

Growing Up in Mexico City (Karla's Childhood Story)

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Hello, for those who ~~does~~ [don't] know who I am, my name is Karla Bailey, however my original name was Karla Sosa.

So I was born and raised in Mexico City and in this video I want to show you how it was to grow up in one of the biggest cities in the world and highlight some of the differences between living in Canada and Mexico.

As far [back] as I [can] remember, this is where I lived in Mexico City.

Of course I lived somewhere else [before this] but I just don't really remember and I've lived here since I was around five.

This is where my grandparents live and then we moved into the same apartment [complex?].

So this place is actually in a neighborhood called Tlalpan. which is located at the south part of the city.

And I can consider that is, this is, kind of a safe place as there is security at the entrance of [to] this apartment complex.

There's so many apartments, I'm not sure how many people live here, but I have great memories as I used to come out with my neighbor friends to play and there is actually a playground in the second section of this apartment complex.

And one of my best memories was at Halloween because, imagine how many doors you can knock [on] in such a short period of time and get a lot of candy!

I actually live along one of the main avenues in Mexico City and I guess one of the main differences with Canada, you will find a lot of vendors on the street.

Uh, because that's the way that a lot of people here in Mexico City ~~do~~ [make or earn] their living.

And there is always gonna be a small convenience store where you can buy your chips or whatever you need or ~~that~~ maybe [something] you forgot to buy at the grocery store.

And right now we're gonna go across the street because there's a market.

Around Mexico City it is very common to find markets like this kind where they basically close down the streets so these people can set up.

So, usually, they choose like one or two days a week, where people from some other places come and set up their little stores.

Not only you can buy clothes and toys and whatever you can think of, but also a lot of fruits and vegetables.

So it's a great way to support the like, smaller entrepreneurs and people that ~~do~~ [make or earn] their living this way.

All right, so we're out of the market and what do you think?

Yeah, well, it's definitely not as busy as previous times, maybe because of covid but one of the things I like about Mexico is going to the markets.

They're so ~~tight~~ [close] together and there's so many different things.

But one thing [that's] for sure [is that] we don't really have the same kind of markets in Canada.

We do have farmer's markets but I find it's like, premium.

Yeah, we're more expensive because it's handcrafted stuff.

Here, it's ~~more~~ [things cost more] and they're actually inside ~~establishment~~ [buildings] because, of course, you cannot have an outdoor market all year round in Canada due to the weather.

One of the things that always surprised me was buying meat at these markets because obviously there's not any refrigeration and sometimes with the chicken, they're like, cutting it with scissors.

Yeah, I don't know how many times they clean it and stuff like that, but I've never gotten sick.

I mean, that's how everyone does it here.

And here you actually can buy meat and fruit and vegetables cheaper than the actual grocery store.

There's an actual grocery store just behind us and in Canada, farmers market are actually more expensive.

So that's one of the many differences between Mexico and Canada.

Here we are at my first school and I say, my first, because my mom has mentioned that my kindergarten has been closed down.

But this is a school that I attended from 5 years old to 10 years old.

So here in Mexico you have two options, to attend a public school or a private school.

I consider that I was from the middle class so my parents were able to pay for private school.

And I guess the main difference is, is, that you can have other subjects, but especially English.

Here, in private school, you can have a a better a level of English and that's why I, all my life, I went to private schools.

So this, uh, this school, was actually run by the Catholic Church.

So here I got to learn about the Catholic religion and I also had some classes like ballet and stuff like that so I have quite nice memories from this school.

It was just for girls and eventually my parents decided that I should move to another school just because I had a very bad reputation of talking a lot.

In this school, until now, as Matthew says until now.

I don't think that changed.

So one of the things I noticed, or two of the things I noticed that are very different here compared to my schools, growing up in Canada is, uh, well first of all, everything's enclosed here so there's like high security.

You know, you can't see outside the school here with the walls and stuff like that whereas ours is very much out in the open.

Yeah, and then another thing I just noticed is this: that's where you go if there's an earthquake.

Oh yeah, that's true.

This is my second school.

Oh my god, it feels so weird to be back after so many years, literally, like, after maybe 20 years or more.

I'm old!

But anyway, um, here in Mexico also, when you go, I think, to either public or private schools we wore uniforms.

And I remember that in this school the level of English was a little bit higher so when I entered my level I was a little bit lower.

So, believe it or not, when I was little I had a hard time ~~to learn~~ [learning] English so it's hard to believe that now I'm fluent in English.

And also, it's so cool to see that after so many years, I still hang out with my friends that I made in this school.

Oh my god, they look like the same, even the chairs are the same!

Oh, wow, and the bathrooms look the same!

Look, oh my god, that was so little, they look so miniature!

Oh wow, oh, this is where Karla went to pee.

Where I'm gonna go right now because I gotta go pee.

You can never tell that this is actually a university and how pretty it is in the inside because actually the whole structure and the classrooms are very colonial, like Greek, like old-fashioned really, really pretty but anyway here is where I came for university.

And actually, on my sixth semester out of the eight semesters, is when I decided to go to Canada as an exchange [student] and [that] is when I met Matthew in Lethbridge (Ontario).

So I guess this was my best decision ever because that's how I met the love of my life.

Me.

I know, I love him.

So we are where I used to work here in Mexico City, of the newest areas of Mexico City called Santa Fe.

So this is a neighborhood that is pretty much like 40 minutes from where I live but that's without traffic.

With traffic, ~~I used to do~~ [it used to take] up to three hours.

I remember I arrived crying to my house like, after being three hours in the damn traffic here in Mexico City.

That's one of the worst things that I really don't miss ~~anything about~~ [at all].

But, anyway, here is where I used to work for Johnson & Johnson, Mexico.

I was actually in the marketing team of Johnson's Baby and it was a job that I really enjoyed doing so much.

But then I decided to quit, but it was for a good reason: to be with Matthew.

I met him like, I guess like a year, or a year and a half before I decided to to move to Canada.

And it's been one of the best decisions of my life, not also because I get to do what, what, I love which is like traveling, and showcasing Canada, but of course to be with my other half.

Awww! I know.

Who would have thought, right? From Johnson & Johnson to youtuber?

What a strange mix, eh!

I love you.

Sadly, I'm on my last walk with Kika my doggie here in Mexico City and it's so sad that I couldn't show you more of Mexico City, due to the pandemic a lot of things were closed down.

But, yeah, this I guess, this is one of the hardest things about living in Canada, that I'm so far from my family and I just get to see them once a year.

But I'm just so happy that I was able to come and spend Christmas with them through this horrible time that we're living [through], thank goodness.

And we all stay safe, but anyway I really hope that you enjoyed this video.

If you did, please give me a thumbs up and leave me comments, if you [would] like me to do more videos like this and if you have any questions.

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Hasta la vista!

This is Mrs. Kika, she's almost 16 years old and she's the cutest poodle I've ever seen and I love her so much.

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