

Melbourne to London

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London, England, United Kingdom

Sunday, May 1, 2016

If I take one more step, it'll be the farthest away from home I've ever been. - Samwise Gamgee LOR.

They say that the most dangerous part of a long flight is the drive to the airport. Why is it that that flying at 10,000 metres in a pressurised aluminium tube with a couple of hundred strangers is so much more anxiety inducing?

We had as pleasant a flight as could be expected with Royal Brunei. We surprised ourselves by sleeping for a few hours on a couple of legs of this very long haul. It is only in these circumstances that one realises how far Australia is from the rest of the world.

As arranged by Craig, a driver picked us up from Heathrow and whisked us to Bishops Mansions, our accommodation where we were welcomed warmly by Craig and his cat Arakhan.

We hit the ground running and explored the local area with a quick visit to the local railway station, Putney Bridge to learn how to use our Oyster cards later on. This was followed by a walk over the bridge to Putney to experience the local shopping offerings before returning to Fulham for lunch.

After lunch, we decided to take the tube to head into Picadilly Circus and have a look around and sample the shops - Fortnum and Mason for one. From there took a number 9 bus towards the Victoria and Albert Hall and the Albert Memorial then a walk through Kensington Gardens to Kensington Palace.

Back via the tube for dinner. We lasted until nearly 10pm before crashing.

Comments

Craig, My bit is lower right, I don't own all of that - wish I did!

— From Craig McArthur, on May 1, 2016 at 08:22PM

I wish I was there ! Glad you have arrived safe & sound. Enjoy fabulous London !! xx

— From Lindy, on May 1, 2016 at 09:37PM

Yes it is a long flight but worth it - make the most of every minute - we loved London and so easy to use the underground to get around. Hope you enjoy it as much as we did. So excited for you both. Look forward to following your journey. Xo

— From badminton65, on May 1, 2016 at 11:22PM

What a great start to your adventure!

The pics look beautiful!

So much to see and do in that beautiful (and very busy) city.

Enjoy!

— From Sue T, on May 2, 2016 at 12:53AM

Great blog so far. Keep it up. I want to hear (almost) everything. I've spent lots of time in London but it never ceases to amaze. Love the photos. Is it raining yet?

Enjoy Brick Lane with Paddy on Tues(?)

J xx

— From John Brennan, on May 2, 2016 at 12:27PM

Great dialogue and coverage Brad. Awaiting next entry with anticipation.

— From Joy, on May 2, 2016 at 12:32PM

I love the quote to start your travelogue. Stay safe. I look forward to more news. Xx

— From Carol, on May 2, 2016 at 09:15PM

Pictures & Video



Craig's house

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The Thames - next to Putney Bridge



Bishops Mansions



District Line train



Victoria and Albert Hall



Craig and Anna about to head off for a walk



Craig's street



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