

20th OCTOBER - SYDNEY

Tanya came by to meet us and take us to the bridge climb. We dropped off our maroon van en route and headed down to the rocks to meet Annabel, who had arranged the logistics of our bridge climb. It was just the 6 of us and we needed to be faster than normal as Suze had to catch a flight back to HK that afternoon. PJ and Bearnie were assigned to take our group and they were great! Two quick witted ozzies whom made our trip really fun. We were soon all in our uniformed grey jump suits with everything clipped onto ourselves including our hair ties!! Nothing must be able to fall from us onto the traffic hundreds of metres below us whilst we are on the bridge! This climb really is a genius idea and PJ told me that nearly 1.5 million people have walked the bridge since its opening 6 years ago! If any of you go to Sydney its really a must do!

Despite my fear at embarrassing myself with vertigo, i was actually really confident, i think that must be a result of the ladders in the Khumbu icefall! My sister Lucy was probably the most nervous initially but she was soon joking with the rest of us and soon we were at the peak of the bridge at 440 metres above sea level with panoramic views of Sydney and the Opera House. The weather was grey and windy but as of yet the rain had held off - we were really lucky with the weather both on the bridge climb and Kosciuszco!

It was such a great thing to have managed to squeeze into a very short trip to Australia and i cant thank Tanya, Annabel, PJ and Bearnie enough for taking care of the 5 blondes and Guy and making it happen!!

When we got back down, we said goodbye to Suze and to Guy who was leaving the "bridge bunnies" as we were christened to go back to Hk and New Zealand respectively. I think Guy did an amazing job putting up with all the girls - not an easy job i can assure you!

The rest of us are flying back to HK tomorrow. While the girls went to get presents for all their kids, i (the only one without kids now that suze had left!) went to meet my friend Claire for one final gossip before leaving town!

The rain was by now unstoppable and it just makes your day miserable when you are constantly getting soaked! We had a dinner with a few other friends that we knew in Sydney and headed back to the apartment in order not to sleep through our 5.00am departure back to HK.