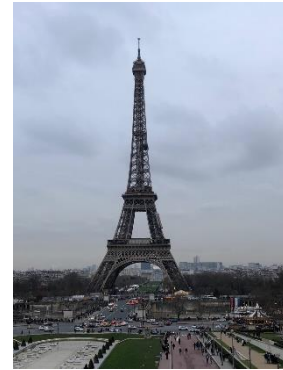


Journey to Edinburgh

On Saturday, 6 January, our flight from Basel took off for Edinburgh. Because we missed our connecting flight in Paris, we had to stay one night in Paris. After a sightseeing tour and a party night, we finally flew to Edinburgh. After landing, we took the bus to the city and checked in at the Cowgate Hostel at about 5pm. In the hostel, we met the rest of our class, and we went all together to a restaurant for dinner where we noticed the first time that Scottish food is not very delicious. In the evening, we visited some typical Scottish pubs and tried different beers.



On Monday, 8 January at 9.15 am, the official part of the journey started with a coffee. The following Hop-On, Hop-off tour was very interesting, and we could see all the attractions of this old city and also heard a lot of interesting things about them. After lunch, we listened to various presentations at University of Edinburgh. The topic was geography and GIS (geographic information system), and we think we could really benefit from this afternoon. After the lectures, we went all together to a student's bar before we went to the Black Bull pub at Grassmarket where we met a really good singer called Graeme E. Pearson. The mood was terrific.



The next morning, we took the train to Glasgow where we had some very interesting lectures at the University of Glasgow. One presentation was about how to identify the soil with remote sensing and the second about how to work out a bus plan for Malaysia. The lunch was sponsored by the university. In the afternoon, we had a tour of the university where we could see the beautiful old campus. The old part of the university looks a little bit like Hogwarts from the Harry Potter films. The rest of the day was free, and we visited the city of Glasgow, but it is not a very interesting city, so we ended up in a pub to drink a Guinness before we travelled back to Edinburgh by train where we ate at Jamie Oliver's, but the food was terrible.

Our last day we spent visiting Edinburgh Castle. It is a big, old castle, which is perched above the city. We saw some old prison cells, big cannons, and the huge dining hall with a lot of swords in it. We also saw the story of the kings, which was described in old paintings. In the afternoon, we travelled to the airport where we took the airplane to Amsterdam and transferred to the flight to Basel. We arrived in Basel at 10 pm and went home to sleep after an intensive but very interesting journey.

