old chocolate factory and so you could close your eyes and imagine falling inside of a pot of chocolate and eating all of that chocolate on your dreams. Flat Keira and I both were dreaming of chocolate and eating chocolate when we were riding the City Subway!!



This is the story of transportation in my town. Do you like it? Please come and visit.... and let's imagine eating chocolate in our dreams!!

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