

Arrival day

We met on Monday the 11th of December at 6:30 o'clock in the morning at Berlin main station. Miss Blohm, Mr. Thiel and Ms Halley were already waiting for us. The Intercity Express to Cologne departed at 8 o'clock sharp. In Cologne we changed to the train to Brussels. When we arrived in Brussels we had some time to eat lunch and move around. After that we went to the gate of the Eurostar - the train that drives through the Eurotunnel to the British Islands. At the gate we got checked by security for our passports and luggage and had to wait for our train in a lobby similar to those you typically see on airports. After about an hour we could board the train and were surprised to find that the expensive Eurostar was a fairly old train.



After a long ride we finally arrived at 6 o'clock in the evening at London King's Cross St. Pancras. From there we could go by the famous tube where we needed to pay either by credit card or with the Oyster Card. After a short but stressful ride with the crowded Jubilee line we finally arrived at Wembley Park where we only had to walk about ten minutes to our hotel. After check-in at the Wembley International Hotel we could explore the surrounding area to find something to eat.

First day

On the first day in London we got up early in the morning and had breakfast. There was an option to buy a proper British breakfast but that would have cost 4 pounds extra. After breakfast we headed to Camden Market. On the way to the market we headed through the beautiful Queen Mary Garden and saw some geese and swans enjoying the rainy day. Camden Market itself was on a small area right next to a little canal and on it were food trucks



side by side who served food from all over the world. For example, Belgian fries or American brisket and even Mongolian beef sandwiches. Right next to it there was a busy and very touristy street with street vendors selling knock-off clothes. After everybody was stuffed we went over to St. Paul's Cathedral where one of our classmates gave a short presentation about the cathedral and its history. Luckily the famous Millennium Bridge was not that far and so we went over it to visit Shakespeare's Globe where another one of our classmates told us about its history and meaning. We ended the day with walking by ourselves through the Soho district and got to know a totally different side of London. And that wraps up our first full day in London.

Second Day

On our second day in London, we had breakfast in the hotel and afterwards we took the tube to Oxford Street where we had some free time to explore the shops and restaurants in the area. After that we went to the British Museum which had an array of different exhibitions about different countries and time periods. My personal favourite was the enlightenment gallery, a long hallway which hosted many different old books about topics like Biology or Geography in beautiful wooden bookshelves as well as many different busts from fictional characters like Zeus and real and influential people like Voltaire and Isaac Newton. Another point of interest was the Japan exhibition in which you were able to learn about Japan's history as an empire as well as the traditions and clothing styles of the different time periods. After two hours of walking and learning, we went to the restaurant and got ourselves a garlic goat cheese pizza fresh out of the pizza stone oven. After some free time in Bloomsbury, we hopped in the tube and drove to Westminster which houses the House of Commons and the House of Lords which together



make up the legislative branch of government in the UK. We went to the Parliament Square Garden from where we had a great view on the Tower of the Big Ben, as well as the rest of the Palace of Westminster and the Westminster Abbey about which we heard a presentation by one of our fellow students. After the presentation some of us headed back to the hotel while others stayed and visited the Christmas market right next to the Thames. And that wraps up a wonderful and educational second day in London.

Third Day

On our third and last day in London we saw a lot of places. We started the day by going to the Tower of London and had a guide who walked us around and told us a lot of interesting information. After lunch we then had the opportunity to either go to the Buckingham Palace or the Tate Gallery. Most of us went to the Buckingham Palace which was a great experience. After visiting the palace, we walked through Green Park and then along Picadilly Street to Picadilly Circus which was very crowded. We then had about 2.5 hours of



free time. So, we went shopping which was obviously a lot of fun. To end the day, we went together as a group to a Mexican place called DFTacos. They had pretty good food but it also was quite expensive. In the end, we took the underground back to our hotel in Wembley.



Departure day

On Friday the 15th of December, we started our journey back home at 10 o'clock after breakfast. We took the metropolitan line back to King's Cross St. Pancras where we had some time to get something to eat and exchange our remaining pounds into euros. Some even used the time to visit the Harry Potter exhibition and Hannes played the piano accessible for everyone in the foyer of the station. Then we needed to check in at the security for the Eurostar. After everyone was through security, we boarded the train and began the ride back to Brussels. In Brussels we missed our following train and had to wait for some time. We again used the time to eat and walk around. After catching our train to Cologne and arriving there we finally got into our last train for this trip - the Intercity Express to Berlin. We arrived late at Berlin main station at around 1:30 o'clock in the morning where our ways split.



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