

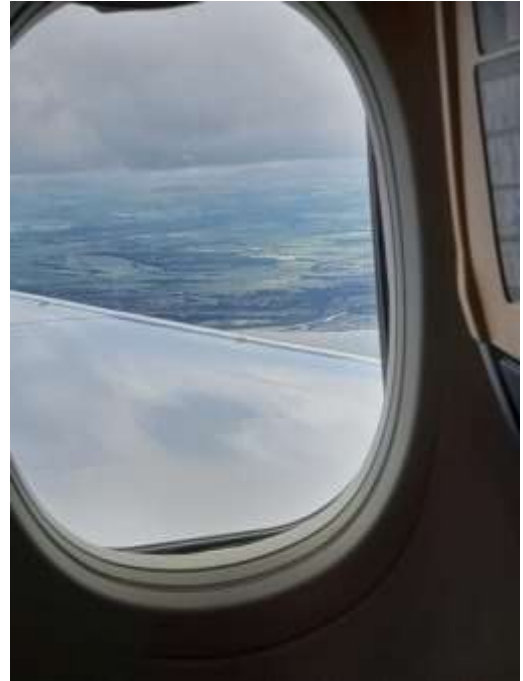
Jane Haining competition:

Trip to Scotland 2023

I was unbelievably grateful and happy that I got this opportunity to travel to Scotland and I was very excited for the big day, which arrived on the 24th of June when our plane was leaving to Edinburgh. I was a little nervous about the trip especially because I have never flew on a plane before but everything went well and it was a really interesting experience.

After we boarded in Edinburgh Airport we took the tram to our hotel. The hotel was really nice and clean and had great services although the rooms were quite small.

After a quick break we got on the tram and we were set of to explore the wonders of Edinburgh. We got off the tram on Princes Street and walked around the city to look for something to eat. We found a great restaurant where we had pizza. After our meal we walked around a beautiful park which had an amazing view to the castle.



I was blown by the beauty of this city. It has a very amazing architecture, it feels medieval and modern at the same time. It was fantastic to stand in this city after dreaming of it for so many years.





On our second day we woke up early to catch the train to Glasgow. I really enjoyed travelling on the train, the view was beautiful. We arrived to Glasgow pretty fast, where we walked to George Square. After that we headed to the Buchanan Quarter which is the „shopping centre” of Glasgow. We had some free time here so we looked around in some stores. Sadly, at this time it started raining but I guess the rain belongs to the Scotland experience.

After our free time we headed to the University of Glasgow. I have fallen in love with it. The building was beautiful, it felt like a fairytale. It was still raining so we went inside the University and saw the exhibition of the Huntarian Museum.

We took the bus where we sat on the second floor. It was such an interesting experience, the view was amazing and it was really fun. After we grabbed some food we walked to the church where Jane Haining served. In the church a really nice lady told us some stories about Jane Haining and showed us the glass windows that were installed in the respect of Miss Haining. They also prepared us tea, sandwiches and some cakes as well. They were really delicious and it was so nice of them to do all that for us. We got heard the chorus of the church. They sang beautifully and the song was really touching.

We arrived back to Edinburgh in the afternoon and had some freetime there as well.

I was impressed with Glasgow. I didn't think that I was going to enjoy that city so much but it was a great surprise and it became one of my favourite memories from Scotland.



The next day we stayed in Edinburgh but that doesn't mean that we didn't have a busy day. In fact this was probably our most tiring day. We went to the Royal Mile and saw the St Giles Chatedral. We also participated in a guided tour in the house of John Knox where we were able to learn a lot and we also had the chance to dress up as John Knox.

After a break we headed to the Edinburgh castle. We walked around the castle in separate groups. It was beautiful and the view was breathtaking. Sadly the minute we arrived to the castle it started raining like crazy so we rushed to a place were we wouldn't get wet. Luckily the rain stopped after a few minutes so we were able to explore the castle. We waited for a long lime to see the Scottish crown jewels but it was absolutely worth, because the jewels were beautiful. We also visited a nice little chapel and the prison and much more.



After the castle we headed to a restaurant because it was one of our mission for the day to eat fish and chips.

The fish and chips was really good, there was nothing left on our plates. With a full stomach we walked to the Palace Holyroodhouse and we participated in a very informative audio guide tour. The palace was absolutely gorgeous and I really enjoyed the tour. It was so nice to hear about all the monarchs especially about Mary Stuart. We took a walk in the garden and then we said our goodbyes to the Palace. As it found out we were quite lucky because next day the royal family visited the Palace so that was the last day to visit it.

After our tour in the Palace we had some free time so we walked around the city. Our final mission on Monday was to catch the last tram to see the sea. This was probably our most eventful day and we were really tired but in my opinion that was the best day we spent in Scotland.



On our last day we packed our bags and took the tram to Princess Street for the last time. That day was perfect to buy some souvenirs for our family and friends. We visited a huge candy shop. I was so amazed by the variety of sweets. We looked around in not one but two record shops and had lunch at McDonald's. Sadly, we had to go back to the hotel for our bags and head to the airport, so we said our good-byes to the heart of Edinburgh.

We arrived to Budapest when it was already dark. We said good-byes and then headed home.

I wanted to express how grateful I am that I was able to participate in such an amazing adventure. Visiting Edinburgh was one of my dreams and I am very thankful for this experience and also for the people I have met because of this trip.