



Emma's visit to Peru

Rob: Regular visitors to 'Spotlight' might remember that last year we met a young lady who was about to set off for Peru. Emma Montaulet. And she's back -

Emma: I'm back, since June.

Rob: Tell me about your trip; what was the best thing about it?

Emma: I don't know what to say because there were a lot of memories. I would say the best were the trips because we travelled all over Peru and my favourite one was in the Jungle – in Nikitos. We went literally into the jungle, I loved it.

Rob: Very different to Brittany.

Emma: Yeah, a lot.

Rob: So what did you see there?

Emma: I saw people who lived there, I went to villages. And animals, the Amazon, I don't know...a lot of things...I don't know.

Rob: Peru is a land of contrasts, isn't it?

Emma: Yeah. There are three parts in Peru; The Sierra, La Costa et La Cellua; the coast, the mountains and the jungle. And I went in all the parts.

Rob: The time we spoke last you said something about going to Lima

Emma: Yeah

Rob: The big city

Emma: Yeah I lived in Lima; a city of 8 million inhabitants and I live in a city of 400 inhabitants, so it was a really big change for me...but, I got used to it really fast, I'm so proud about it.

Rob: The families you stayed with; tell me about them.

Emma: I stayed in two families, the first one I spent a lot of time with my Host Mum and my Host Brother. They were really nice to me, I really loved them. And my second family, I lived with women; my Mum, my Aunt, my Grandmother and my Sister. They were really really nice to me too. They took good care of me.

Rob: And did they show you around?





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Emma: Yeah, a little.

Rob: And from Lima you went to all these trips?

Emma: Yeah.

Rob: You said last year you were hoping to get to Machu Pichu...

Emma: Yeah, I went to the Machu Pichu, it's pretty amazing but it's not my favourite place in Peru; I loved the Rainbow Mountains. It's awesome, like, when you get there there is a view of 360 degrees and it's awesome. You can't say anything, it just...I don't know, I don't know how to describe it, it's so beautiful.

Rob: What do you think you learned in Peru? I think when we spoke last time you said you spoke a little bit of Spanish and now you speak pretty good Spanish.

Emma: Yeah, I speak pretty good Spanish, I'm pretty proud of all this. And I would say I can live by my own (self) now because, before I needed my parents all the time and now I think I'm pretty responsible of myself.

Rob: And we're lucky enough to have your mother with us and so I'm going to ask her

Emma: Yeah, okay.

Rob: You said you felt more independent after your trip.

Emma: Yep

Rob: Leaticia, is this true, have you found her a different girl now?

Leaticia: Yes it's a different girl, but I think it's not a girl now, it's a woman. She's a young woman but she's a woman.

Rob: So that's a good trip?

Leaticia: Yes, a very good trip. For us it was very interesting because we had many many exchanges with Emma when she was in Peru and it was very different; it was more -profond- deep, yes, yes; very interesting.

Rob: Now you've come back; how does it feel to be back home?

Emma: Well, at the beginning I was pretty lost, but I really got used to it....I don't know, it was easier than to get into Peru. I thought that it would be worse but actually it's easy.

Rob: Are you going to use this trip in your future?

Emma: Yes, I think so

Rob: How?





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Emma: I don't know how, I don't know how but I feel like it's into me and it's part of myself now,

Rob: So maybe you might be working as a translator or...

Emma: Why not? Yeah, I really love talking in different languages; travelling; I don't know what to do in the future but it's an idea.

Rob: Have you been to show your photographs or have you been to talk with The Rotary who organised the trip?

Emma: Yeah, I do a presentation to the Rotary.

Rob: You have done that?

Emma: Yeah, about two weeks ago or three weeks ago and they loved it and I loved presenting it to them.

Rob: You came back with a friend, from Argentina?

Emma: Yeah, no I didn't come back with him but he arrived one month after me. And now he is living in my house. I can speak Spanish with him, so I'm pretty happy about that.

Rob: Well maybe we'll get to talk to him soon.

Emma: Yeah, I hope so, he is awesome.

Rob: Okay Emma, thank you very much indeed. I hope you have another chance to do a trip like this.

Emma: Yeah I hope to.