

Sprachreise der 3. Klasse

London Experience

Time
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Experience Design: Mag. **M.G.Martin**

Outline:

The students were enrolled in a course of General English on an upper intermediate level at St. John's Wood School of English. They attended the course from 9 am until 2.20 pm from Monday to Friday. It was made sure there would be no Austrians or Germans enrolled in that school for the period in question so that German conversation opportunities would be limited throughout the week. Also, the students were split up between two hosts: Lesley Creighton, a casting director who lives about 15 minutes from the school and the Lackmaker family in Golders Green.

Throughout the week I spoke English to the students, even when they had to resort to using a bit of German.

Students' report:

Saturday:

We arrived at Stansted, took a coach to Liverpool Street and hailed a taxi to take us to our respective families. The taxi driver was cool. He turned on the radio for us because it was the Football World Championship semi-finals and he told us that Ronaldo's name stank in England because he had chucked England out.

Our family's were ok. The Lackmakers live in an extremely wealthy neighbourhood and the room was big, Lesley gave Dom Schickmayr a shoe-box room but at least there was a nice Hungarian girl to start the week with.

Sunday:

We met on Trafalgar Square to go to Windsor Castle, which was about an hour's train-ride to the west. There we went for a boat-ride on the Thames in a small motor-boat, just the four of us. Then we visited Eton, the old school, the traditional school, the good school.

In the evening we watched the football finals in various pubs and got a load of hundreds of Italians celebrating on Picadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square. We stepped into the fountain with the Italians and sang their hymn. We had to take a taxi home on that night.

Monday

First day at the language school. The quality of the lessons was higher than in Malta, we talked a lot and had good teachers. We had lunch with French people and Dom went to town with this Hungarian chick. He took her to a pub or something.

Tuesday

After the course we went to Big Ben, Downing Street, Westminster Abbey, the Eye, and watched a street artists' festival there with the other young people from the course and Mr. Martin. Then we went to Temple Church to trace the Da Vinci Code Secrets. In the evening we went to see the film with all the other chicks from the course.

Wednesday

We went to the National Gallery, again with the French and had a look at the Da Vinci Code paintings by Leonardo. Then we saw Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park and went home.

Thursday

After school we went to Madame Tussaud's, went shopping at Harrod's and Fortnum and Mason's, met the French and had an evening out with them.

Friday

We listened to the last Master of the Temple in Temple Church explaining everything about the Da Vinci Code, saw the Tower of London, the HMS Belfast, went to Earls Court for a Red Hot Chili Peppers concert but it was sold out, so we went out with the French again.

Saturday

Flight back.

For us it was the same as Malta or better because there was more to see and do and we hadn't met any interesting girls in Malta, which was different here.

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