

Travel log of our language trip to Eastbourne, England

Sunday 11.09.2022

Our exciting trip to Eastbourne started on a chilly Sunday morning. (Almost) all of us managed to arrive at the airport on time. After a one-and-a-half hour flight we arrived at London Heathrow airport.

We hopped onto a bus where we met Simon who would be tagging along with us as our guide for the entire week. After another hour or so we finally reached our destination, Eastbourne. We met our host parents and drove off to our homes.



Monday 12.09.2022

On Monday we had our first day of school at Eastbourne College. Every student had to take a test which the teachers would later evaluate and based on this test we were divided into three groups. After that we walked through Eastbourne and got to see the historical parts of the city including the Bourne, which the city is named after, the pier and Eastbourne's bandstand. We also saw the shopping street and the beach. (There were lots of seagulls everywhere that would try to steal your food.)



Tuesday 13.09.2022

The day started like the day before, with us spending a few hours at the language school. There we did various exercises and worked on projects throughout the day.

After school we immediately got onto our bus and drove out of town. It took us about half an hour to get to Cuckmere River, where we stopped. Soon we started walking along the river in the middle of fields and pristine nature – sooo pretty! Eventually we arrived at our destination, the beach with the breathtaking view of the Seven Sisters cliffs. There we had a short rest and, of course, took many pictures. ;-)

A little while later we hiked to another viewpoint where we took another rest and then walked back to the bus. Back in Eastbourne a lot of us spent the last few hours of the day either at the beach or spread out in the city.



Wednesday 14.09.2022

We experienced our first heavy British rain shower that morning. Unfortunately, all of us showed up to school with soaking wet clothes. After school we met at the railway station to go to Brighton. We got to see a lot of graffiti all over the city and felt like we were surrounded by a lot of creativity. We walked around the city, explored all the small shops and then went to the big pier. (They had really cute trash cans there.)



Thursday 15.09.2022

As always, our day started with meeting up at the language school. After that we had a couple of hours of free time in town. Following that we met up at a cricket field. There we had a two-hour workshop with professional cricket players and coaches. We did different exercises and practised catching, throwing and hitting tennis balls with the cricket bat and after a while we played a simplified cricket match. A lot of us were really tired after this exercise. ;-)



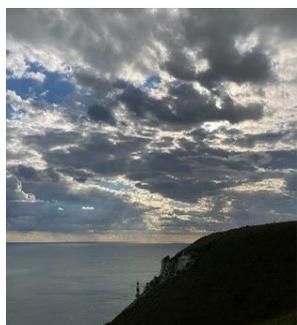
Friday 16.09.2022

It's Fridaaay!!! Indeed, it was our last day of language school, but we got to see performances and presentations of what the individual groups had done the last couple of days. It was entertaining and so lovely to see. We even got a certificate which declared our English levels we had achieved.

After that it was teatime, which is a must if you are in the UK. It was more than pleasant to sit together as a class together and enjoy our tea and English breakfast in the loveliest family-run café with the cutest traditional teapots and teacups; scones with clotted cream and jam were my personal favourite. :-)

After the tea our group separated again – some went to spend their day freely and some decided to hike up to Beachy Head again due to the weather not being the best last time. We were a small group, and it took us around two hours to get there, but it was quite relaxed and beautiful.

Around 6 pm everyone met up again to eat fish and chips at the beach (for the vegetarians it was chips and chips). We got ketchup, salt and some (kind of weird) juice with it. At that time the sun was already starting to set, and everyone was just enjoying their food after a long day. After about an hour everyone was free to spend their evening as they saw fit.



Saturday 17.09.2022

Saturday was our London day. It was the 17th of September, so the Queen unfortunately had passed away nine days before. You can imagine how many people were there. Some of us did not even get to see Buckingham Palace, but instead we saw Big Ben, China Town and the London Eye. After that we had time to go shopping. Of course, we went to Oxford Street, London's most popular shopping street. We also went to Covent Garden where we had the chance to buy gifts and souvenirs. Even though London is quite big and always very crowded, plus the death of the Queen which made the crowds a lot worse, we got to see so much. Some of us can even say that they saw a member of the royal family. ;-)



Sunday 18.09.2022

Our departure from Eastbourne was peaceful. We drove off with the bus the exact same way we had arrived. Only this time everyone was worn out and tired. At the airport we were confused as to what we should do with our coffee cups. Finally, we were back in Vienna after a thrilling week in Eastbourne.