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AN ENRICHING JOURNEY : DISCOVERING LONDON, A FORWARD-LOOKING CAPITAL FULL OF HISTORY

Both culturally...

During our week-long trip to London, we had the opportunity to discover many aspects of the city that we were not aware of. Indeed, from a cultural point of view, London showed itself under a new light for me. One of the visits that I made was to the Imperial War Museum. Through this one, we could discover London from a historical point of view detailing the experience of the English side of the Second World War, its cause, its consequences and the course of events. For example, the Battle of Britain, from 1940 to 1941, was a major period of violence where the United Kingdom, and more specifically the South of England, was targeted by the sharp strikes of the enemy forces. In addition, the visit to the Military Aviation Museum continued to delve into the history of London, again during the wars. More unusual facts such as the Hawker Hunter Tower Bridge incident in 1968 were also told. Then, the visit of St Paul's Cathedral also explored the religious past, notably Christian, of London and how the unity around this monument was forged in particular after the fire that ravaged a large part of London in 1666 or during the Second World War, when it was a symbol of hope, the last bastion to be defended, an object of perseverance. Finally, the Tower Bridge Experience, in addition to a technical aspect, has also brought us the reasons for its construction, in a context where a bridge was needed to make the link between the two banks of the Thames to transport goods and which was born through a collective effort of a group of workers in 1894. Also, walking through the streets of London, one feels the cosmopolitan aspect of the city, especially with China Town, which I had the chance to observe. Furthermore, London is home to many natural parks, all larger than each other such as St James Park or Hyde Park (over 140 hectares), reinforcing the green aspect of the city. London is thus an iconic city, because it embodies several values that make its splendor. Each monument of the city, each plane in a museum, each element of the past that we could observe is loaded with a bit of its history, forming a whole and making it the symbolic city that it is. Nevertheless, it does not exclude the culture of others, but rather embraces it and integrate as its own in its streets, to further strengthen its greatness and its iconic and harmonizing role.

...and technologically



"View of London Eye at night" (1)

Besides its cultural aspect, London is also a city that favors the development of technologies without becoming harmful to the environment. Indeed, during our visit to Wembley stadium, I was amazed by the technology behind its appearances. The roof, for example, is constructed so that every seat is covered, the lights are precisely placed so that they can provide impressions of movement and evenly illuminate the entire stadium from all angles. Despite the technological prodigy that it represents, especially with its arch, which is the largest structure in the world on a roof, it is very committed to ecology and tries to limit its impact on the with various measures such as the implementation of electric vehicles for travel, securing in the long term the use of 100% renewable energy in 2019 and becoming a 'zero-waste-to-landfill' venue since 2010. Also, the London Eye and Tower Bridge also testify to technological prowess with the complexity of their mechanism (104,

motors for the London Eye, designed by 3 different countries, an electric mechanism for Tower Bridge allowing its opening). Finally, our visit to Rampion Wind Farm convinced us once again of the ecological aspect of the city of London, with 116 wind turbines placed in the sea according to conditions of depth and wind speed so that it can produce the maximum amount of electricity and supply more than 350,000 houses with renewable energy (half of the houses in Sussex). Thus, London is a technological, modern, forward-looking city that takes a step back to optimize the production and services provided by its infrastructure while limiting its environmental impact and reinforcing its iconic status in the field of technology.



"Tangmere Aviation Museum" (2)