

Trip to London - Class G3

It was the 9th January, the watch showed 6 o'clock, when the class G3 met at the airport in Basel to travel to London. Planned was a three days trip to the capital of Great Britain.

On arrival in London, we noticed that the underground was on strike. Consequently, we had to drive to our hostel by bus, which was very time-intensive, because of the massive traffic in the city.

After that, we walked to the British Museum where we met our English teacher, Hazel Trepp, and company. This museum is divided into different cultures; there are areas about Africa, South-America, Asia and so on. Many objects are displayed for each of these nations and you can learn a lot about these different countries if you are interested in history.

In the afternoon we visited the New London Architecture Model. This is a huge 3D-model of the town center of London in a scale of 1:2000. I've never seen a model like this, which is so accurate and detailed, before. For me, this view was very impressive and you get a nice overview of London.

In the evening we walked to the restaurant, which we reserved. On the way, we saw some sights of London. We had the most beautiful view from Waterloo Bridge where we could see Big Ben in the night light. Later, 200m before our destination, we were witnesses to the insidious English weather. Within a few minutes it rained in streams so that we had to search protection under the Tower Bridge. Five minutes later the rainfall decreased and we could continue our march.



On January 10th we travelled to Greenwich, which is an early-established district of today's London. In Greenwich you can see the 0-Meridian. It was very interesting to hear more about it, because we already learned about it in our studies. Also, it was very impressive to see a 8m long telescope with a lens the diameter of 70cm. If you consider that they worked 8 years at this lens to integrate it into the telescope, this is incredible.

In the afternoon we had free time. We used it to walk through London to visit different sights. Amongst other things, we saw Buckingham Palace with the guards in front of it. Then we walked through St. James Park where we discovered a lot of squirrels. Last but not least we visited Piccadilly Circus and we took the cable car over the Thames.

On Wednesday, the 11th January, we went into the British Library, where we saw the exhibition called "Maps and the 20th Century: Drawing the Line". It was interesting to see maps from World War II up to maps of the first "Sims" computer game.

At midday it was time to say goodbye. Our London trip was over and we had to go back to the airport. We were looking forward to an easy and simple flight back, but it happened differently. At Victoria Station all passengers had to immediately leave the station. We are not sure, but we think that there was a bomb scare.

At the moment, we were in panic because we thought we would miss our flight. Fortunately, after a few minutes the evacuation was over and we could travel to the airport and finally fly at home.

Nevertheless, we can look back on a successful trip. We had so much fun and also our pub tours in the evening pulled us together as a team.

