

Harry Potter TRIP 2026

MONDAY 13

The trip started officially at 5 am when we all met up at the “Stade de la Faisandrie” in Fontainebleau. It was very early in the morning. We put our suitcases in the bus, kissed our parents goodbye and climbed in. Half an hour later we left school officially to go to...ENGLAND. We had around 4 hours of bus to join Calais where the boat departure was. The ferry we were meant to get was at 12.30 am but...it did not really go as planned. The queue to pass was enormous and there were at least 10 buses in front of us that took each more than 20 minutes to pass. So you can guess that we missed the first ferry and even the second one that was 2 hours later. So when we all passed more than 4 hours after we arrived, I think we were all relieved. Since we were meant to eat lunch on the boat, some students bought themselves things to eat in a sort of a shopping center next to the port. Finally, around 4 pm, the bus climbed onto the ferry. The way across the sea was around one hour and a half so we ate and played games on the boat. We also went outside to take some fresh air after being in the bus all day which was very refreshing. We finally made it to England, in Douvres where we rejoined the bus to go join our guest families. It was planned for us to go the towns named Dean and Sandwiches but it was way to late to go there so we didn't do it. We rode the bus for around 2 hours and finally arrived to our final stop. There, our families were waiting for us. We were almost the last ones to get off the bus but we finally made it. It was the father that picked us up and we joined the car to go home. For dinner we ate homemade lasagnas which were absolutely delicious and we discovered the house we were going to stay in. Our first day wasn't very passionate since it was a traveling day.

TUESDAY 14

We woke up on Tuesday morning knowing it was going to be a great day because we were going to spend the morning in London. We ate breakfast and joined the group at the meeting point to take the bus to go to London. The journey was around 2 hours that seemed quite long but when we saw Big Ben from far away, it was all worth it. The bus left us in an area where we met our two guides that were going to give us a tour of London. Since our trip was Harry Potter themed, the guides giving us the tour took us to places that were Harry Potter related. We saw Levenhall market where Harry and Hagrid arrived in the first movie as well as the place where they shot the leaky cauldron. Moving on we saw part of London history as well as Tower Bridge. The visit was very interesting, our guide was extremely nice and we learnt a lot about London history and places that inspired Harry Potter or where the shot the movie.

In the late matinee, we left London to go to the Harry Potter studios. The journey was around 2 hours long and excitement gained all of us once we saw the place we were going to spend the afternoon in. The visit takes a lot of time because of how enormous the studios are. I think that our expectations were really high but it was even better than what we could have expected. You dive in the Harry Potter world, going through the great hall, Dumbledore's office, the forbidden forest and the train platform. Then there is an outdoor place where you get to see the Dursley's house the Knight bus and countless things from the movies. Back inside, you think it's almost done but it's not near the end and the rooms you go in are really crazy. Everything is perfectly detailed, the props, countless of them are so realistic that all you want to do is just go to Hogwarts. This place is a place of magic.

Once we left the place and got back to the bus, it was like being back to reality. On the way home, we stopped in a supermarket and bought some food.

Back home, we were all so tired from this magical day and rested for the next day.

WEDNESDAY 15

Wednesday was the day we went to Oxford. The drive took around 2 hours and we started the morning by visiting Christ Church College, one of Oxford's most famous universities. We saw the stairs where they shot the arrival of Harry at Hogwarts as well as the inspiration of the great hall? Those walls smelled of success. The school is very particular and inspires greatness. Then, a woman gave us a guided tour of Oxford. We saw some libraries and entered some schools' grounds but it was really rushed. After that, we went to eat our picnic on the prison yard and we divided into three groups for the prison visit. Since my group was the second one, we had some free time before the visit so we decided it would be good to go buy some souvenirs. Then we went back for the visit. The prison is mainly a tower which we climbed the narrow stairs of. It's mostly empty but you've got a good view of Oxford at the top. Back downstairs, we saw the morgue and some cells. After that, we had some more free time so we went to a covered market with lots of cute shops. After that we went to a big mall but time caught up on us and we had to get back to our houses. Oxford is a beautiful city, very prestigious and rich with a lot of history.

TUESDAY 16

Tuesday was the busiest day of our week in England. It was the day where we went to Windsor. The morning, we had a sort of quest. We were by groups and had to walk around Windsor, go to different places and take photos or answer questions to fill up a form. We had a lot of fun just visiting the town and taking pics and selfies of absolutely everything just for the form. We all met up for lunch and went to a restaurant. We were served fish and chips which was really good even though the fish was a bit dry and we had a vanilla ice cream for dessert. After lunch, we had some free time so we ended up going into some shops and enjoying Windsor. After that we went to visit the royal castle and the church where Harry and Meghan got married. It was absolutely stunning, the decoration is just perfect and the castle is really big and pretty. The gardens are also really relaxing and overall, the view of the castle is just so good. At this point, our feet were aching from walking around but we didn't care because we were in such a magical place. After our visit, we wanted to go to Eton college but we didn't have any access in so we had some free time before going back home and we went to some gardens where most of us played volleyball. We were all so excited but had to pack up because it was our last night in our guest families.

FRIDAY 17

Friday was the last day of our trip. We left our families which was actually heartbreaking because I don't know for everyone but mine was so sweet and caring. After the goodbyes, we went back to London for our final visit. We went to the museum of natural history. It's a huge building that looks magnificent once you're in front of it. There are two spaces, a modern one with three floors more about the history of earth and natural catastrophes as well as crystals. The old one is a stunning gallery with skeletons and stuffed animals. There is a part about dinosaurs and everything is so impressive.

After our visit of this enormous but so beautiful museum, we went to a park nearby to go eat lunch and we enjoyed the break and breathed for the last time London air. We took the bus back to Douvres to get the ferry and the way back to the port felt so long. The delay was quite short and in the blink of an eye, we were in the ferry. We ate dinner on it and it actually felt really empty. We were so lucky that we got to go to the ferry's deck and watched the sunset. We took so many pictures and spent most of the ride there, watching England slip away from us. We took the bus home and got back around 3am. The trip was officially over and gave us so many memories.

OVERALL

A big thank you to Mrs Muller, Barthelemy, Sganarelli and Agueda for taking us on this amazing trip that we'll remember forever. Thank you to our guests families for making us feel at home. Our heads are still full of magic and this trip will be remember forver.

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