

# London Trip, 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> of January

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The signs for our journey seemed to be bad because it started with traffic trouble. There was a bus standing across the street blocking the traffic around the Basel airport, so we had to take a taxi and take another way. At about 10 a.m., we arrived in London with a delay of 30 minutes. The trip by the Underground was long and loud, but finally we arrived at Kings Cross St. Pancras. Our youth hostel wasn't far away, so we checked in quickly.



The first highlight was the first beer in a pub. Then we went to the Indian YMCA for lunch where we also met our classmates. The food was inexpensive but really spicy - too spicy - and so it wasn't really enjoyable. But all in all, it was cool to try Indian cuisine. After lunch, we visited the huge British Museum. It wasn't so much fun because our stomachs were still burning. Nevertheless, we walked around and took some photos of the stone sculptures, but it was really exhausting.

In the evening, we had dinner at a pub next to the hostel. It was well presented and the location was also very cool, but the meat was a bit dry. Therefore, we needed to get some liquids, namely some good English ale. So we went on a pub tour and even found some live music. But there weren't many people around because it was Monday and the pubs closed at midnight. On the way back to the hostel, we tried to get on platform 9 3/4, but there was a bug, which made it impossible to get on it, and so we went to bed early, because we were tired from all the impressions.

On Tuesday, we went on sightseeing. It was planned to take a hop-on-hop-off tour, but we discovered bicycles and rode to all the sights. We greatly enjoyed it because, with them, we were more flexible, and also the weather was nice. The highlights were of course the well-known sights like Big Ben, Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace.



In the afternoon, we went to UCL to listen to some talks. At first they were interesting, but with time, they became boring and difficult to understand. But we enjoyed seeing that there are also other people - especially foreign people - outside the FHNW, that dealt with geomatics.

For dinner, we made a reservation at "The Wilmington" in advance. We had organized the dinner, so we hoped that everyone would like it. And as we heard, most people were actually happy with the meals, the service and the evening in

this restaurant. With a full stomach, we set off to Soho, the main party district in London. The first evening had been a bit disappointing so we thought we have to see the clubs in the city. At first there weren't many people, but at one o'clock, it became really fun and we could have danced the whole night but the club closed at around three o'clock. But anyway, it was good for us because so we were fit for the next day, when we had a trip to Greenwich.

There we had a guided tour through the observatory. We got to know a lot of new background information about the astronomical measurements of the meridian. To end our trip, we took the chance to try some original fish and chips.

All in all, it was a really nice journey. We liked doing something different to the daily school routine. We would like to thank the school and the teachers for making this trip possible. It was cool to undertake something with the whole class.

