

A class trip to London

On May 8, 2023 the 9th graders met up at the airport in Stuttgart. Everyone was really excited about how the journey would be. At 12 am our flight arrived in London and as soon as we got out of the airport it was a completely cultural difference between Germany and London, because everyone had to talk in English but after a while all students managed it to get used to the new impressions. The first thing we did in London was to take the Elizabeth line to get to the Paddington train station. With our teachers Mrs. Enrico, Ms. Extra and Ms. Krawczyk we went to our hotel, which was really close to the Hyde Park. After everyone had their room cards, we had time to get ready and to get comfortable with the rooms we had to stay in for four nights. In the afternoon we all went for a walk in the Hyde Park, visited the Buckingham Palace and had a great time together. But the highlight of the day was our dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe, where we also could see many stuff from some bands or singers, which made the cafe a bit more special. Before we would eat for dinner, we had the chance to buy some merchandise in the Hard Rock Cafe shop, that was in the building right next to the cafe. In the evening at about 10 pm we went back to our hotel to get some sleep, so that we would be rested for the upcoming day.

On day two we met up in front of the hotel after everyone had their breakfast. Today we would experience a sightseeing bus tour, where we could see the most popular sights, like the Big Ben, the London Eye and Westminster Abbey. Because of the fact that the bus tour lasted 2 hours, we could also get a big impression of London and maybe an inspiration of what we can visit in the next days. After the bus tour was over we were allowed to get in small groups, so that we could decide on ourselves what we want to do and visit. Almost everyone went to Piccadilly Circus, because there are great shopping possibilities e.g. you could go into a lego store with a massive Big Ben Tower just made out of lego or you could visit China Town to get great food. In the evening everyone could decide if they want to go to the hostel or eat dinner in downtown.

Day 3 started with a trip to the Tower of London but on our way there we also came across the Tower Bridge where we could take some pictures. When we arrived at the Tower of London we had a guide who told us everything about the building and its history. After our guided tour we could queue up to see the Crown Jewels, which were really impressive to look at. In the afternoon we went to Camden Market, which is a great place to get different types of food or to just go shopping. Camden Market is actually so big that there's something for everyone and you aren't able to look in every shop. In the evening some students also wanted to visit something else and some just wanted to go back to the hotel, everyone had a great day.

On Thursday everyone had their own choice of what they wanted to do and visit. Many students decided to go to Piccadilly Circus again because of the great shopping possibilities. But some also visited new places e.g. me and my friends went to the Leadenhall Market. In the afternoon everyone came back to the hotel to get ready for the evening, because we would visit the Musical "The Lion King". So after everyone was ready we took the bus to the theatre. The musical was actually split up in two parts and it ended at 10 pm. The costumes and the actors were amazing and the whole performance was really great. But it was such a long day so when we went back to our hotel everyone felt drained and went to bed immediately.

On Friday — the day of departure — everyone had to pack their suitcases and clean their rooms so that we would be ready to leave. Before we would go to the airport we had some time to get something to eat. When everyone was back at the hotel we went to the Paddington train station, so that we could take the Elizabeth line straight to the airport. In the evening our flight arrived in Germany and we could meet our family members again.

To sum up everyone had such an amazing time in London because we visited so many things and could spend everyday with our friends. It's also a great experience to go to a country with another native language, so everyone would communicate in English. A trip to London is definitely a great recommendation for everyone!

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