Hawaiian Adventure

Mom told my sister Ava and I that we could do whatever we wanted to on spring break. We’re not used to getting choices like that, so we were very excited! Hawaii, here we come! Before we left, we collected data and made lists: lists of what to bring, lists of places to visit, lists of activities—that kind of thing.

Finally, we arrived at our vacation spot, our lists in hand! I wanted to cook while we were there, using as many fresh Hawaiian ingredients as possible. The first day, I grilled tuna and made a salad with tomatoes, mangos, pineapple, shrimp, and sweet potatoes, served on banana leaves. While I did that, Mom and Ava went freshwater fishing. They were surprised to learn that there are places in Hawaii where you can catch trout and catfish—Ava’s favorite fish!

One day we went to the zoo. We watched the pink flamingos as they napped while standing on one leg. Then we went to watch the kangaroos jump around with their joeys in their pouches. We also saw an insect display with unusual larvae.

What else did we do? One day we visited a memorial at Pearl Harbor where many heroes lost their lives during World War II. We also went to a concert one evening. Ava thought the sopranos sounded awesome. Another day we found some vertebrae on a quiet beach. We thought it might be from a whale or some kind of fish.

Snorkeling, visiting the aquarium, building sand castles on the beaches, eating shaved ice—we crossed everything off of our lists. I’m so happy that Ava and I got to choose our vacation!