

It was the 17th of June. This is the day I had been waiting for since the previous weeks, as I knew that I would get to go to a country which I had never been to before, Scotland.

I did not really know what to expect, as I have not had the chance to travel abroad for quite some time now. This was also my first time flying, which I was also excited about, but also a tiny bit scared.

After getting through the airport and boarding the plane, we rolled to the runway, and soon enough, we took off. The flight went well, and I really enjoyed it.



After a couple of hours of being in the air, we landed in Edinburgh, Scotland. Immediately as I left the aircraft, the fierce winds of the North blew on me.

Once we had gotten through the Edinburgh Airport, we got on a tram and went to our hotel. The main lobby looked great, and our rooms also were particularly good, at least for me.

On the first day of our stay, we went to the Calton Hill, and checked out the Nelson Monument, along with the National Monument of Scotland. However, to me, the splendid view of the city and the Sea was mostly what got to me.





We then walked at Princes Street, which, from now on, will always hold a special place in my heart.



After that, we went back to the hotel, and to our rooms.

The second day was personally for me the most exciting, as it was the day we went to the amazing city of Glasgow.

After eating breakfast and leaving the hotel we got on a bus that took us there. Our first destination here was the Queen's Park Govanhill Church, in which Jane Haining had served too. We also got to meet the members of the Jane Haining Project Group there.

After we had seen the church and learned a bit more about Jane Haining and her past, we headed to one of the member's homes, where we got to have a very authentic English lunch.

We then went to George Square, and then we went to the immensely popular Buchanan Street. The number of shops and restaurants there was absolutely mind blowing, and so was the amount of people there.





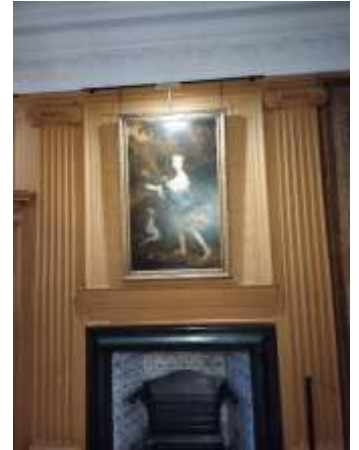
After a long but very enjoyable day in Glasgow, we went back to Edinburgh with a bus, and then to our hotel, as it was becoming late. Then at the hotel we chatted at the tables in the breakfast area, before going to our rooms to sleep, and prepare for the next day.

On the third day, after having breakfast we were already off to the city centre of Edinburgh. We wandered around for quite some time, looked at the amazing buildings that it had to offer, and then ate Fish & Chips for lunch.



After eating our lunch, we walked to one of the most special places in the city: the Holyrood Palace. The building itself was very charming, the tour itself was great and incredibly insightful on the story of the Royal Family and the Palace, and the whole experience was delightful.





However, this is where my story differs quite a bit from the rest of my friends, as I got to meet my godmother, Eva, from the United Kingdom after 6 long years.

We talk through video chat, but it isn't the same as talking to each other in person. And finally at the Holyrood Palace, we got to meet, and we had a wonderful time together for the rest of our stay.

After going through the Holyrood Palace together and everyone else, we had decided to split up, which made me able to spend more time with her.

Next, we went to the exceptionally interesting and amazing Dynamic Earth, a museum about the Earth, presented in a way I have never seen before. I enjoyed every bit of it, it was an incredible experience.

Next, we got onto one of the city buses and went to the Royal Mile, in order to go to, possibly one of the best and most interesting tourist attractions in the world, the vastly popular Camera Obscura & World of Illusions.

This was a truly otherworldly adventure through the five floors full of attractions that this building has, including the Camera Obscura, a 360-degree camera which projects the view onto a table on the highest floor. Truly an unforgettable experience for myself.



After some more walking around in the city centre, we went back to the hotel, and found our group sitting at the lobby, playing card games. After we had arrived, I sat down and we played for about another hour and a half, before returning to our rooms and going to sleep.

The fourth and final day in Edinburgh was another particularly exciting one, as it was the day that we were going to the very historic Edinburgh Castle. I was also a bit sad though, knowing that we were going to be leaving this amazing city on this very same day. But at the same time, I still felt great and thankful for the fact that I had gotten this opportunity.

After we ate breakfast, we packed our stuff and dropped it off at the reception. Next, we were going to the city centre once again.

We walked up the Royal Mile, stood in line and finally, we were in. I have to say, that the castle had exceeded my expectations, as it was much larger and gave me the best view of the city and its surroundings that I have ever seen up until that point.



After we explored and wandered through the outstanding and remarkable Edinburgh Castle, we went back to the hotel one final time to pick up our bags and suitcases, then we headed straight to the airport.

When we arrived, we still had a lot of time left before the plane took off, so I said goodbye to my godmother, and we headed inside the airport.

We got through the security checks, and went inside to wait, as there was not much time left before the boarding of the aircraft started.

Little did we know, our flight was about to be delayed by nearly 3 hours, before anything happened. The reason being the lack of crew available to go on board.

So, since we had even more time than we thought we would, we went shopping, and other activities to pass the time. We played card games, I got to try some cool tech that I could not have anywhere else, and other things that we could think of.

After a prolonged period of time the boarding of the airplane had started, we found our seats, and soon enough we were off the ground.

Yet again the flight had gone well, we landed safely, and everything was alright. We went through the Budapest Airport another time, and after that we all went our separate ways, full of experiences like none other.

I am extremely thankful for this opportunity, and the fact that I have not gone abroad in such a long time, this was for me a truly phenomenal and astounding week. But then again, inside I also know that I couldn't have done it without my English knowledge and the help of my teacher too. This, this is most definitely one of those things and special moments, that I will always remember, forever.

