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My Dominican Trip

Ouch! I have been bitten by the travel bug. Every year I like to take a trip somewhere new. This year we went to the Dominican Republic. Before I went I had to learn some Spanish words like tengo hambre, hola, gracias and de nada.

When we got to Santo Domingo the houses were very small and the streets had garbage on the sides. We finally got to our hotel. There were a lot of flowers and palm trees and the ocean sparkled.

The next day we went swimming and snorkeling. My Papa rented a boat and a Dominican guide took us to a lagoon to snorkel.

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The fish were amazing. Some were yellow, blue striped and sparkly. Big spikey sea urchins were stuck to the coral. The guide also took us to an island of mangrove trees. My dad found a little octopus.

Dominican people sold things on the beach like jewelry, sarongs, and shells. My papa wanted to buy a dried out spikey puffer fish but we did not think it would get through airport security. I got a sarong and a carved wooden lizard. Some women also braided my hair with beads.

On our last day people were cleaning the swimming area. They were taking

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Sea Urchins out of the water. By the time they were done cleaning they had two trash bags full of urchins. While my sister and I watched we made a sand castle and covered it with shells. Mom took a picture so we would remember it.

As we left the Dominican I was already thinking about next year's vacation. We think we will explore the canyons of Utah. Unless the travel bug bites before then!