

# LONDON TRIP

HISTORY - LITERATURE - CULTURE - SCIENCE

## SIB GAZETTE



ENGLAND - FRANCE

# LONDON CHRONICLES

WE BEGAN BY GOING TO THE SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE THEATRE. WE HAD A GUIDED TOUR OF THE OUTSIDE THEATRE, WITNESSED ACTORS PERFORMING A REHEARSAL FOR A MODERN VERSION OF ROMEO & JULIET, AND LEARNED ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE SITE AND ITS REBUILDING PROCESS. LATER ON THAT DAY, WE VISITED LONDON TO EXPLORE DICKENS' AND SHAKESPEARE'S WORLD WITH A GUIDE. IT ALLOWED US TO UNDERSTAND HOW LONDON INFLUENCED THEIR WRITING. THE FOLLOWING DAY, WE WALKED AGAIN AROUND LONDON, THIS TIME FOCUSING ON WORLD WAR 2, THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN AND THE BOMBINGS. THE BLITZ, FOR EXAMPLE, IS THE 6 MONTHS OF INTENSE BOMBING BY GERMANY ON LONDON. FINALLY, WE COMPLETED THE VISIT OF THE CHURCHILL WAR CABINET, THE BUNKER WHERE HE AND HIS TEAM WERE HIDING DURING THE BLITZ AND THE V2 MISSILES BOMBINGS. WITNESSING THE REAL PLACE WHERE WAR DECISIONS WERE TAKEN MADE US FEEL SO SMALL AGAINST THE IMMENSITY OF HISTORY.

## MUSEUMS

### The Royal Air Force Museum

- THE 9TH OF MARCH
- A FREE MUSEUM
- LOCATED IN NORTH-WESTERN SUBURB OF LONDON
- AN INCREDIBLE COLLECTION OF AIRPLANES AND HELICOPTERS DATING FROM WWI TO NOWADAYS.
- MANY THINGS TO LEARN AND DISCOVER ABOUT AIR FORCES
- ALSO GERMAN, AMERICAN, ITALIAN AND EVEN JAPANESE FIGHTING PLANES
- ESTABLISHED SINCE 1972



### The Natural History museum

- THE 14TH OF MARCH
- A FAMOUS FREE MUSEUM
- LOCATED NEAR THE DISTRICT OF CHELSEA
- ESTABLISHED IN 1881
- A LOT OF DATA ABOUT OUR PLANET AND LIFE
- EXPOSITIONS ON DINOSAURS, VOLCANOES, PREHISTORIC MEN
- A LOT OF PEOPLE!!!! VERY CROWDED

### THE SPITFIRE



AVRO VULCAN A COLD WAR NUCLEAR BOMBER

### The Tower of London

- THE 12TH OF MARCH
- A MAJOR HISTORICAL PLACE
- LOCATED NEXT TO THE CITY IN THE LONDON BUSINESS DISTRICT
- ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1078 FOR WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR



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## Alexi :

My favourite moment of the trip was in St James Park. There's a TV show I'm a fan of : Good Omens, in which the characters often meet up on a specific bench in the park. So me and my friends spent 30 minutes searching for it. In the end I took a lot of pictures and the bench was decorated with doodles from other fans.

## Hugo :

My favourite moment of the trip was the Tower of London. I discovered so many of the royal family's belongings and historical artifacts, even the soldiers' equipment. What surprised me most was the no picture policy regarding the royal family's artifacts but finally seeing them was really impressive as well as getting to know the history behind it.

## Maxence :

My favourite moment of the trip was the free time we were given to discover the city of London. During those times we shopped in local markets and bought souvenirs. Moreover, we tested local food. The only inconvenience was the very short time given, meaning we had to hurry up a lot.

## Saphir :

Whenever I travel, my favourite thing is the trip itself, the journeys (regardless of the fatigue). I believe those are the best parts of the trip. I also really loved the guided visits, in which I learned many new things culturally and historically.

## Marie :

My favourite moment of the trip was when I went to Chinatown, I had already gone before which brought me a lot of memories. Since I went with friends this time, I found going there different than with family. I also ate all the Asian food I could find since it's one of my favourite foods in the world.



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## LONDON TRIP INFOGRAPHIC



— March 8 → March 14 (7 days) —

### ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

**143,000** steps total

**≈ 20,400** steps/day

**140** km walked

**500** photos taken

**306** stairs climbed

### TRANSPORT

**20** bus rides  
**≈ 3** rides/day

**≈ 2** hours/day in transport

### FOOD EXPERIENCES



### PLACES VISITED

#### ★ Monuments (5)

- Buckingham Palace
- Shakespeare's Globe
- Tower of London
- HMS Belfast
- Parliament Square Garden

#### 📷 Museums (5)

- RAF Museum
- Churchill War Rooms
- Cabinet War Rooms
- Imperial War Museum
- Natural History Museum

#### 🌳 Parks (2)

- Hyde Park
- St James's Park

### WEATHER

Cloudy 7 days out of 7

**No rain**



# FAMILY TIES...

## HOW WAS YOUR HOSTING FAMILY ?

MARIE'S FAMILY: OUR FAMILY WAS JUST A WOMAN, SHE WAS NOT VERY TALKATIVE BUT SHE WAS STILL WELCOMING. SHE WAS JUST A HOST NOT REALLY A FAMILY.

CLÉMENCE'S FAMILY: WE HAD A LOT OF ROOM IN OUR HOUSE, AND ALSO A PROPER BATHROOM FOR JUST OURSELVES. THE HOST WAS VERY WELCOMING BUT HER KIDS DIDN'T LIKE US AT ALL.. SHE HAD A DOG AND THE HIGHLIGHT WAS THAT THE HOME WAS CLOSE TO THE MEETING POINT .



## FOOD EXPERIENCE ?



MAÉ'S FAMILY: OVERALL IT WAS GOOD BUT THE CORN WAS NOT GOOD AT ALL.

MARIE'S FAMILY: IT WAS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE'RE USED TO. VERY PLAIN BUT EDIBLE (HONOURABLE MENTION TO THE CANNED LASAGNA THAT LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED)

CLÉMENCE'S FAMILY: REALLY GOOD AND WE HAD HEALTHY FOOD.

## WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT THE FAMILY ?

MAÉ AND MARIE'S FAMILY: NOTHING.

CLÉMENCE'S FAMILY: SHE WAS VERY TALKATIVE SO WE MISS THE HOST, AND THE BREAKFAST.

## TROUBLE WITH THE HOSTING FAMILY ?

MARIE'S FAMILY: THERE WAS VERY LITTLE SPACE. WE HAD TO SLEEP WITH ANOTHER CLASSMATE IN THE SAME BED AND THERE WAS NOT A LOT OF ROOM FOR WALKING.

CLÉMENCE'S FAMILY: THE KIDS DIDN'T LIKE US.

## RANDOM FACT

MARIE'S FAMILY : NOEMIE TRIED TO TALK WITH THE HOST IN ORDER TO CREATE A BOND BUT SHE WAS NOT REALLY RECEPTIVE.

CLÉMENCE'S FAMILY: THERE WAS A DOG IN THE HOUSE, HE WAS VERY CLINGY. IF WE PET HIM AND THEN STOPPED HE WOULD BARK AT US UNTIL WE PET HIM AGAIN (HE SMELLED STRONGLY).



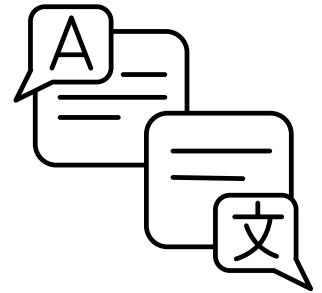
# FAMILY TIES...

## SIDEBARS

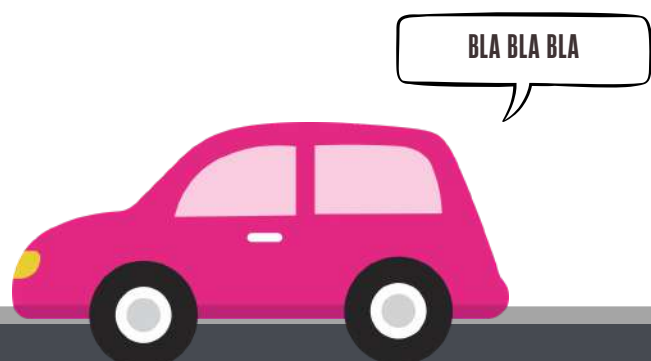
DURING THIS EXPERIENCE A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED, BOTH GOOD AND BAD. BUT THE THING I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER IS OUR 2 HOUR TALKS AT 9 P.M; WHERE WE EXCHANGED STORIES, CULTURE AND APPRECIATION. WE EVEN TALKED ABOUT COLONISATION AND THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN LA RÉUNION AND JAMAICA. FOR ALL OF US, IT WAS A REMINDER THAT DESPITE PERSONAL DIFFERENCES (RELIGION...) AND DISTANCE WE ARE HUMANS, AND, LOVE IS ONE OF THE FEW THINGS WE NEED TO CHERISH MORE THAN ANYTHING. OUR HOST WAS JUST THAT INTERESTING AND UNDERSTANDING.

### FUNFACT:

AT SOME POINT IT WAS HARD TO COMMUNICATE DUE TO FATIGUE AND THE WORSENING OF OUR ACCENTS SO IT WAS FUNNY (BUT THEY SAID THEY HEARD WORSE. THEY HAD TO USE GOOGLE TRANSLATOR)



LONDON WAS SUCH A GREAT EXPERIENCE. THANKS TO HAILEY, OUR HOST, SHE WAS LOVELY AND WE HAD AN AMAZING TIME WITH HER. THE NIGHTS WHERE WE BONDED WITH EACHOTHER IN THE BUNK BEDS, WERE VERY FUN. WE WERE JOKING AROUND, TALKING ABOUT OUR DAY AND ABOUT HOW MUCH WE ENJOYED THE TRIP SO FAR. WE ALSO HAD A LOT OF FUN SNEAKING WINGSTOP IN THE ROOM FOR A SNEAKY DINNER WITH OUR CLASSMATES (IT WAS DELICIOUS!). BY THE WAY, MILK IN THE UK IS SO LIGHT AND SWEET, IT WAS DELICIOUS! WE WILL ALSO MISS THE CAR TRIPS WE DID WITH HAILEY BECAUSE WE HAD INTERESTING CONVERSATIONS, WE TALKED ABOUT OUR DAY AND SHE ALSO TAUGHT US ABOUT HER CULTURE.



# FAMILY TIES...

## CULTURAL COMPARAISON

### DINNER IN LEWISHAM VS IN LA RÉUNION

FUNFACT: IT IS IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT MOST OF THE FAMILIES WERE FROM JAMAICA. JAMAICA IS ALSO AN ISLAND, THAT IS PART OF THE COMMONWEALTH, WHICH MEANS THAT IT IS INTIMATELY LINKED TO THE UK.



IN SOME FAMILIES, FOR DINNER THEY HAD JAMAICAN SPECIALTIES, WHICH TASTED A LOT LIKE LA RÉUNION'S FOOD AND MADE SOME THEM FEEL AT HOME. FOR OTHERS IT WAS ANOTHER STORY. THEY MOSTLY ATE FROM FASTFOOD (KFC, MACDONALD'S ETC...) OR FROZEN PIZZA. WHICH WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM LA RÉUNION. THE TASTE WAS DIFFERENT BUT ALSO THE QUANTITY. THEIR KFC WAS MORE GENEROUS THAN IN LA RÉUNION. THAT DIFFERENCE WAS ALSO FELT DURING BREAKFAST. THE WHITE BREAD WAS TWO TIMES BIGGER THAN THE ONE WE HAVE HERE. SAME WITH THE BOTTLES. AS FOR THE TASTE, THE MILK WAS THE BIGGEST AND MOST PLEASANT SURPRISE.

EVEN IF THE EXPERIENCE WAS DIFFERENT FOR EVERYONE, WE COULD SEE THAT WE DIDN'T GROW UP IN THE SAME ENVIRONMENT, NOR CULTURE. BUT WE COULD STILL SEE SOME SIMILARITIES THAT WERE PRETTY NICE!



# FAMILY TIES...

THE FAMILY HOST EXPERIENCE WAS PROBABLY THE FUNNIEST AND MOST COMPLICATED PART OF THIS TRIP. ALL OF THE FAMILIES WERE SO DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER AND ALSO VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE KNOW HERE, IN REUNION ISLAND. MOST OF THEM LIVED NOT SO FAR FROM THE MEETING POINT, SO WE WENT THERE BY CAR, BUS OR EVEN BY FOOT.



A DAY IN A BRITISH HOUSE COULD BE JUST THE USUAL ROUTINE, SLEEPING IN A ROOM WITH OUR FRIENDS, WAKING UP, HAVING BREAKFAST, GETTING READY AND GOING TO THE MEETING POINT TO JOIN THE OTHERS. MOST OF THE TIME, THE HOSTS WERE REALLY NICE, THEY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT US, WE GOT TO EXCHANGE ABOUT ALL SORTS OF SUBJECTS AND GET TO KNOW THE BRITISH TRADITIONS AND LIVING STYLE BETTER.

THE FAMILIES WERE NOT NECESSARILY LIKE WHAT WE EXPECTED IN TERMS OF SPACE AND FOOD. ALTHOUGH THE HOSTS WERE POLITE, SOME OF THEM WERE A BIT COLD. OVERALL, THIS PART OF THE TRIP WAS NATURALLY REALLY DIFFERENT FROM ONE STUDENT TO ANOTHER. WE ALL EXPERIENCED DIFFERENT WAYS OF LIVING IN THE UK, SO WE CANNOT REALLY SAY THAT ALL THE BRITISH LIVE THE SAME. LIKE IN REUNION ISLAND, LONDON HAS A MIX OF DIFFERENT CULTURES AND DIFFERENT TRADITIONS.



# FAMILY TIES...

## RECIPE CARDS:

### BREAKFAST:

THE MOST DELICIOUS MILK  
CEREALS  
CROISSANT WITH NUTELLA  
PAIN AU CHOCOLAT

### LUNCH BAG:

SANDWICHES/BAGEL  
CHIPS  
WATER BOTTLE  
FRUIT  
SWEET SNACK

### DINNER:

PASTA  
PIZZA  
CHICKEN BURGERS

- SECOND FAMILY

### BREAKFAST:

PANCAKES  
EGGS  
SAUSAGES  
FRIED FISH  
MILK  
ORANGE JUICE  
WHITE BREAD  
TOPPINGS (HONEY, NUTELLA, BUTTER AND JAM)

### LUNCH BAGS:

SAME AS THE PREVIOUS ONE

### SPECIAL DINNER FROM JAMAICA:

MEAT SOUP  
PIZZA  
POTATOES AND MEAT  
SALAD  
KFC



# NORMANDY MEMORIAL



THE NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY IN FRANCE WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. DURING WORLD WAR II. IT CONTAINS THE GRAVES OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO, FOR MOST OF THEM, LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE D-DAY LANDINGS. IN THE CEMETERY GARDEN, YOU COULD READ THE 1557 NAMES OF IDENTIFIABLE SOLDIERS, THOSE NAMES ARE WRITTEN ON THE WALLS OF MISSING. BEYOND THE BURIAL AREA, THERE IS A CIRCULAR CHAPEL WITH A WONDERFUL MOSAIC. AT THE CENTER THERE IS A BRONZE STATUE « SPIRIT OF AMERICAN YOUTH RISING FROM THE WAVES » WITH A CLEAR POOL OF WATER. THE NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY SITS ON A CLIFF OVERLOOKING OMAHA BEACH WHERE THE ALLIES LANDED TO LIBERATE FRANCE FROM THE NAZI OCCUPATION.

THE POINTE DU HOC IS LOCATED ON THE COAST OF NORMANDY, AND IS BORDERED BY THE CHANNEL SEA, HALFWAY BETWEEN UTAH BEACH (WEST) AND OMAHA BEACH (EAST). DURING WW2 THE POINTE GOT FORTIFIED BY THE GERMAN, WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE 30 METER HEIGHT. FOR THE ALLIES, THIS PLACE WAS ESSENTIAL TO A SUCCESSFUL LANDING IN NORMANDY AND TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM THE GERMAN OCCUPATION. THIS MISSION WAS GIVEN TO THE 2ND US RANGER BATTALION. THE POINTE DU HOC WAS BOMBED BY THE ALLIES TO REDUCE AND DESTABILIZE THE GERMAN ARMY. DUE TO THE BAD WEATHER THE BOMBS BARELY TOUCHED THE GERMAN BUNKERS. ON JUNE 6TH 1944, THE ALLIES LANDED AND SUCCEEDED TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE SITE, HOWEVER, NOT WITHOUT LOSING MANY SOLDIER'S LIVES. NOWADAYS THE POINTE DU HOC IS VISITABLE AND WE CAN STILL SEE THE TRACES LEFT BY THE SHELLS.



# NORMANDY MEMORIAL



THE GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY OF LA CAMBE IS A PLACE OF STRIKING CONTRAST AND QUIET REFLECTION. UNLIKE THE BRIGHT WHITE GRAVES OF NEARBY ALLIED CEMETERIES, LA CAMBE IS MARKED BY DARK STONE CROSSES, CREATING A SOMBER AND AUSTERE ATMOSPHERE. AT THE CENTER STANDS A LARGE TUMULUS, A GRASSY MOUND TOPPED WITH A BASALT CROSS, BENEATH WHICH THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS ARE BURIED. MANY GRAVES HOLD MORE THAN ONE NAME, AND SOME ARE MARKED “EIN DEUTSCHER SOLDAT,” REMINDING VISITORS OF THE MANY UNIDENTIFIED LIVES LOST.

THE CEMETERY WAS CREATED AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR TO GATHER GERMAN SOLDIERS WHO HAD FALLEN DURING D-DAY. WHAT IS PARTICULARLY STRIKING IS THE YOUTH OF THE SOLDIERS, MANY BARELY OLDER THAN STUDENTS. THERE ARE ALSO ONLY FOUR WOMEN BURIED HERE, COMPARED TO THOUSANDS OF MEN, EMPHASIZING THE OVERWHELMING MALE PRESENCE IN COMBAT. STANDING AMONG THE SILENT GRAVES, ONE CANNOT ESCAPE THE HAUNTING WEIGHT OF SO MANY LOST LIVES.

STANDING IN NORMANDY MEANS STANDING WHERE D-DAY REALLY HAPPENED. AT POINTE DU HOC, THE BROKEN CLIFFS AND HOLES IN THE GROUND SHOW HOW HARD THE FIGHTING WAS. SOLDIERS CLIMBED THESE CLIFFS WHILE BEING SHOT AT, SHOWING GREAT COURAGE. NOT FAR AWAY, THE NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY IS FULL OF WHITE CROSSES IN LONG ROWS. EACH CROSS STANDS FOR A SOLDIER WHO DIED, REMINDING US OF THE PRICE OF FREEDOM. NEARBY, THE LA CAMBE GERMAN WAR CEMETERY LOOKS DARKER AND QUIETER. IT SHOWS THAT MANY LIVES WERE LOST ON EVERY SIDE. ALL THESE PLACES TOGETHER HELP US UNDERSTAND THE WAR BETTER. THEY TEACH US ABOUT BRAVERY, LOSS, AND PEACE. WALKING THERE MAKES HISTORY FEEL REAL AND REMINDS US WHY WE MUST NEVER FORGET.



# NORMANDY MEMORIAL

## STUDENT VOICES: "WHAT LIBERATION MEANS TODAY"

1.  
FOR ME, LIBERATION IS BEING ABLE TO BE MYSELF WITHOUT CONSTANTLY OVERTHINKING OR FEELING JUDGED. IT'S THE FREEDOM TO SPEAK HONESTLY AND NOT FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO PRETEND.

2.  
IT ALSO MEANS HAVING REAL OPPORTUNITIES. YOU'RE NOT TRULY FREE IF YOUR CHOICES ARE LIMITED BY WHERE YOU COME FROM OR WHAT YOU HAVE.

3.  
I THINK LIBERATION IS SOMETHING WE SHARE. IT'S ABOUT RESPECTING OTHER PEOPLE'S FREEDOM AS MUCH AS OUR OWN.

4.  
TO ME, LIBERATION IS FEELING HEARD. IT'S KNOWING THAT MY VOICE MATTERS, EVEN IF IT'S DIFFERENT OR UNPOPULAR.

5.  
LIBERATION ALSO MEANS BREAKING OUT OF EXPECTATIONS (WHETHER THEY COME FROM SOCIETY, FAMILY, OR CULTURE) AND CHOOSING YOUR OWN PATH.

6.  
FINALLY, LIBERATION IS ABOUT FAIRNESS. IT'S ABOUT BUILDING A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE HAS THE SAME CHANCE TO SUCCEED AND FEEL VALUED.

## POEM:

NORMANDY, WHERE EVEN THE SEA REMEMBERS

THE WAVES STILL WHISPER NAMES AT DAWN,  
CARRIED SOFTLY ON THE SALTED AIR,  
OF BOYS WHO CAME WHERE THEY DID NOT BELONG,  
YET REST FOREVER, SILENT, THERE.

THE TIDE ROLLS IN, THEN SLIPS AWAY,  
AS IF IT CANNOT BEAR TO STAY,  
FOR IT HAS SEEN TOO MUCH THAT DAY  
THE COST OF ONE LONG, ENDLESS FRAY.

EACH PLACE A STORY NO ONE KNOWS,  
EACH ONE A LIFE WE'LL NEVER KNOW  
WHERE ECHOES OF THAT VIOLENT BEAT  
STILL ASK THE LIVING: WHY?

YOUNG VOICES LOST BEFORE THEIR TIME,  
DREAMS UNFINISHED, LETTERS SEALED,  
CAUGHT FOREVER IN THAT SINGLE MOMENT  
ON THE SHORES AND IN THE FIELDS.

SO WE WALK SLOWLY, HEADS BOWED LOW,  
NOT JUST TO SEE BUT TO REMEMBER:  
THAT PEACE WE HOLD WAS BORN IN SORROW,  
ON A DISTANT, FRAGILE JUNE .



# INTERACTIVE QUIZ

THIS QUIZ IS BASED ON HABITS, PLACES AND TRADITIONS WE DISCOVERED DURING OUR SCHOOL TRIP TO LONDON. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THE MOST ABSURD ANSWER IS WHAT WE ACTUALLY DID DURING THE WHOLE TRIP... ENJOY !



**1** YOU'RE ABOUT TO CROSS A STREET IN LONDON. WHAT DO YOU DO FIRST ?

- A) JUST CROSS
- B) LOOK LEFT, THEN RIGHT
- C) PUSH, THE LITTLE BUTTON, AND WAIT 10MIN FOR THE GREEN MAN



**2** WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT FOR A TYPICAL BRITISH MEAL ?

- A) PASTA AND PIZZA
- B) GO TO A DIFFERENT FAST FOOD RESTAURANT EACH DAY
- C) FISH AND CHIPS



**3** IF SOMEONE ACCIDENTALLY BUMPS INTO YOU IN LONDON, WHAT WOULD YOU DO ?

- A) PLAY A KAZOO TUNE FOR THEM
- B) "SORRY!"
- C) NOTHING

**4** THE WEATHER SUDDENLY SHIFTS AND IT STARTS RAINING AND GETTING COLD. WHAT'S YOUR REACTION ?

- A) COMPLAIN ABOUT IT
- B) TAKE REFUGE IN A SHOPPING MALL
- C) OPEN YOUR UMBRELLA



**5** SOMEONE GREETS YOU BY SAYING "ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?"- WHAT DO YOU ANSWER ?

- A) BE CONFUSED BY THE LONDON ACCENT
- B) "WHY?"
- C) "YEAH, THANKS !"



# INTERACTIVE QUIZ

**6** AFTER SPENDING TIME IN LONDON, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE CITY ?

- A) COULD LIVE THERE
- B) WOULD LOVE TO VISIT AGAIN
- C) ONCE IS ENOUGH



**7** WHAT SOUVENIR WOULD YOU BRING BACK OF LONDON ?

- A) TEA OR BISCUITS
- B) A LOT OF LEGO
- C) "I ♥ LONDON" T-SHIRTS



**8** WHICH PLACE WOULD YOU VISIT FIRST IN LONDON ?

- A) BUCKINGHAM PALACE
- B) BIG BEN
- C) THE CROWN JEWELS

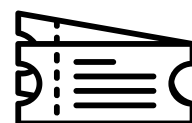
**9** WHAT TOPIC DO PEOPLE IN LONDON OFTEN TALK ABOUT IN SMALL TALKS ?

- A) WHAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE FOR LUNCH
- B) THE WEATHER
- C) POLITICS



**10** IF YOU WERE VISITING A MUSEUM IN LONDON, WHAT WOULD YOU DO ?

- A) EXPLORE THE EXHIBITIONS
- B) TAKE A LOT OF PICTURES
- C) TAKE A LITTLE WALK, THEN SIT IN THE CAFE



# LOST IN TRANSLATION

**OBSERVATIONS MADE AFTER THE NUMEROUS TIMES WE GOT LOST IN TRANSLATION DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FAMILIES, THE TEACHERS OR EVEN IN THE STREETS.**



THE STRUGGLE OF TRANSPARENT WORDS THAT CAN OFTEN MEAN NOT AT ALL THE SAME THING. IN CLASS IT'S NOT THAT SERIOUS BUT WHEN YOU'RE IN FRONT OF A BRITISH PERSON IT CAN CREATE FUNNY SITUATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN A FAST RHYTHM CONVERSATION !

- "ACTUELLEMENT" MEANS "CURRENTLY", WHEN "ACTUALLY" MEANS "IN FACT" IN ENGLISH.
- "LIBRAIRIE" IN FRENCH MEANS BOOKSHOP, NOT LIBRARY. THE FRENCH WORD FOR LIBRARY IS "BIBLIOTHÈQUE."

SINCE THE MAJORITY OF OUR HOST FAMILIES WERE JAMAICAN, IT WAS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND THEIR ACCENT !

THERE IS ALSO THE PROBLEM OF FIRST NAME VS LAST NAME. SOME STUDENTS STRUGGLED TO REMEMBER WHICH WAS WHICH. IT COULD HAVE CREATED MISUNDERSTANDING AS EXPERIENCE BY MANY OF THEM !

IT WAS ALSO SAID THAT SOME OF US WERE MIMICKING WORDS WHEN THEY COULDN'T REMEMBER THE CORRECT WORD IN ENGLISH. LET'S TAKE THE EXAMPLE OF ÉLEONORE THAT TOLD US :

- "THAT TIME WE HAD TO MIME A CHICKEN BECAUSE WE DIDN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS CALLED IN ENGLISH" ACTUALLY A VERY FUNNY SITUATION.

SOMETIMES GOOGLE TRANSLATE WAS NOT ON OUR SIDE... IT OFTEN TRANSLATED SENTENCES IN A WAY THAT IT SOMETIMES MADE UP SENTENCES THAT MADE EVEN LESS SENSE THAN THE ORIGINAL.

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# CROSS-CHANNEL CONNECTIONS

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OUR TRIP INTERTWINED THE UK, FRANCE, AND RÉUNION ISLAND, THREE FLAGS WITH SHARED VALUES. IN THIS REVIEW, WE WILL EXAMINE THESE VALUES THROUGH OUR OBSERVATIONS.

DIVERSITY IS A KEY VALUE THAT ENABLES ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SUCCESS. IN THE UK, THE 2021 CENSUS CONFIRMS THAT LONDON IS THE MOST ETHNICALLY DIVERSE REGION IN ENGLAND AND WALES. THE CITY CONCENTRATES LARGE PERCENTAGES OF ASIAN, BLACK, AND MIXED POPULATIONS ALONGSIDE WHITE COMMUNITIES. OUR EXPERIENCE IN THIS RICHLY ETHNIC CITY SHOWED US REAL DIVERSITY, ALTHOUGH WHITE PEOPLE REMAIN THE MAJORITY.

IN RÉUNION ISLAND, DIVERSITY IS HIGHLY VISIBLE AND ROOTED IN HISTORY. THE POPULATION IS VERY MIXED, WITH AFRICAN, EUROPEAN, INDIAN, AND CHINESE INFLUENCES. THIS MULTICULTURALISM IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF DAILY LIFE AND CULTURE.

DEMOCRACY IS ANOTHER SHARED VALUE. THE UK IS A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY WHERE THE MONARCH HAS A SYMBOLIC ROLE, AND POWER BELONGS TO ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. CITIZENS ENJOY FREEDOMS SUCH AS SPEECH, PRESS, AND ASSEMBLY, AND THE JUDICIARY IS INDEPENDENT. FRANCE IS ALSO DEMOCRATIC, WITH SIMILAR RIGHTS, BUT IT IS MORE CENTRALIZED AND THE STATE HAS A STRONGER ROLE (RÉUNION ISLAND FOLLOWS FRENCH LAWS )

IN CONCLUSION, THE UK, FRANCE, AND RÉUNION ISLAND SHARE KEY VALUES SUCH AS DIVERSITY AND DEMOCRACY, BUT EXPRESS THEM DIFFERENTLY.

# CROSS-CHANNEL CONNECTIONS



**UK**

**FRANCE**

**LA RÉUNION**

**Éducation**

Education is a devolved matter depending on the country (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland). The system varies slightly, but most children attend public schools from ages 5 to 16.

Education is obligatory between the ages of 3 and 16. Most students attend public schools, although private schools also exist.

The education system is based on the French model. School is obligatory, and most students attend public schools.

**Food**

Typical British food includes fish and chips, English breakfast, and roast dinners. The popular drinks are tea, beer, and cider.

French cuisine is famous worldwide. Typical foods include baguette, croissants, cheese, wine, and dishes like escargots (snails).

Food in Réunion is rich and diverse, with influences from many cultures. Popular dishes include cari, which is often spicy and flavorful.

**Transport**

The UK has a very developed transport system. Trains and urban transport are widely used, especially in large cities, but they can be expensive.

France has a very fast and efficient train system, especially with high-speed trains. Buses and cars are also widely used for travel

There are no trains in Réunion. Transport mainly relies on cars and buses, which are essential for daily travel.

**Culture**

The UK has a multicultural society influenced by its long history. Traditions such as tea time are important, and the country is known everywhere for its music and culture.

France has a strong cultural identity with an important focus on language and heritage. National pride is shown through events like Bastille Day.

Réunion has a mixed Creole culture influenced by Africa, Europe, India, and China. This diversity is reflected in its traditions, music, and cuisine.



# BEHIND THE SCENES



EVEN BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF OUR JOURNEY, AND EVERY DAY AFTER, WE WERE CONFRONTED WITH TONS OF CHALLENGES THAT WE HAD TO OVERCOME. FLIGHT DELAYS, FOR EXAMPLE, OCCURRED TWICE IN OUR TRIP. OUR FLIGHT GOT CANCELLED ON THE 6TH OF MARCH DUE TO GEOPOLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS SO WE HAD TO TAKE THE NEXT FLIGHT THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AND FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT TO REUNION, OUR FLIGHT GOT DELAYED BY 3 HOURS DUE TO A TECHNICAL ISSUE. FORTUNATELY ENOUGH, WE RECEIVED FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR THESE TWO DELAYS. ONCE WE ARRIVED IN LONDON, WE FACED MANY PROBLEMS CONCERNING HOST FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF SPECIAL DIETS LIKE VEGETARIANISM OR SPECIFIC FOOD ALLERGIES BUT MOST OF THOSE WERE SOLVED.

DURING THE ENTIRETY OF THE TRIP, SOME STUDENTS KEPT BEING LATE AT OUR DIFFERENT MEETING POINTS SO THEY GOT YELLED AT BY TEACHERS.

THIS TRIP WAS RICH IN EMOTIONS FOR MANY OF US WHICH SOMETIMES CAUSED INDIVIDUAL STRUGGLES OR EVEN CONFLICTS AMONG STUDENTS.

WE SPENT A BIG AMOUNT OF TIME IN OUR BUS BECAUSE OF LONG DISTANCE RIDES BUT ALSO DUE TO TRAFFIC. MOREOVER, SOME STUDENTS DIRTIED THE BUS AND TEACHERS WEREN'T HAPPY ABOUT, SO WE HAD TO COLLECTIVELY CLEAN UP THE ENTIRE BUS BEFORE LEAVING. WE ALSO HAD TO DEAL WITH A TERRIBLE SMELL BECAUSE AN UNIDENTIFIED STUDENT USED THE BATHROOM IN THE CONFINED AREA OF THE BUS.

THIS TRIP CHALLENGED OUR COHESION AS A GROUP BUT ALSO BROUGHT US CLOSER TO DEAL WITH THOSE CHALLENGES TOGETHER.



Timeline

# PHOTO ESSAY



**IN THE PLANE**



**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**



**BIG BEN**



**ROYAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM**

# PHOTO ESSAY



**SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE**



**AMERICAN CEMETERY**



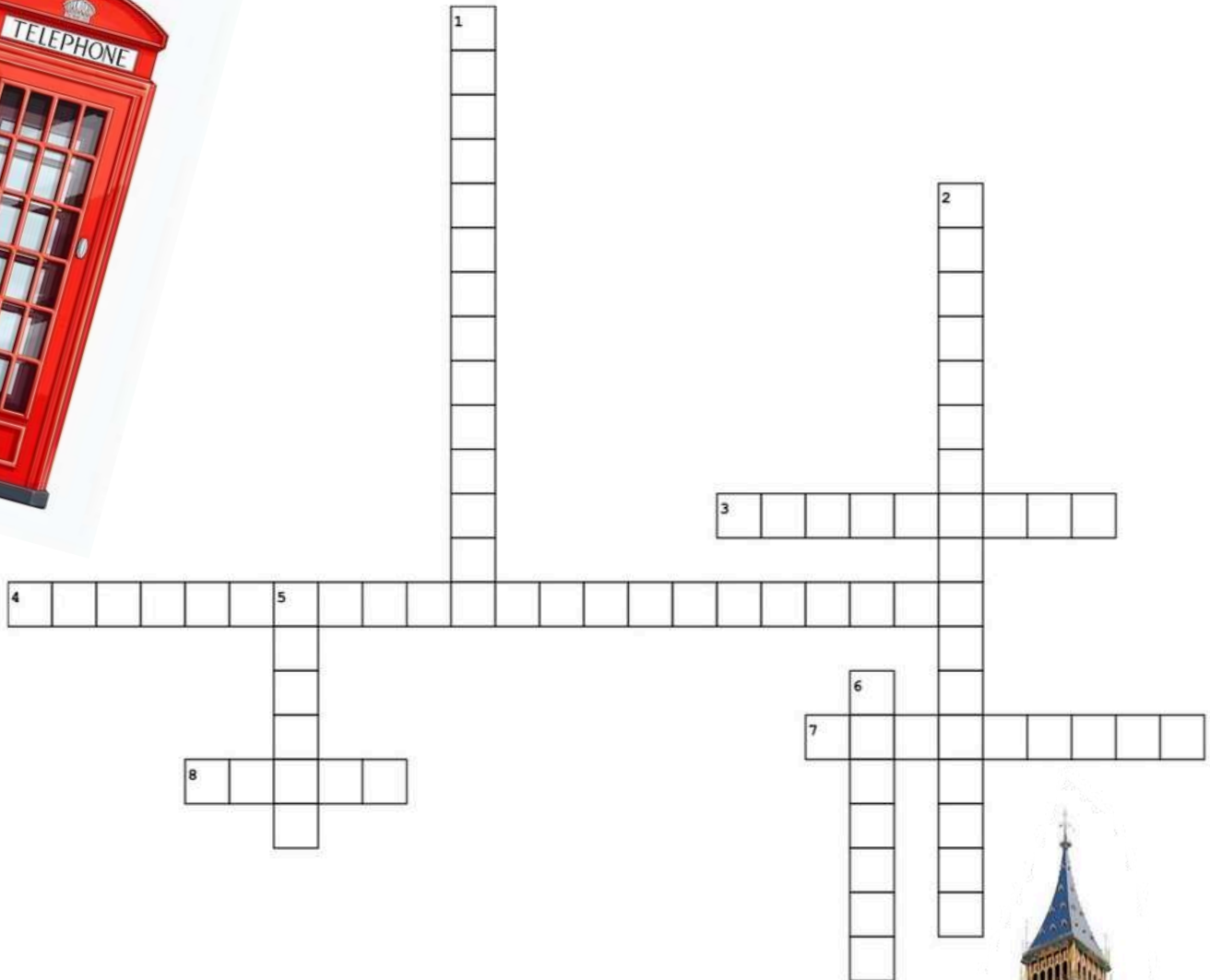
**IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM**



**CHURCHILL WAR CABINETS**

# GAMES

## London Crossword



### Across

- 3. Prime minister during WW2
- 4. museum famous for its taxidermied animals
- 7. Ends in Circus(shopping place)
- 8. Shakespeare's theater

### Down

- 1. national dish
- 2. Where the king lives
- 5. capital of the UK
- 6. Huge famous clock







# PRACTICAL GUIDE

*Everything we learned about traveling !*



- Have several copies of your ID documents
- Split your money into different places to stay safe
- Using a card is easier but there may be extra fees
- It's also a good idea to have some local cash
- Secure your bags with a lock and stay alert for pickpockets
- Bring a power bank in case your phone dies
- Bring an adaptor
- Always have a phone with internet with you in case you get lost!
- Stick together and never wander off alone!
- Bring a small toiletry bag, it's always useful

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- If you don't want to pay for an eSIM take advantage of free WI-FI in places like McDonald's, malls or airports
- Save space by using vacuum bags for bulky jackets and extra clothes
- Bring some snacks in case you get hungry or the food isn't to your taste
- Bring wipes for your personal hygiene and to clean dirty restrooms
- When packing your luggage, leave some extra space for souvenirs and heavier items you may buy

# EDITORIAL NOTES

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IN THIS EDITION OF THE SIB GAZETTE, WE ASPIRED TO ENCAPSULATE THE BROAD RANGE OF SIB EXPERIENCES WHILE IN LONDON; THUS WE HAVE DEEMED IT CRUCIAL TO SUGGEST DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES, WITNESSES AND PICTURES TO NOT ONLY EXPLAIN BUT ILLUSTRATE OUR EXPERIENCES, AND MOST NOTABLY THE GROUP COHESION FORMED THROUGHOUT THE TRIP.

IN SHORT; NEW EXPERIENCES AND LIGHTHEARTED JOY WERE THE HEART OF THIS TRIP.

=> AS THE EDITING TEAM, WE STRIVE TO SHARE THESE EXPERIENCES AND SENTIMENTS WITH YOU, OUR VERY DEAR READERS!

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