

## **The journey to London – and back**

Our journey to London by bus started on 27<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30 am. We weren't very motivated at that early time of the day, therefore everybody of us just wanted to enter the bus and go on sleeping. At almost 12 pm we arrived at the ferry boat, on which we stayed ca. 3 hours - inclusive time difference. Some of us enjoyed the sea view, others used the time for much more snoozing.

At 5.30 pm we finally arrived at our hostel on the west side of London. Although we had sat all the time (ca. 13 hours) everybody of us was worn out.

The return journey from London to Marl was significantly better. We departed at 7.30 pm and arrived at the HBBK in Marl at 9 o'clock in the morning. The boat trip of the return journey was annoying for everybody of us. It was very cold on board and we were tired and in a bad mood. Other passengers allowed themselves to sleep on the carpet. In my opinion the journey to London (-and back) wasn't as bad as I have described it in the beginning.

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## **We liked - we disliked**

At first I have to say that London has really great buildings, some of them are quite old and historic ... and the others are very modern!!! (in England modern means --> glass with concrete in special forms) All in all every building is pretty, but together the area looks too full of not the same looking buildings... that is a real dislike! The same applies to the absence of rubbish bins all over London. There were so little bins that you may think you could count them on your fingers. On the other hand we liked - how clean the city was... we didn't know how they made it look sooo... but we liked it. Then there were so many famous and beautiful sights like the TOWER OF LONDON, THE MONUMENT, THE TOWERBRIDGE, BIG BEN and so on!!!

From our class view/tour we were at the National Gallery first, it has a great architecture, so that the paintings got a special kind of glamour. In the Tate Modern - we passed every TIME OF ART. And in the Saatchi Gallery - most of us liked the new thinking and realisation of art!!! In the end London is one of the greatest Cities I've ever been to. :)

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