

## Sunshine, rain and happy days (Our trip to England)

We, the members of the W-Seminar King Arthur, knew that we chose right after Mrs Kost told us that we would be going to visit England in the first week after the summer holidays.

Our trip started with a message that informed us about Mrs Kost's absence since she managed to get back pains a couple of days before our departure. Luckily Mr Gollwitzer was able to go in her place and accompanied Mrs Bosch.

The journey started on Saturday, 09.09.2017 at 6.30 am at the Munich Airport. Tired, as most of us woke up at about 4 am or earlier, but still excited we boarded the plane. Due to the pilots announcements we found out that Lisa's uncle flew us safely to London Heathrow. Before we landed the plane circled London a couple of times which allowed us to see some of the sights like the London Eye, the Tower Bridge and the Parliament.

After arriving in Heathrow we took the National Express to Winchester. Lacking opportunities where we could keep our luggage we had to take it with us through the streets. After inspecting the outer side of Winchester's Cathedral we made our way to the Great Hall. Our first stop regarding King Arthur. In this hall you can visit the Round Table of King Arthur and his Knights and even dress like historic people. Afterwards we went on a little walk that led us to Winchester College where some parts of the Harry Potter movies were filmed.

An adventurous bus journey later we arrived at our youth hostel in the New Forest. This night we slept in log cabins, small wooden huts for four people each.

The next day took us to Salisbury where we took a peek at the Magna Carta (the first written constitution in European history) and visited a candy store. Afterwards we arrived in Bath, there we were staying till the 12<sup>th</sup> of September.

After arriving at the new Youth Hostel, our group made its way into the city. Our first activity was to take a free Jane Austen tour. Later we had some free time. Going back to our hostel turned out to be an exercise because we had to walk up a hill. For dinner we cooked for ourselves at the free catering kitchen.

The next day again brought us sunshine and rain. Our first action on this day was to get breakfast and then walk down into the historic city. The day started with a walking tour to the most important sights in Bath. We learned a lot about the history of the city, the architecture and the people living there. After some free time our teachers took us into the Roman Baths. While walking through them you were able to use an audio guide, which had a version for kids (much more fun to listen to) on it. The Roman Baths are really impressive and the water is indeed quite warm (actually you're not allowed to touch it). We also discovered one of our favourite stores in this town. A shop there you can try and buy fudge. This day ended with home-made food and a couple of UNO-games.

After waking up and being fed, we walked down the hill for the third and last time. Our morning started off with a visit to the Jane Austen museum. After discovering more about her life and dressing up like her we had a couple of hours there we could roam around the streets of Bath. Our group soon discovered that we all eventually ended up inside some kind of book store. The afternoon consisted of a boat trip on the river Avon to Bathampton and back. As it was our last day in Bath, we decided to eat in a pub. Of course we had to try the traditional fish and chips. Sadly only Lisa was of age and therefore the only one allowed to drink cider.

Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, arrived. Our last full day in England. Our morning was filled with last minute packing, breakfast and going to the coach station. There we took a bus to Wells. In this city we visited the gigantic cathedral and walked around the old town. After some time we got on another bus which took us to our last stop: Glastonbury. Some accidental complications later we arrived at our stay, a house that we had for ourselves. Leaving our luggage in the living room, we made our way into the heart of the town. Upon arriving there our first station was the Glastonbury Abbey. Thanks to Brother David, we were able to get a lot of knowledge about the former church and the history around it. The second task was to take a little hike up to the Glastonbury Tor, a tower standing on a hill. After finally arriving on the top we were almost blown away as the wind was really strong. Luckily we managed to stay on our feet and could enjoy the marvellous view. A catwalk and some photoshoots later we made our way down again but not before stopping and trying to get the attention of the sheep which we had to walk through. This day ended with some home-cooked pasta, risotto and cake which Mrs. Bosch bought for us.

Sadly the last day arrived really fast. After some breakfast (with frozen orange juice) our bus came to pick us up and take us back to London Heathrow. After checking in we still had a couple of hours to wait, so we decided to explore the airport. Some delays later our plane took off and we landed safe back in Germany.

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