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At 10 o'clock the alarm clock rang. It was time to get up. When the clock showed us a few minutes before 12 o'clock we finished with everything. So we checked out of our hostel. Because we had enough time when our plain leave Shanghai we decided to see the last time the skyscrapers of Shanghai. Our luggage we stored at the hostel so we didn't have to carry it. First we went into the shopping street. It was unbelievable how many people have been on the street. So was nearly no way to go through. We went straight to the next KFC which was also full up with people. It was so easy to order very fast. The reason is that the people are so comfortable. They go straight to the first counter it doesn't matter how many people there already wait. But to get a free seat is nearly not possible. For that somebody go ahead and and reservet seats. Finally we got two seats. And we have been so friendly that we left two seats for other persons. We just sit down and then a girl came to me and said to me: „You look smart and modern“! That never happened to me before. After we ate we went out of the KFC. Everybody went through the open door. And it began to stuck. The solution was to open the second door. What we did. Oh wonder oh wonder it didn't stuck anymore. People are so lazy which is unbelievable.

We felt sick of all the people so we used a backstreet to get to the Bund. From one moment to the other there have been no people anymore. So we discovered the backstreet to the Bund. That was great and we came out where I wanted to come out. Here we had another few on the Skyline. We made some pictures and went then to the next subway station. For that we hat to cross a big road. The only way to cross it was to go through a tunnel. There have been two entrance. The one we wanted to go down first was full of people. That looked horrible so we decided to go a few meters extra without that crowed of people. So we passed the crowed from the other side and laughed about them. Only stupid how they act but that's China. On the other side of the road there have been also a lot of people. That was the way to the next subway station. First we had to walk along a street. Because of the many people we took the other side. It was the right decision. We went into a music instrument shop in the 3'rd floor. It was so quiet inside that you can't believe that downstairs is so much noise. Before we took the subway back to the youth hostel we visited another store and ate a ice cream at MC ****.

A few minutes after 16:00 o'clock we arrived our hostel picked up our luggage and went back to the subway. We had to got the Pudong Airport which was quiet far away from the city. But there was



the maglev. A dream became true to drive with the maglev. And it was much cheaper than with a taxi. We payed for each 40 RMB for a 30 km. With a taxi we had to pay much more. And we were much faster. Then we get in and drove to the airport. It was a great feeling to travel with 300 km/h and we reached that speed very very fast. Only great! After 8 minutes the fun was over. That was a shame. But a great experience.

picture 1: One of the greatest transportion I ever had

Of course we arrived too early at the airport but it was OK. We had to wait a few hours for check in. During this time we bought something at the KFC and I was writing one day of my daily reports. So the time flew away. Then it was time for check in what we did. We tried to check in at a self-check in but it didn't work. We took all our luggage with us so we didn't have to wait when we arrived in Haikou. About 21 o'clock our plane left the airport of Shanghai. But till we started we had to drive a long way. The plane was very comfortable inside. That was great so we found some time to sleep. We also figured out why the planes have such bags when you feel sick during the flight. That's only because of Chinese people. They spit every time and everywhere so they have the possibility to do that in the plane.

A few minutes after 23 o'clock the plane arrived at the airport. We went out and smelt really fresh warm air. That felt so good that we breathed extra. On the way out we asked for the railway station which was our next stop. But the woman at the exit said that there is no bus and train to Sanya. She offered us a taxi to Sanya for 400 RMB. We didn't believe her and went out of the airport. She came again and said that there is no train to Sanya at that time. We still didn't believe her because we looked it up in the internet. Which is not very safe because you can't trust them but my Chinese colleagues figured the same train out. Then we took a bus into the city center for 15 RMB each. From that place we hoped that is not that far to the railway station. On the way to that place there have been a lot of Chinese style lamp posts next the street which looked very interesting. When we arrived at the final stop we asked again for the train but they said nearly the same. Then we took a taxi for 50 RMB to the railway station. He turned on the fee counter and finally it was really 50 RMB to get there. The way to the station was very strange. We drove out of the city where no civilisation has been. That was a really strange feeling and we didn't feel well at it. Far away from the city there was the railway station. We couldn't believe that. The most important thing was that the counter was open. It was true that a train goes to Sanya at 1:58 o'clock. So we bought our tickets for 80 RMB each. Till the train comes we had to wait a little bit longer. The train was late and left Haikou first about 3:50 o'clock. When we arrived I saw a shop outside the station where we went to eat something. It was a simple tent where they sell souvenirs and some food. That was the only chance to get warm food. We ate some instant noodles which was quite good for this situation. A man from the station joined us and the woman of the shop lay down to someone else who lay down on a bed. We figured out that the man was the husband of that woman. It seemed that they live here with the whole family. Because his children (they must be old enough) also slept there. Someone snored (schnarchte) very loud. We talked to the man a lot. He told us that he earns only 800 RMB per month at the railway station. That is an amount once of us earn in one day. I started to write down my daily report till we had to leave. What an experience! We were sitting in a tent next to the railway station which was in a place of no civilisation. The good thing was that it was quiet warm outside. Finally a taxi driver arrived and said that the train comes. We hurried up but there was no reason to hurry up. In the railway station we met a Canadian guy. He decided to do 52 islands during 52 weeks. That means that he travelled a whole year and changed every week the island. He was on the way to leave Sanya to another island. Till now he already visited 13 islands. For that he makes a lot of pictures and writes to them a weekly report which he uploads. Then the train arrived. We went in looked for a place. It was good that there have been nearly nobody. We lay down and slept!