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On Monday, we went to the airport very early in the morning. After a short flight, we met at London Heathrow airport. Because of we came from two different airports, the first-half who came from Zurich had to wait for the other half coming from Basel-Mulhouse. After travelling with the Heathrow Express to the city center, we deposited our baggage in the hostel and went for lunch at the Indian YMCA, where we got a spicy dish. There we also met our teachers, Catherine Shultis and Susanne Bleisch.

In the afternoon, we went to the British Museum, where we could see many different artifacts from the ancient history of the world.

We had dinner in a pub next to the hostel. Later, we tested out some other typical pubs around Euston Square. We had a great evening, but we were quite surprised that pubs in the city have to close around 11pm.

On the second day, after breakfast in the hostel, we caught a “Hop on – Hop off” bus tour through London. In the afternoon, we also took a boat trip on the River Thames from Westminster Pier to Tower Pier, just next to the Tower of London.

After having lunch in a noodle restaurant near Waterloo Station, we

went to University College of London at Gower Street to hear to some presentations about Geographic Information Services. After Muki Haklay, Professor of GIS, received



and welcomed us at the UCL campus, Kelvin Wong, who is studying there to obtain a Ph. D., described us exactly what 3D GIS is. He

effortlessly explained the topic and kept it clear for all of us. His goal is to launch a national- wide 3D GIS dataset. After that, Gareth Boyes introduces Building Information Modelling to us before Gianfranco Gliozzo talked about web scripting and GIS for Ecology. Guy Lansley, who showed us his analysis of the geography of Twitter Topics in London, gave the presentation before last. His geographic data analysis was very interesting because it gave us an idea of what people who live here are thinking about themselves. Finally, yet importantly, Jens Kandt talked about ecological data linkage and geodemographics. The presentations were very interesting because of the exciting research topics they are working on at the Departments of Geomatic Engineering and Geography at UCL.

In the evening, we left the campus with some researchers to have dinner at the Wilmington Arms, a nice pub situated Rosebery Avenue. The food was a bit exotic for us but it was very delicious. After dinner, our class went to Soho to visit some typical pubs.

On Wednesday, we went to the Greenwich Royal Observatory, where we saw the Prime Meridian. We took a very interesting tour through the building where the guide explained the different instruments, the history and the knowledge of the British astronomers at various times.



After Greenwich, we went to a local restaurant to eat some traditional Fish and Chips for lunch. In the afternoon, we walked a bit around the streets of the main city of London to see St. Paul's Cathedral before we went back to the hostel to pick up our luggage

and leave for Heathrow Airport where we met one last time to eat before we took our flight back to Switzerland.

We want to say thank you to all the people who made this short city trip possible by organizing flights, presentations, the youth hostel or the different museum visits. We would also like to thank those external people who accompanied us on the visits, and of course, the whole class for coming!