

# Our class trip to England



Last September, we started our class trip to England at grade 8 of the Gymnasium in Borghorst.

On Monday, 03.10.16, we started from school at 7:30 in the morning. Our four classes were distributed on two buses. Mrs Dreier, Mrs Fraune, Mrs Franke, Mrs Schieferbein, Mr Hettmer and Mr Schubert had the pleasure to come with us.

We also found it very nice that Mr Voss was on a holiday "Tag der deutschen Einheit" so early to say good-bye.

Something tired, but with great mood we started!

After about 8 hours by bus we reached the ferry which took us from Calais to Dover. On the ferry it was quite cold, but with a Starbucks drink and sweets it was really good! Now it went again for an hour, in the left-hand traffic, with the bus up to Whistable. On a small parking place we got the last instructions and we were received by our host families. We have stayed with families in Whistable and Hernebay.

In my host family we were with two girls. It was a couple who had a 16-year-old son. He was very reserved. There was also a cat and a dog. The mother looked after us. She was very nice. Our room was small, with two beds and a small wardrobe. The bathroom we shared with the family. Everything was small, but sweet!

After the arrival we were totally tired and after the dinner (with Spaghetti Bolognese) we directly went to the bed.

We were excited on the breakfast! We had heard nothing good. There were three different types of cornflakes and toast with peanut butter. Everything was okay! For our excursions there was always a lunch package with a bottle of water, crisps, drinking yoghurt and a sandwich.

On Tuesday morning we met again at the parking place.

From there we made a city rally through Whistable, where we could learn a lot about the city. After that, we met with a guide who told us more.

On the beach at Whistable, he still had a surprise. He picked up for anyone who wanted an oyster to try. I've tried it ... It was glibbery, soft and tasted of seawater. But it was worth an experience! We had fun!



In the afternoon around 2 pm we went on to Canterbury. Here we have looked at one of the oldest castle ruins of Great Britain - Canterbury Norman Castle. The old walls were very exciting.



After that we were allowed to visit Canterbury in small groups and get souvenirs.

In the evening we had dinner in our family with chicken and salad. We were really hungry after the long day! We were very tired again and so we went to our room early.

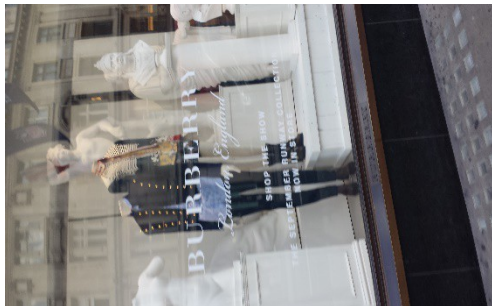
On Wednesday we went to LONDON! Totally excited, we went on.

Having arrived in London, we first collected our city guide. After a small break, the city tour started by bus. Times Square - Buckingham Palace - Tower Bridge -

Trafalgar Square -London Eye – Big Ben - all important points were approached - pure sightseeing!



To relax, then we made a small shopping tour! We were able to explore London in small groups. First we were on Oxford Street with luxury brands such as Burberry, Michael Kors and Karl Lagerfeld. Cool, but so much money we hadn't got with us ...



Meanwhile, we had a small break at Starbucks to eat and drink something.

When we were tired, the bus driver took us back to Whistable.

From London to Whistable, it takes about two hours. That was quite long, but not boring! With all together on the bus we had a lot of fun and we hope our teachers too!

Music was always everywhere! But in the bus only very quiet ☺

Thursday - second day in London –

There was still much to discover. We started with a boat trip on the River Thames. It was very cold. But there was no good sight down in the ship. Because of that, we went on deck. The city view from the water was quite different. The Tower Bridge and the skyline of London we saw very good. We made many photos and some selfies ;-). It was funny!

We arrived directly at the London Eye. The London Eye - a huge ferris wheel - with glass cabins gave us another view of the city. Really cool! This was really great, and the ride could have gone on forever!



But then we came to an end. After that we had free time again. Each group had a different way. Some were at Victoria Secret, others in Central Park or as we were in Covent Garden, where there was much to discover.

You had to be careful with the left-hand traffic! It is not easy to cross over the road! But we managed that too.

The bus took us safely back to Whistable.



And it was already Friday. The last day had arrived!

In the morning we waked up early and after the breakfast our host mother brought us to the meeting point.

There we said goodbye and got into our bus to go home. Same procedure as on monday, only reversed!

In the evening at 7 pm we were back at school in Borghorst.

Very, very tired, but in a good mood, our parents took us home again!

It was a very great class trip. We had great fun!

**Thanks again to our teachers for their strong nerves !!!**

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