

## 12 My visit to California

Hi everybody!

Sorry for not putting this up earlier, but I have just been too busy. Honestly, the US is such an exciting place; there are so many different things to see, and so many things to do. It's absolutely amazing!

So how did I get here in the first place? Well, I took a plane from Berlin to London and then another one straight to Los Angeles, which is a huge city. In fact, it's the second-largest city in the US, after New York. Of course, I did the Hollywood tour, but what fascinated me most about L.A. was its population. There are so many immigrants from all over the world, especially from Asian countries like China or Korea. No wonder there are two parts of L.A. called Chinatown and Koreatown. My father actually told me not to go to Koreatown because there had been fights between African Americans and Korean Americans. But then I found out that this was back in the 1990s, so quite a long time ago. Anyway, there's no trouble now and I had a very good time there. Interestingly, I found many Latinos – people who have immigrated to the US from Mexico and other South American countries – working in Korean shops and restaurants. In some shops and restaurants, I heard the Latinos speaking Korean and the Koreans talking in Spanish with their customers. And in the streets there were food trucks selling a mixture of Mexican and Korean food, which, by the way, was absolutely delicious.

What I also found quite interesting about the Angelinos – the people of Los Angeles – was the mix of languages. Of course, you get along fine with English, but in some parts of L.A. with a big Hispanic population, you would find people who speak Spanish only and where most of the street signs would be in Spanish, too. By the way, did you know that English is not the official language of the USA? In fact, there is no official language in the US. Tomorrow I'm going to travel to San Francisco by train. People told me that it's quite slow, but that you get wonderful views. So it's a bit of a fun trip for tourists like me.

And when I've visited San Francisco, I'll take a plane straight to New York.

I'll keep you posted.

Bye for now,

Fabian