

Sherlock Holmes Tour

Having arrived in Edinburgh, our excursion started on Monday with a Sherlock Holmes tour through the city. For that, we met in a café to prepare people with coffee and for something to eat. Simply said, we had breakfast. Then, with a full belly and a warm body, we started the tour in the cold and windy city of Edinburgh. We learned a lot about the author of the Sherlock Holmes books, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. But not just about him, we also learned about the history of the city and how Edinburgh is connected to stories based in London. That was very interesting. We got used to the English language in a fun way, and it prepared us to understand the Scottish accent.

University Edinburgh

After that awesome, but cold tour, we had to warm up. A lunch helped us with that and gave us new energy for the afternoon activity. We met at the University of Edinburgh to hear a few presentations. The main subject of the presentations had to do with our studies. We received information about remote sensing and GIS -issues. Although it was very interesting, we had to fight with ourselves. The warm room after the cold morning made us very tired. But with enough coffee, we did it.

ESRI UK / National Library of Scotland

On Tuesday morning, we visited ESRI UK. There we heard 6 informative presentations from different employees, learned how the company is structured and what they do in the UK. After lunch, we visited the National Library of Scotland where we gained a great deal of information about the history of maps and how they are digitalised.

Gin Distillery

On Wednesday morning, the last day in Edinburgh, we visited the Edinburgh Gin Distillery. We learned about the history of gin and how it is produced. The gin of the Edinburgh Gin Distillery contains 14 different ingredients which gives it a unique taste. After a very exciting guided tour, we had the pleasure to sample the gin ourselves. It was extremely delicious.



Figure 1: Different gins of the Edinburgh Gin Distillery

Culinary highlights in Edinburgh

Due to great recommendations of our Uber driver, who took us from the airport to the hostel, we visited the Indian-Pakistani Roti restaurant on the evening of arrival.

We ordered (also on his recommendation) Tawa for 6 people, a big plate with a little bit of everything on it. Conclusion: a little spicy, but very tasty!

On the second evening, the whole class including Pia Bereuter went to Greyfriars Bobby's Bar. The pub was not far away, about 1 minute walk from our hostel, Kick Ass. There were also various culinary highlights, like fish and chips or pie (comparable to Pastetli in Switzerland)



Figure 2: Indian-Pakistani restaurant Roti

Nightlife

Of course, during a student trip to a foreign city, the nightlife should not be neglected. Every evening began in the pub - this is where people meet for the first beers, toast, and tell stories. Pubs are a part of British culture, and Edinburgh has a lot to offer. Ordering the beer usually made you sweat the first time. An ale, a stout or a porter? With the countless types of beer in the open cupboard, every beer lover will go into raptures.

With the sound of an old ship's bell, shortly before 11 p.m., suddenly and unexpectedly, movement came into the calm mood. The guests flocked to the bar in droves to follow the non-verbal invitation: "Last Order". Of course, we followed this and ordered the last pints. But after the pub visit, we did not go home yet. In the numerous discotheques, one could dance until 03:00 in the morning.



Figure 3: Happy faces when sipping beer