



English Module: London Trip

Early in the morning of the 9th January we went to the airport in Basel and took a plane to London Gatwick. As the teacher told us, London Underground was closed because of a strike. After a little time, we found out which bus we had to take to go to our hostel. I was impressed by how polite the English are. They were waiting in a queue for the bus. The bus trip took us a long time.

After we deposited our luggage in the hostel, we went to the British Museum. A few of us went to an Italian restaurant nearby the museum for lunch. Next we went to the Museum to see the famous Rosetta Stone and other important historical pieces. The building is very big and well-built.

After that, on the program was the visit to the New London Architecture Model. It shows the London Centre in a 1:2000 scale. It was interesting to see the whole city 3D; it's better than google maps or another program because you can have a big overview of the city. The Director of the NLA told us that they did the model to show people how London is big and how the development is important for people's needs.



Next, a teacher's friend showed us Big Ben and other sightseeing like the London Bridge or the Shard by walking to The Draft House pub, where we consumed a typical London dinner.

On the 2nd day, we went to see the first meridian. We travelled on the Underground to Greenwich as the strike was luckily over. The museum explains how latitude and longitude were conceived. The main reason was for navigation because an accurate system to orientate on water was needed by navigators before our modern equipment and devices were existed. Due to a historical reason, the first meridian was chosen to be placed in Greenwich. After an hour and half tour, we went near to the O2 to eat and then we took the Cable Car to see London from another point of view.

After that I left my class to visit my cousin and her child on the other side from London, not the touristic part. Thanks to her I had the opportunity to see another face of London, not only the rich one. In the evening, I found again the whole class in a pub in Camden Town. Then we enjoyed the night life in London. On the way to the hostel we went to see the famous rail train from Harry Potter, Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$.

The 3th and last day started with the visit to the British Library where we saw the Maps of the 20th Century exhibition. After that we had already to go to the airport. As we waited in London Victoria, we were told to evacuate the train station. Fortunately, it was not dangerous and after ten minutes, just in time, we caught the Gatwick Express to take the plane to go home.

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