

Big City Life

I wanted to improve my English further than just University level, so – thanks to the ABB Sprachpreis – I could book a language stay in the biggest city of Europe. London, the capital of Great Britain, is famous for its multicultural society, its nightlife and its modern but still traditional styles. This place was the best option to combine both, my interests in the English language and Great Britain.

School

As far as I knew, the Cambridge Certificate courses were the ones to learn most. That's why I booked an eight week Cambridge Advanced preparation course at the St Giles International College in the Centre of London. With mandatory homework, the course was quite tough and it was easy to meet new friends at school.



Life in London

My landlady was lovely and I had an interesting time with my fellow students there. We lived not quite in the centre, so it took us about one hour of walking and standing in the tube to go to the city centre, one of the disadvantages of London. Nevertheless, there was always something to do in the huge city – not just the tourist attractions of course.

The pub culture is something I enjoyed most in England as

it is very common to sit together in a relaxed atmosphere and just talk.

One of the best moments in London was the football game England versus Mexico – just two weeks before the World Cup in South Africa! The Wembley Stadium was sold out – 90000 people were watching the game! The atmosphere was really amazing.

Furthermore, there was a world record attempt: Everybody received either a red or a white t-shirt depending on the location of one's seat. Finally, when everybody wore it, the world's largest jack (English national flag) ever appeared.



Despite the prejudice of bad weather it was much warmer and less rainy than in Switzerland these days. Frankly, even the meals and the famous fish 'n' chips were much better than expected.

It was a wonderful time in London and I even succeeded in the exam even though the fire alert went off during the reading task.

ABB Schweiz, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity for this unique experience!