

British Columbia & Yukon Canada

Téa Lyn, Age 13 I wish to swim with Manta Rays in Hawaii!

Téa Lyn was diagnosed with Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma at age 13; her wish to go to Hawaii was granted in November of 2015.

Many people might shudder at the thought of snorkeling through inky-coloured waters at dusk, waiting for a creature of the deep with a 16-foot wing span to come gliding up out of the dark, but not Téa. It was the experience she had been waiting for.

"The manta rays would come straight up at you, but then glide over on to their backs and swim upside down underneath you," said Téa. "They are very docile creatures. It was incredible."

Téa had her twin sister, Payton, along for the experience, as well as her father, Larry, and her mom, Jenn.

"The Manta experience was just one part of an amazing week," said Jenn. "We were treated so well from start to finish."



Téa's family were brought to and from the island of Kona courtesy of WestJet. To get around on the island, the family was given a jeep for their week of adventures, which they used to off-road a little bit, travelling up the side of a volcano and to other beaches away from the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort where they were staying.

Téa also had a chance to try para sailing and had front-row seats for the full spectacle of a Hawaiian Luau.

"I just want to say a big thank you to everyone involved in granting my wish," said Téa. "The trip in every detail made my wish come true and I'll never forget it."

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