

2 Weeks in England

By Arjeta



My Chance

My name is Arjeta Beqiraj and I am in the class 9a. I surprisingly won a scholarship and had the chance to live in Brighton for 2 weeks in the recent autumn holidays and visit the school there.

First, I doubted, because I was scared of being alone in a new country with new people and not knowing anybody. Then I was excited, because I always wanted to visit England.

About other 40 kids from Germany and me had a regular activity schedule. Every day we went to our school (Brighton language College) from 9am to 12 am by bus. The English lessons there were similar to the English lessons in Germany. We practiced grammar, read some stories and even had some acting roles.

After the school we had different activities. We did a City tour, a boat trip, visited a castle and a stadium, tried traditional English tea & scones and saw many sights in Brighton. We also went to London for 2 days and saw many parts of it.

Every student lived in a host family with 1-2 other students. They usually had about 2-3 kids and pets (mostly dogs). I was very happy with my host family, they were really nice.

A fun fact is that I actually stayed in England for more than 2 weeks because our flight was cancelled last minute. Our drive back home was by bus. 🙄.



Buckingham Palace



Big Ben

Other facts

Food:

The food in England was alright. I tried fish&chips and it was very delicious. I also tried traditional English tea which is green tea with milk and a pastry called scone which was filled with cream and jam. I didn't like the tea but the scones were delectable.

Everyday life:

The people in England were really modern. Every person there including older people had an Iphone and can work with the newest technology. Another thing is that they almost pay everything with card like bustickets. In many shops there was only the option to pay with card.

Accent:

Many people say that it is hard to understand the British accent. I have to say that that isn't true. Of course the accent in the north of England is harder but all around in the south and also in London you could easily understand everything. Some people spoke very fast, but I mostly understood everything.

Brighton:

I absolutely loved Brighton. It was an amazing city. Diversity was a big topic in Brighton. You could see many flags of the LGBTQ+ community and many graffiti paintings about people from other countries. I loved the beach there and the amazing sunsets. Another thing about Brighton is that if the weather is bad, it can really get windy. The people there are used to it, but I firstly was shocked.

London:

I did not have great experiences in London, but. I still think it was a great city. The people in London were really rude and not polite. They just wanted to mess around with tourists and get their money.

The sights Big Ben or Buckingham Palace were not that special like I thought. The subway stations in London were so complicated and really crowded. To sum up I think London is overrated and not a city that I would recommend to other people.

End:

I am really grateful for this experience and will never forget this. I met so many new people and had the chance to live in a another country all by myself. I want to thank Mrs. Neis for choosing me to apply for this trip and Mrs. Sindermann for helping me to write the application.

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