

The architecture

The architecture of London

In London, there are loads of traditional and modern monuments. During our trip we discovered Buckingham Palace which is the royal house, Big Ben and St Paul's Cathedral.



St Paul's Cathedral's architecture is amazing because the cathedral has two towers but only one has a clock like in the picture. There is a big dome and the cathedral is very high and from the dome, the view is beautiful.



We crossed Tower Bridge which is one of the most famous bridges in the world. Tower Bridge can open so as to let big boats pass.



We visited Tower of London which is the castle of London. Its architecture dates back to the Middle-Ages. It is too old.



Leadenhall market is a traditional gallery which is situated in the business district. It's strange because it's an old market caught between high and modern buildings. In this very modern district which is situated in East of London, there is the Gherkin.



It's a tower that looks like a gherkin. It is amazing ! But the strangest building is certainly the Lloyd's building. It looks like Georges Pompidou Centre in Paris.



Outside the district, on the South bank of the Thames, there is the Shard which is the highest tower of Europe. It looks like a shard. That monument represents modern architecture in London but some monuments have an architecture which is between tradition and modernity like the Tate museum.



In our opinion, it is incredible because before, the Tate museum was a factory but it was transformed into a museum of modern art.

To conclude, we can say that London is a city where the architecture is very old and traditional and very modern too. There are even monuments that melt tradition and modernity.

Adam, Mona et Victorien

We saw old buildings like:

Buckingham Palace, the Queen Elizabeth's house.

It's very famous in the world (for example, you can see tourists on the picture below).



There are a lot of windows, columns and sculptures. On the top of this building there is the Union Jack flag. Buckingham Palace is very impressive.

Tower Bridge is a famous bridge in England.



It is very particular because it can open so as to let big boats pass. Tower Bridge is on the Thames (London's river).

Big Ben is the biggest clock in London. It is very beautiful because it is made of gold and glass. Big Ben is very famous too.



We saw modern buildings too, "the Shard" for instance (it's a big tower made of glass), we also saw "the Gherkin" which is very famous and beautiful, it looks like a gherkin!

We visited Globe Theatre. It was Shakespeare's theatre.



The stage is divided into three parts: the paradise, the world and the hell. In front of the scene there are the bleachers. There is no roof.

Tower of London : in this castle there are Beefeaters who are like guards.



The British crown jewels are in this building.

St Paul's Cathedral is the most important church in London. At the front of St Paul's Cathedral there are two towers for two clocks but there is only one clock on the right tower.



At the top of the church there is a big dome and you can go on it. To reach the dome, there are loads of stairs but the view on London is incredible.

The Victoria and Albert museum (V&A museum) is a very interesting museum because there are loads of things (clothes, furniture...).



We only visited the clothes section but we saw other halls.

We discovered the old English architecture and the modern one. We noticed many differences between them: for instance, there aren't the same materials (a lot of glass for the modern buildings and a lot of brick for the old ones). Construction techniques were not the same (the new buildings are built in order to go higher and higher)... In our opinion all the buildings are fabulous and amazing but we preferred Buckingham Palace and Big Ben for all their details. We liked the "Shard" too because it was a

technological prowess (it's the highest building in Europe). To conclude, we can say that

London is a superb city and very diversified because when we walked in London we saw old

buildings in a street and in the next street we can observed modern buildings.

Alexandre, Agnès, Antoine

The Gherkin

The City is a district which is between tradition & modernity because the Gherkin (modernity) is in front of St Andrew Undershaft (tradition).



The Gherkin is a big building which is 180 meters high and which has 40 floors. It's in the City's district. It was built by Norman Foster in 2001. It's a building that contains a lot of offices.

In front of the Gherkin there is a church which is named St Andrew Undershaft.

This church was created in 1532 and it resisted the Great Fire of London in 1666.



The Gherkin is 9th in the list of the highest buildings of London.

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Covent Garden

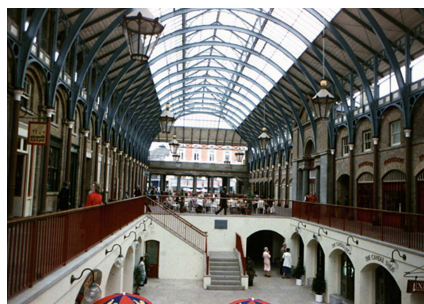


Do you want to visit Covent Garden but you don't know what is it? Yes, you are on the right page !

First of all, we're going to talk about our experiences. So, after a long journey, we did the London Tour by bus and boat, we had lunch at a fish and chips restaurant and after we went to Covent Garden where we saw some musicians, popular shops

and finally we did some shopping. So now we're going to explain you what is Covent Garden.

Covent Garden always appears on the « must visit » list of tourists to London and is also popular with the locals who are drawn there by it's great variety of leisure activities.



The photographer Clive Boursnell took photos of the fruit, vegetable and flower markets found at Old Covent Garden from 1968 until their relocation in 1974.



Frequently arriving at the market before 5a.m and documenting

events taking place throughout the working day, Bournsell's

photos provide perhaps the most comprehensive collection of

images documenting this period in the market's history.

Leadenhall market



Leadenhall is situated between Grace-Church Street and Lime Street.

It is a covered market and it was built in the 14th century.

We walked around this place and we saw some shops, restaurants, library and a very beautiful architecture. For exemple when we walked on a lane, we saw books attached on the seiling. It's a very beautiful and an amazing place because it's original and it has a dark and mysterious look.

In 1666, a big fire damaged it partially. They take advantage of it however to make a market hall, divided into very different sections Leadenhall was for a long time the main market of

poultry and games of London. Stores are frequented by the population of the city, particularly the employees of the City(Estate) of London, as well as by the tourists.



Lunai, Charlotte et Teia

Tate Modern

The Tate Modern Museum is the museum which includes the national collection art of the XXth and XXIst centuries. It is situated in the center of London, on the right side of the Thames. Before, the building was an old electric factory.

The Swiss architects Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron



have transformed the factory into a museum.

It was inaugurated on the 12th, May of 2000. During the visit, we have seen 24 screens and we wrote or drew on them. At the top of the Tate, we can see the Millenium Bridge and St Paul's cathedral.

Louis, Fiaro and Noé

Life in London

District's atmosphere

During the trip, we went to different districts. First, we visited Covent Garden where we ate "fish and chips" in a restaurant and bought presents for our families. Then, we went to Camden Town where we found Chinese restaurants, clothes shops, gift shops and many punk people. Then, we went to the City and we saw the Lloyd's building. It was a business and modern district but we saw old monuments next to the buildings. For example the

church of St Andrew Undershaft was in front of the Gherkin. Finally, we went to the district of Westminster where we saw Buckingham Palace and old monuments like the Victoria Memorial.

Covent Garden is the cutest district we have visited. It's luminous and clean and there is a good atmosphere.

We don't really like Camden Town because it's a dark place under a bridge and it's noisy.

We went to different districts in London, for example Camden Town. In Camden Town, we observed a lot of special shops because they sold punk clothes and counterfeit products. Camden Town is a very special district. It's a very strange place because people have particular styles and attitudes. They can wear any clothes. We liked this district because it's original. Then we went to Stratford-Upon-Avon

which is situated in the North-West of London, four hours by coach. We had a free time, we could buy souvenirs for our families because there were loads of shops. During the free time, we ate in a dinner too. They are traditional and old streets around Shakespeare's house. There was an actor. He played Hamlet in Shakespeare's birthplace. It was a special week :Shakespeare's week. Actors wore traditional

This is an amazing district but it's not our cup of tea.

It's impressive to see the mix of traditional elements and modernity in the City. The City of Westminster is really great: Buckingham Palace is a beautiful place!

To conclude, we can say that there is a mix of tradition and modernity in London.

Théo, Dimitri and Alice

clothes and they played in Shakespeare's garden. Stratford is very typical and cute. Streets date back to Shakespeare's time. We liked this because it's calm and we felt disorientated. In this photo (which was taken on the dome of the Saint Paul Cathedral), we can see the London Bridge and London Tower.

Zoé

Harrod's

In 1849, Henry Charles Harrod opened a small grocery store in Brompton. The store was quickly a great success and the store, greatly enlarged, settled in 1905 in the new area of Knightsbridge. It became a store for very rich people.



In the showcases, we could see all the characters from Cinderella. The costumes were beautiful, the decorations were fairy. In the streets around Harrods, there were luxury cars : it was amazing ! We were impressed !

Florian, Jérôme, Léo

Food

We had lunch in a traditional restaurant near Covent Garden.



We ate (the first day) « fish and chips », and for dessert an apple pie.

In the evening we ate pizzas and ice cream.

Everyday we had lunch (sandwiches, crisps, fruits and shortbread).



The pack lunch had been prepared by the family.

Every evening we ate different dishes (spicy pasta, pizza, soup, vegetables).

Every morning, we had breakfast with milk, cereals, toasts with jam and orange juice.



The « fish and chips » was quite good and the apple pie had a lot of sugar but it was nice. For us, the pack lunch was a bit disgusting the shortbread was delicious. In the evening the dishes were great but it was too

modern and not that traditional. The breakfast was very simple. We think it's a shame because we thought it would be more traditional. The English people eat differently to the French because they like to nibble all day. To conclude, we can say that food is not bad: in the evening the dishes were yummy but the sandwiches were not delicious. In general it was nice but it was not really traditional food.

Romane, Angelina and Valentine

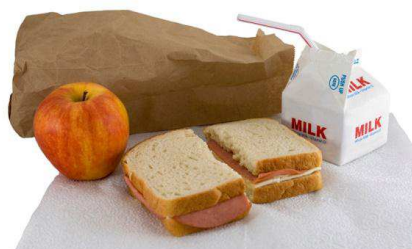
The English food

England is well-known for its traditional food. For example, the “fish and chips” is an English course which is the most popular around the world.



We had “Fish and Chips” for lunch in a traditional restaurant near Covent Garden (London's district).

After, when he walked in the street, we saw many fast-foods (Starbucks, Mc Donald's, KFC, Subway...) like in France. Also in the streets, we observed shops. In those shops, there were many coloured cakes. Generally speaking, the food was quite good except our pack lunches given by the host families.



The English eat like the French everyday but not the same quantities: very light in the morning and at lunchtime but more the evening.

To conclude, there is both traditional and modern food in England. The English eat differently to the French because they snack on anything all day.

Nathan, Valentin

Fashion

The V&A museum

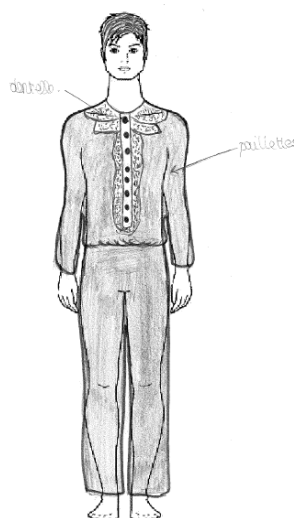


The Victoria and Albert museum is one of the most beautiful museums in London. It took 50 years to build this museum. We saw an exhibition about fashion between modernity and tradition.

The fashion gallery shows European fashion, fabrics and accessories from 1750 to the present day. The display is organized chronologically around the outer circle of the gallery

Temporary exhibition of fashion and textiles. We loved this exhibition because we discovered new styles.

Zoé and Flavie



Costumes related to their function

Beefeater



The Tower of London is under the protection of guards. These men are named Yeoman Warders or Beefeaters.

The keepers are very easily recognizable thanks to their black and red uniforms of a Tudor style (of royal dynasty between 1485 and 1603), where initials of the sovereign are embroidered, a round hat completes this uniform. There are armed with halberd (blade or of a metallic point fixed at the end of a long handle of 2,5m).

Royal's guards

Their famous uniform includes a red tunic and bearskin black hat (bear coat for officers) adopted in 1831.



• for Grenadiers: white plume on left buttons and at regular intervals

- for Coldstreams red plume on the two right buttons
 - for the Scots: no plume and three buttons
 - for the Irish plumet blue (small bunch of feathers for ornaments to a military hairstyle or a hat) and buttons on the right
 - for Welsh : green and white plume left by buttons
- Anecdote : A whole skin of bear is needed to make a fur hat !

Business man

In the business district of Leadenhall every men or almost are in classic suits.

Our remark

We noticed that typical English costumes are traditional and of time. England is one of the countries which must have kept its costumes.

Louane, Clémence

The anecdotes of the trip

Some French people had problems with food:

- They didn't have anything in their sandwiches.
- They didn't get any fruits and vegetables during the trip.

We had lots of adventures in the bus:

- The teachers danced and sang all the times during the film.

- We saw the city of Mrs Fenioux and she said : « If you want good marks you can say lots of good adjectives about my city for example: Fabulous, fantastic, beautiful...»
- The first day, French people waited the bus in front of the Thames because the bus driver forgot the appointment ...

- The bus driver wanted to throw the vomit bag through the windows of the bus. The teachers imagined the bag landing just on Mums and their babies walking in the street... The teachers couldn't stop laughing after that...

Some French people had lots of anecdotes with their family:

- The first day, some students saw a big spider in the dining room.

- The first day, when some boys met their family they were very scared because the man who arrived walked with a walking stick. He didn't look very nice and his voice was very solemn.

During the night, the French boys slept with their pair of scissors because their family was strange and they could hear lots of noise.

- Our families gave us funny nicknames like "good girls..." and told us each time we spoke good English.

- Some students couldn't open their suitcase and they could not pack their things and get in pyjamas, they were really bother.

- Some girls were in very big families!!!

The first day, when some (French) girls arrived in the house of the family the English said « Pay attention I have a baby. » In the morning they went to the kitchen but they saw: the English woman their host, another woman (they thought that the mother of the English adult), 2 children but they don't know who they were, 3 other girls they thought they were

german, the cousin of the English woman.

So in the little house they were twelve !

A killer ?

In the car with the English woman and some French girls :

- What's your job ?

- I'm a laughter.

- Sorry we don't understand...

- When somebody kills you with a knife

- She is a killer !!?

- No you just phoned me !

- Oh... OK !

So don't be scared she is not a killer!

Some French girl waited their host and they took a taxi but the woman didn't open the door of her house because she didn't hear the bell... So, the girls waited 30 minutes...

In their house French people had many surprising adventures, particularly in the bathroom.

- There was one bathroom for all families who were large.

So a French girl had her shower when another girl went in the bathroom.

- In another house in the bathroom there was a toilet for

the whole family. So a day, a French girl was in a shower behind the shower curtain when a little boy came in. He went to go to the toilet while the girl was in the shower behind the shower curtain the water didn't flow. The boy stayed five minutes and he sang and luckily he left. The girl was really afraid !!!

- A French girl was in her house with other French girls and a few boys. One day while she was filming her house for her parents, she opened the door of the bathroom but there were lots of boys !!!

A little tired

The first day we were in front of the Palace of the Queen. But the teachers didn't know where the bus driver was. So, we walked around Buckingham palace three times and finally we've been waiting the bus for 40 minutes... At the end of this day we were so tired !

Meia , Manon et Fanny

Other anecdotes

During the trip in London, lots of things happened, some funny, else annoying... We have asked students to tell us some anecdotes which happened to them at their home and during the journey or the visit.

DURING THE JOURNEY OR THE VISITS :

When we were at the Tate Modern Gallery, English people

were throwing coins from the high of descent and coins were slid down. We ran after them. We met a befeater and we asked him to take a picture with us. He didn't want it because he was afraid that we made him rabbit ears. The first day, we ate in a fish and chips. We tried to talk in English to the waitress and she told us : « Ne vous fatiguez pas,

je parle français ». It was very funny.

In London, also, there are pigeons. Some pupils received dropping of pigeons on the head.

During a visit in a narrow corridor one of the teachers who accompanied us began to pretend to be claustrophobic. She shook arms in the air and made small shouts!

Solène, Cécile et Léna

Horoscope of the month

Aries: Focus on your money and resources.

Taurus: You're very sad because you have no luck.

Gemini: You are in good position at work.

Cancer: You have a difficult decision to take at work.

Leo: You're sad at work and in love but you have luck within your family.

Virgo: You have a lot of luck but you are very tired.

Libra: You don't have luck but you are very happy.

Scorpio: You love life and you see your family.

Sagittarius: You met the love of your life in the street.

Capricorn: Your boss is very happy with your work and you too.

Aquarius: This month, nothing special, except you'll be very anxious.

Pisces: You get bored and you search for an occupation.

The weather



On Sunday March the 15th, when we arrived, the weather was not really good. It was raining in the morning, and in the afternoon, it was cloudy.

On Monday March the 16th, the weather was quite good : it was shiny but there were some clouds in the sky.



On Tuesday March the 17th, when we were in Stradtford, the sun shined in the sky, there was no wind and it was really nice !



On Wednesday March the 18th, it was very cloudy and the wind was very cold.

On Thursday March the 19th, there was mist in the morning and the sky was quite blue in the afternoon.



On Friday March the 20th, it was cold because of the wind, we were freezing to the bones ! And this was the day of the Solar Eclipse !

On Saturday March the 21st, when we arrived in France, it was cloudy but not really cold.

shakespeare

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Architecture

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