

Our trip to London

The trip began on Monday at 10:30 pm. We met at the parkinglot in front of the Witexhalle where we got into the bus and started driving after saying goodbye to our families.

Instead of being sad like most of our families we were all very excited and happy that we were on our way to the British capital. After a night with very little sleep we got on the ferry at Calais harbour in France. The first thing we saw of England were the beautiful white cliffs of Dover. We got into the bus and prepared for an almost 2- hour -ride to London. We arrived at Greenwich Park where we had a beautiful view of the London skyline. After a walk through Greenwich we went to the Tower of London. There we went into the White Tower and saw a great exhibition, climbed up different towers and we admired the stunning Crown Jewels. I bet none of us has ever seen so much gold at once! Sadly we weren't able to see the Royal Beasts because it was closed for some reason. Afterwards we had some free time and we were able to explore London on our own. Some went sightseeing but most of us went shopping. When the time was over we met at the Tower of London and got into the tube together. At Greenwich Park we had to climb up the big hill to where the bus was waiting to take us to our host families.

The second day we went on a bus tour with a guide who fortunately for some of us spoke German. Although the traffic was awful we saw many wonderful sights and stunning parts of London. While we were waiting in traffic a royal car drove past us but only the guide saw it but she recognized it too late to tell us. She said that she saw prince Phillip sitting in it. Sadly we missed it. The last part of the tour was the Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace. Then we had some free time again and went through London on our own. This time we met at Embankment station after our free time was over and took a little ferry to get to Greenwich instead of taking the tube. But we still had to climb up the big hill at Greenwich Park though...

On the third day the weather was beautiful and sunny. We could chose between four museums. The British Museum, the Natural History Museum, The Science Museum and the Tate Gallery. The majority took the Natural History Museum but because the weather was good many of us went to the London Eye first with Mrs. Sassenberg who collected the tickets the day before.

On our way there we walked past huge skyscrapers that none of us could see the top of. At the London Eye there was a big queue but we didn't have to wait very long. The view was amazing and we couldn't stop taking pictures! Happily the weather was good that way we could see for miles!

After the London Eye we were able to go into a 4D cinema for free. As we entered the cinema we saw two stunning and very realistic looking wax figures from Madame Tussauds! Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt ! The first thing we did was taking pictures obviously haha. But we couldn't stay and admire them long because we had keep walking because there were peolpe behind us and we wanted to see the movie as well.

The effects were amazing and very realistic. It was a short movie that showed sights and places in London you can go to. So it was like an advertisement for London... no wonder it was free!

After that we went to the museums which were totally worth the time. Then we had free time again and it was probably the most beautiful day in London of all of the three because we had more free time than in the last two days and the weather was wonderful as well. What more could we have wished for ?

We all met at the Tower of London again. On our way to the train we lost Mr Kuhli and some of the students which was annoying and funny at the same time. But they found their way to us. At the bus all of us were very sad because we didn't want to leave.

The trip back was sleepless and very uncomfortable again. Arriving in Augustdorf many of the students shouted through the bus that we should return because honestly who would rather be in Augustdorf than in London ? But still we were very happy to be back and see our families again.

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