

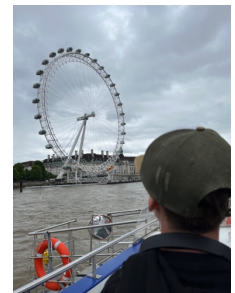
England trip 2025 - Day 15 - May 26th

Palaces, Parks, and Photo Spots: Exploring London from Thames to Oxford Street

Today was our first full day in London. After breakfast at our hotel (which was okay), our coach took us to Greenwich, where we got to see the actual Prime Meridian before we boarded a boat that would take us down the River Thames.



From the water, we could see lots of sights: the City of London with its many skyscrapers, city hall, the Tower of London and Tower Bridge. It was so impressive and everyone took lots of photos. For the rest of the trip, one of the stewards acted as a guide for us and gave us background information mixed with fun trivia in a very entertaining way. Our tour ended at the London Eye, which was very cool and big. But the Elizabeth Tower was very impressive too.



As we got off the boat, it was VERY crowded around the Elizabeth Tower, probably because it was a bank holiday. We grabbed some lunch and went on to see Westminster Abbey, Downing Street, the Horse Guards, St James Park and Buckingham palace. Most people would say that the palace is the main attraction, but I (Arne) think that the geese and the baby geese were much more interesting, so I took a lot more pictures and videos of them than of the palace.



Because Piccadilly Line was closed for some engineering work, we had to change plans and walked through Hyde Park (including Speaker's Corner) to eventually get to Oxford Street, where we got time to explore some of the many shops.

We also listened to many more students' podcasts about the various sights and places we passed by and got LOTS of steps in, despite using the tube several times. (Some of the tickets didn't work in the turnstiles, so we often had to go through a separate gate, but it wasn't too bad.) In a nutshell, we had a really interesting, albeit slightly exhausting day.

(Arne and Arthur)

