

Summary London trip

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On Monday we met at six o'clock at the Euroairport Basel. The flight and the transfer to Victoria Station went according to plan.

Due the strike of the underground, we had to take a bus and at the bus stop we could practice for the first time the English art of standing in a queue. The bus trip was a sightseeing tour. After checking in to the hostel, we went to the British Museum where we met the teachers.

We were able to see the exhibits at the British Museum. Then we visited the New London Architecture Model where the director gave us a short speech about the model.



Afterwards we went with a PhD student along the Thames to the restaurant. On the way to our restaurant we visited the Turbine Hall of the Tate Modern where sounds were played. To each sound was assigned a light or lamp which lit up as soon as the sound sounded. The whole afternoon it was raining more or less, so we also got to know British weather.

After dinner we went over the Tower Bridge back to our hostel. Some of us stayed a bit longer in the pubs. But in the end, all of us were drawn to our rooms and went to sleep, to be well-rested for the next busy day.

On Tuesday we met at 9 o'clock at King's Cross train station. As the Underground and Overground were working normally again, we took them to Greenwich. On the trip, we could see some quarters of London such as Canary Wharf where we noticed many new buildings and a lot of construction sites where new buildings are being built.



At Greenwich we visited the Null Meridian as well as the museum exhibits about determining the time and geographic position. In the museums we could see the beginnings of time measurement and many old clocks. The principle of position determination over time and the sun was also described.

Afterwards we went in a smaller group to the O2 arena for lunch. From there we drove with the cable car over the Thames.

The rest of the afternoon Julian and I rented a bicycle and drove a few hours across London. On our tour we saw some tourist attractions such as the London Eye, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park and a lot of interesting places and buildings. We had dinner in Camden Town.

On Wednesday we met in front of the British Library, where we learned again how to make a beautiful queue. In the British Library we visited an exhibition about maps. A lot of the maps containing references to wars. For example, there were maps about invasion plans like the D-Day or the Gulf War I.

Afterwards we had to go back to the airport. At the train station Victoria Station, we experienced an evacuation, but after 10 minutes it was already over. Fortunately, the transfer to the airport and the flight went, smoothly.