**Home Page (Title is: Memorable Vacation Places I’ve been to)**

I’ve been to many places in North America and several places in Asia before in my life. Sadly, I haven’t been to Europe before, but I definitely want to go. Out of the places that I’ve been to outside of the US, I’ve been to a lot of the famous tourist attractions that each city has to offer. Here are some of more memorable attractions that I’ve been to, and also some fun facts about them.

**Asia**

* Bird’s Nest
  + Location: Beijing, China
  + Fun Facts:
    - Hosted T/F for 2008 Summer Olympics
    - It can withstand an earthquake of up to magnitude 8
    - Cost around $500 million to build
* Oriental Pearl Tower
  + Location: Shanghai, China
  + Fun Facts:
    - Elevator goes up around 23 feet a second
    - Has a revolving restaurant: full revolution is around 1-2 hours
    - 1535 ft tall.
* Great Wall of China
  + Location: Northern China
  + Fun Facts:
    - Length of the Wall is disputed, either around 5,500 miles or 13,170 miles long
    - Longest man-made structure in the world
    - The most visited section of the Wall is in Badaling which is close to Beijing
* Peak
  + Location: Hong Kong
  + Fun Facts:
    - The Peak Tram went into operation in 1888
    - It is on the highest mountain on Hong Kong Island at around 1,811 feet in altitude
    - The Peak Tower gives a bird’s eye view of the city on the top floor

**Hawaii**

* Dole Pineapple Plantation
  + Location: Wahiawa, HI
  + Fun Facts:
    - The Dole Plantation Garden Maze covered 3 acres and had 2.5 mi of paths
      * World’s largest maze in 2008
    - In the 1930s, James Dole helped make Hawaii the pineapple company of the world (First to realize the potential for growing Pineapples in Hawaii)
* Pearl Harbor
  + Honolulu, HI
  + Fun Facts:
    - The USS Arizona still leaks fuel (aprox 9 quarts ea. day)
    - Many Japanese people come to visit
    - It is still an active navy base today

**Canada**

* CN Tower
  + Location: Toronto, ON
  + Fun Facts:
    - Lightning strikes the tower around 75 times a year
    - On a clear day, visitors can see over 100 mi from the observation deck
    - It was built to withstand an 8.5 magnitude earthquake on the Richter scale
  + My experience:
* Olympic Park Tower Montreal
  + Location: Montreal, QC
  + Fun Facts:
    - It is the highest inclined tower in in the world at 550 feet tall
      * It stands at a 45 degree angle
    - The Funicular (elevator) is the only one that works on a curved structure.
* Niagara Falls
  + Location: Niagara Falls, CN
  + Fun Facts:
    - It is made up of 3 waterfalls, the American Falls, the Bridal Veil Falls, and the Canadian Falls.
      * They combine to make the highest flow rate of any waterfall on Earth
    - Scientists believe that the Niagara Falls will be gone in around 50,000 years at this rate of erosion.
    - It was created by glacier activity around 10,000 years ago.

**Mexico**

* Chichen Itza
  + Location Yucatan, Mexico
  + Fun Facts:
    - All the buildings of Chichen Itza were made from stone
    - It is considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the world, attracting 1.2 million tourists every year
      * It is also declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO
    - “Chichen Itza” literally means “At the mouth of the well of the Itza”