

Edinburgh Study Trip

Our trip to Edinburgh started with a short inadvertent trip to Paris. The part of the class which travelled to Edinburgh on Saturday missed the flight from Paris to Edinburgh. That is why we were divided into two smaller groups. One of them flew to Edinburgh on Saturday night. The other one travelled on Sunday. We spent the whole day in Paris visiting the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower. There was a lot of walking instead of taking the underground. The weather was pretty warm for that time of the year and cloudy but dry. We enjoyed lunch in a pretty restaurant and also went to a Christmas market close to the Eiffel Tower.



Edinburgh is a very clean and old city. It has a pretty big old town that is located on and around a hill. On that specific hill there is also a castle: the Edinburgh Castle. But we will talk about that later.

On Monday, we did a Hop-on-Hop-off tour with a sightseeing bus. We heard a lot about the city's history on that tour. The weather was very sunny during the whole weekend as well as on Monday. After a lunch on our own, we met again in the afternoon at the University of Edinburgh. We listened to some presentations about different projects that are more or less related to Geomatics. The people who presented were professors

and master's or PhD students. It depended on the topic if the presentation was interesting or not. Some were more and some less. We could spend the evening on our own. Some went to a restaurant together to eat dinner. That particular restaurant burned down the next day. Therefore, we were lucky to have spent the day before there. After dinner, we went on to different pubs to enjoy the nightlife of Edinburgh.

The next day we spent in Glasgow. The train departed at 8.30 a.m. Glasgow has an old University that looks like Hogwarts. There were also some presentations about Geomatics-related projects. After we had listened to them, a professor showed us around. He told us a lot about the University of Glasgow and brought us to some pretty places. We enjoyed sandwiches for lunch at the University itself. The afternoon was free for us. We went to the centre of Glasgow and walked around to see some nice places of the city. Unfortunately, Glasgow has hardly any touristic things to see. It does not even have a tower or a very high building to have an overview of the city.



We asked a police officer but even he did not know about one. We decided to have a short drink in a pub and then we took the train back to Edinburgh. The program in the evening was pretty similar to the one of the last day.

The next day was also the last day for us to stay in Edinburgh. The morning program was a visit to Edinburgh Castle. There was no tour booked for us. Therefore, we walked through the castle by ourselves. The castle is located on a hill in the middle of Edinburgh. So, one could enjoy a beautiful view of the whole city. Unfortunately, the weather was pretty cloudy. We were able to look over the city anyway. After lunch, we sat in a coffee shop while we were waiting to go to the airport to reach our flight back home.