

## London Trip, G2015

The whole class was at 6 am at the airport Basel-Mulhouse. The check in and the flight didn't take long but in London the subway was on strike and we had to travel by bus. Thus, it took many minutes longer to arrive at our hostel.

The first thing that we visited was the British Museum. It's a very big museum and you can't see all the things in one day, so we just saw the things that we were interested in.

In the afternoon we walked together to the Tower Bridge. Unfortunately, it rained hard and everyone got wet clothes. On the way to the Tower Bridge, we stopped in a big hall [The Tate Modern Turbine Hall] to "relax" there. It was a kind of art, but I didn't understand the sense of those mysterious noises. After that we had dinner and then we went back home.

The second day in London we went to the Greenwich Observatory. The big ball on the top of the building was for me very special. The fall of the ball showed the exact time for the ships. They needed an exact time to navigate on the sea. For me, as a geomatician, the meridian and historical meridian were also very interesting. Afterwards, we went by cable car over the Thames. There we had a really nice view of the city.

After having lunch, we went to Swiss Court and for one moment, I was back in Switzerland in my mind. In this street, there is also a big M&M's shop, but inside it smells extremely of M&M's.

In the evening, we went to some different pubs and bars. One of them was very special, because some people there made music and the room had space for about fifteen people. So the atmosphere was very familiar. Outside we met a poor woman. We talked a few minutes and gave her some money. She called us the "lovely group" and we were happy about those nice words.

The last morning we looked at a lot of maps in the library. It was very international and many different themes.

On the way back to the airport in Gatwick, we were at the train station and then a signal came and voice said something like: "for your security, you MUST leave the station now". So the station was closed and we thought that we will miss the flight. But it took only a few minutes and we caught the train to the airport in time.

*\* God Save the Queen \**

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