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London, England, United Kingdom

Thursday, June 23, 2016

Tom sang most of the time, but it was chiefly nonsense, or else perhaps a strange language unknown to the hobbits, an ancient language whose words were mainly those of wonder and delight. — J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings*

Wednesday 22nd of June 2016

Our last day on the continent. Time to drag the cases back to Ghent station and then by train to Brussels to catch the Eurostar. At least it's not raining. When we get to Brussels Midi station, it seems that half the Belgian army is on guard there after the recent terrorist issues. Not to sure if it makes me feel safer with them there or not.

The Eurostar terminal is like an airport - through scanners, security checks, border controls and such. Soon we are on board and on our way to France and then under the Channel. I check the train's speed using my phone's GPS - sitting on a cool 290 - 300 km/h!

We arrive in St. Pancras International train station, which is next door to Kings Cross station. We feel like we're home and navigate our way to Putney Bridge on the tube like old pros.

We met up with Craig again and reminisced our tour with him to Croatia last month.

Warm and humid - 22 degrees. Walked 6.6 km.

Thursday 23rd of June 2016

One more day until it's all over. Brad headed off to the London Transport Museum. Anna headed off to Harrods. We had to walk to the next station past Putney Bridge due to trains being stopped at Parson's Green as a result of flooding overnight from heavy rain. We met up for lunch at Covent Garden - pork pie for Brad, chicken pie for Anna. They'd never heard of a sausage roll at the pie shop! A last stroll along the Thames with the crowds at the London Eye and then back home via Wimbledon.

We are having tea tonight at a local Vietnamese restaurant to farewell Craig. My cousin is returning from Australia today and we've made arrangements to meet tomorrow morning before we head off to Heathrow for the flight home.

Friday 24th of June 2016

Time to go home. It's been a great trip. Hope you've enjoyed this blog. We now know how much more of Europe there is to see, so we'll have to come back.

Comments

Have enjoyed the blogs. Sounds like you have had an amazing time. Am looking forward to seeing you tomorrow morning bright and early! X

— From Steph, on Jun 24, 2016 at 10:19PM

Wow what a fantastic journey you have had - yes a taste of Europe just makes you want more - around every corner is something full of history and beauty. I have not settled down since we got back and every time I look at our photos I want to see more. Keep ticking off places from that bucket list - it is worth it. Safe trip home xo

— From badminton65, on Jun 25, 2016 at 01:48AM

Needs a post script. Thoughts on what you would do differently, reflection on best / worse bits, once you are home.

— From Craig McArthur, on Jun 26, 2016 at 12:32AM

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