27th May 2017

I think that I have never felt like today, so angry and happy at the same time. This morning started just like every other day when I was going on holidays... from the great panic. I was running all over my flat and checking if everything was ready. It turned out that I forgot half the things. I should check it yesterday but I was so tired. And of course, I got to the train station later than I had planned but for sure I checked everything... I guess. I saw Amelia in the crowd immediately... she is so tall. She was always higher than me. It was helpful in the past. It is helpful now too. She always helps me to reach the highest shelves in stores… I was surprised when I noticed that she does not have any suitcases. She always takes too much of them and today she was not carrying any luggage. She was going to go with me, right. She said that she could not go with me because she comes to terms with her ex-boyfriend and he wants her to stay. I could not believe what she was saying. The last time I talked to her she said that she hates him and now she was in love again. It is unbelievable. I have never been so angry with her. I was screaming that I do not want to see her ever again. When I am thinking about this right now, I see how stupid it was. Everyone was looking at us... I was so embarrassed when I get into train. And now I am all by myself on the train now and I, Valerie Lucas, am going to my first lonely holidays.

28th May 2017

I am so tired that the only thing I can think about now is going to sleep. Today was not that bad. In the morning Amelia called to say that she was sorry and I knew that I will not be angry with her for long... she is my best friend after all. We know each other for years and there is nothing we can do or say to really hate each other. And that is why as soon as I got to my hotel room I sent her photos of it so she could see what she cannot see because of her decision. The room is magnificent and I wish I would be here for more than one night. I have got huge and really comfortable bed, big TV- with only Russian programs...unfortunately. The bathroom is almost as big as my whole flat. There are huge bathtub and jacuzzi. When I look out the window I see the spectacular scenery of Moscow at night. I was not even unpacked because tomorrow morning I have a flight to Pekin where will begin my real journey. I just have to check if I have everything and then the only thing I am going to do is sleeping. But earlier I will call my parents to let them know that I am fine. Although I am twenty seven I prefer calling them. I do not want them to be worried.

31st May 2017

It was not the first time when I was travelling by plane. But yesterday was the longest flight I have ever had. I should not be surprised because I was prepared for the nine hours in a plane. But I was thinking that I will not be alone. As I think about it now, it has a lot of advantages. On a plane, I met a nice girl who was going to see Pekin for the first time, just like me. She was really nice and I think that we will be friends. We arranged that from tomorrow we will together explore the city. Both of us do not like to travel alone but this time we had no choice. I think that it will be so much fun because, in my opinion, it is a beautiful city. But this for tomorrow. Today the only thing I am going to do is reading some e-books in my jacuzzi. Also, I want to try some new food maybe Peking duck. I think I will also try to contact my boyfriend to let him know that I am ok. Recently we had a fight but I think that when I see him next time it will be all right. It wat all right when I call him yesterday but it is not the same as seeing him face to face.

3rd June 2017

The last few days were really enjoyable. I spent them with Rose- a girl from the plane. I think it is amazing how well we get to know each other just in three days. Maybe it is because she is a lot of like me. I think we saw almost the entire town but the biggest impression made on me the Forbidden City. I have never seen such a marvellous place in my entire life. The Forbidden City is a former imperial palace of the Ming and Qing dynasties, located in the centre of Pekin. It was built for almost 20 years. I cannot believe that in such a short time could be created something that huge. The city can only compare to the Great Wall, which we saw yesterday. It's a great feeling when you walk through such great building, which seems to have no end. When I looked at the landscape under me, I was thinking about my previous travels and probably I have never seen anything so wonderful. When we got back to our hotel yesterday (we are staying in the same hotel) we cannot stop talking and she just has gone to her hotel room. I wish tomorrow was not my last day here because I would willingly spend more time with her. But tomorrow we will go shopping before I go. I have to buy some souvenirs for my whole family and it is a lot of stuff. Also after I buy it I think that I will send it to Poland instead of carrying it around with me.

7th June 2017

I am here for only two days and the only thing I am doing is really nothing. Since I came to the Maldives I am swimming in the ocean and sunbathing on the beach. It is so beautiful here that I cannot believe it. I thought I've seen the most beautiful place but now I cannot decide. Honestly lonely holidays are not as boring as I thought. Actually, I am hardly ever alone. I have met a lot of great people who are on holidays just like me or who are living here. They said that they can show me the whole island. But the most exciting thing is my hotel room which is placed under water. When I am there I can see a lot of fishes even sharks. I think that now when I am single again life is a lot easier. On my list of places to see, there are a few cities, but I think I will forgive myself those that I was able to see with my ex-boyfriend.

18th June 2017

It is today. Goodbye Maldives! Welcome again Europe! I hope that you missed me... I am only joking. Next stop on my way Sicilia- my favourite place. It is going to be long journey again but I am prepared for everything. I already met a lot of people from this plane. For no reason at all they are mostly men. I am so happy that I will see this place again. When I was a kid I spend there most of my childhood. I am really curious about places I have not seen for a long time. Maybe I will meet some of my friends. I am also looking forward to visit my grandparents who have a vineyard near to Montepulciano. Then I am going to see all of the country. I would love to visit Rome or Verona. I heard that they are the most beautiful places in Italy. I also want to see Venice again. Although I have been there several times I always find something new when I am there. In my opinion it is the most beautiful place in Europe. It also has great history. I think that history of buildings in Venice is even more interesting than their appearance. For example, one of the ports has been named after the cannibal who lived above the Grand Canal. I will also try to find several reliefs and statues. I have never seen Signor Antonio Rioba. It is a statue of a man with a metal nose. I am really happy that I decided to go on this holiday.