

Три дня в Лондоне

Hi everyone! I came back home from London on Sunday. As you know we went there with my girlfriend. I can't really find words to say how we liked the trip. So I'd like to tell you about our little journey starting with the very beginning. I'll try to tell you the whole story, starting with buying the tickets and ending with our landing in Moscow. I hope this information will help you if you decide to visit this great city!

Despite we stayed in the city for two full days only, I think that we managed to visit all the most famous places and we found out pretty much information about this awesome country. I think that we planed out time very well. But in advance I'd like to say that two days it's definitely not enough to do all the sights 😊

Here is our story!

What's the cheapest way to get to London?

Like I told you in the article «How to get the British Visa», the idea of going to London crossed our mind in October. I think that everyone would agree on the point that this is a very good opportunity to improve your English, see the country and find out more about its history. We liked the UK and liked the language. So we decided to go there in February. We were thinking about tickets' prices and worrying about it a little until we found out about EasyJet.

What's the EasyJet? This is the most cheap way to get to London! In fact, EasyJet is the British air company which has very low prices. They're currently very popular, and many people from different countries of Europe fly to the UK with them.

So if you're looking for cheap tickets to London, just got to the EasyJet.com and buy it without any doubts! Why are they so cheap? So they don't have such a great service like other companies do. Don't worry, it's not related to the planes 😊 They're very good and safe. I mean this company doesn't offer you free food during the flight (only for money). A plane's chair is not so comfortable. And other things like that which are not really important, at least for me.

I'd say the main task of EasyJet is just pick you up at the airport and get you to another one. That's it. For more information just check out their website.

So we chose EasyJet and didn't regret about it! We bought tickets online and they cost us about 8500 RUB for both ways. Pretty cool isn't it? 😊

Where to stay?

After we bought our tickets, we started to think about our apartment. EasyJet propose you to book the apartment right through their website. More over, you can rent a car there too. But we didn't use their service and booked our hotel on Booking.com. It's a very popular website. We just found the hotel we liked the most and booked our apartment there.

We stayed at the «*Ibis London Euston St Pancras*» Hotel. A pretty good one I should say. We had one double room with breakfasts. It cost us 18000 RUB for three nights. I don't think it's expensive. It's OK. The hotel's located near the center of London. In walk distance from Underground and Railway Station. So it's very convenient! Service was just great. They cleaned the room every day, there were no problems with hot water and air-condition. So everything was awesome. If you're going to London I'd recommend this hotel to you!

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Our first day!

Our plane landed at Gatwick airport at 16:00 on Thursday (20.02.14). After that we got to the St Pancras station by the First Capital Connect. It's one of their trains' services from the airport. You just need to buy a ticket and go to a platform. If you decide to stay in our hotel, just contact me and ask any question about getting to the hotel from the Gatwick airport. Or if you just have any question about First Capital Connect service, be free to ask me!

At about 17:30 we arrived to our hotel and checked in. We liked our apartment at once! It was very nice and cosy.

We rested for awhile and then went to the city. The nearest underground station was Euston, so we walked to that one (3 min walking) and went to one of the most famous street of London Piccadilly street (st. Piccadilly Circus). We spent there some time, took some photos and just enjoyed that crowded street. There are many interesting things in the street: the fountain with Eros, the Four Bronze Horses of Helios, huge bright billboards, the Empire Cinema, etc. So if you are in first in London, I suggest you to start your tour with this street.

After Piccadilly we walked slowly to the Leicester Square. This is one more popular street of London. Then we walked down the street and got right to Trafalgar Square! Amazing one! I don't know why but the first thing I paid attention to was a big blue Cock to the right side of the great monument of Admiral Nelson! We took photos on the Square and went on our walking.

We walked down and got to the Hungerford Bridge. We crossed Thames River and went to London Eye. A great attraction:-) We liked that but couldn't take a spin because it was too late.

After London Eye we made up our mind to visit one of the English Pubs. We heard a lot about it and it would be wrong not to visit one of them during staying in the UK. And what's more, I like good beer:-) We didn't spend much time looking for some certain bar and just got to the nearest one. It's called «All One Bar». Pretty nice one, we liked that after all. But let me share with you my thoughts about pubs. If you like quiet and relaxing atmosphere, you are going to hate English pubs then:-) I'm not sure about afternoon time, but in the evening it's very loud and messy. There were so many people inside, all they talked trying to outdo the music. Food was not tasty at all, but beer was very good! Prices turned out quite normal. We ordered two lunches which included fried chicken, fried potatoes with sauce and big hamburger, and paid about 20 £.

So I think that pubs it's a great place to spend time and just relax with your friends after long working week. You'll definitely have fun there! And it's not so good for those who like quiet places and want just to talk in a normal way. It's just my personal opinion. More over, we visited one Pub only. So other ones can be different.

After that we made our way to the hotel. While we were looking for the Subway we passed by famous Big Ben and took photos with it!

It was pretty late already, so we just came back to our apartment and fell asleep. It was a very good, interesting and tiring day!

Our second day!

Next day we surely woke up very early to have as more time for sightseeing as possible. We had breakfast, which was just great by the way! Then we went to the city.

Oh I didn't say a word about London Underground! To be honest we didn't like that so much. It seems to be not so comfortable like Moscow one. All the passages and halls are pretty small and narrow. And the trains as well. I don't really know if it's convenient for tall people or not.

Anyway, there are not so many people in their Subway as in Moscow. So it's pretty quiet and organized. And very huge really, I mean the scheme. Very very big. The biggest one I think and the oldest. The first station was opened in 1863 if I'm not mistaken.

So the first place we decided to visit that day was London Eye. We reached to the Piccadilly street by Underground and walked to the attraction. We already had our tickets, because we booked them online before our trip in Moscow. And the tickets included Thames Cruise on the boat as well. So we took the cruise in first. It was pretty interesting, but windy on the board. We passed all the most famous places in London and were told a little story about each one. We liked that!

Then we got to the London Eye and had 30 minutes trip on it. It was very high! The whole London was just on our palm! It was breathtaking and very beautiful. We enjoyed!

After that we went to the Westminster Abbey! How beautiful and interesting was that! Amazing church really! It was very interesting to see the graves of such great people like Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, Charles Dickens and other. I'm always surprised by the age of places like that. It's really out of my mind. We liked the Abbey a lot.

After that we got to the St James' Park and walked to the Buckingham Palace. A very beautiful building! We saw the famous guards and their walking. By the way right in front of the Palace there is a schedule of the Guards' Change. Keep it in mind. In summer they change every day at 11-30 and in winter they do that every other day. So if you want to see the process just check the schedule out!

After the Buckingham Palace we walked a little bit around and then visited the National Gallery. It's located on the Trafalgar Square and it's free. There were many beautiful paintings there. We liked that!

After the National Gallery it was pretty late already. We walked back to Piccadilly Street and entered the Underground. We got to our Station (Euston), went out of Subway, bought some foods and came back to the hotel! It was the awesome day!

Our third day!

Next day we woke up early again. We had breakfast and went to the Tower of London!

The weather was just gorgeous! I should say we got luck with the weather during our staying in London! It wasn't raining at all. It was warm out and sun shine. It was very cool!

The Tower is located not so far from the center of London, on the Tower Hill station. So we reached to the station and went to the tickets service. One adult costs 21 £. If you're a student, you'll have a little discount. We entered the Tower and were slightly shocked by the place! Absolutely amazing one! We took the audio guide. It's very convenient by the way.

There are several excursions in the Tower, so we listened to all of them and visited each room of the Castle. This is a very historical place and we found out many interesting things about the history of UK. The Tower's Guards still serves there and they give funny excursion to the visitors! There are people who just make up and amuse the visitors as well! We liked the knight! We talked to him a little and took some photos!

After all we liked The Tower of London very much! I think we liked that the most!

Next place after the Tower was of course the Tower Bridge! We crossed the river and went to the Underground. We reached to the Holborn station and went out. On Holborn station we visited the British Museum! It looks like our Hermitage actually. And it's also free. We liked the museum!

After that we went to Baker Street! It was very interesting to visit Sherlock Holmes' House and his museum! We took some photos, bought some souvenirs and went to Madam Tussauds' Museum! It's located in walk distance from Sherlock Holmes' Museum. So if you're on Baker street you just must visit Madam Tussaud's Museum! I didn't want to go there to be honest, but Ann persuaded me to! And I'm grateful to her for that! It's absolutely amazing place! And the waxworks of famous people

it's just a little part of it! There are many amusements there except waxworks! It's a horror room, a cabs' attraction, 4d show with super heroes! So guys if you're in London, please visit that place! You won't regret!

After Madam Tussaud we went back home. I can't really say how tired we were that day:-) Especially our legs! But it was worth it!

Our leaving day!

Our holiday was running out and the next day we had to come back to Moscow. It was Sunday (23.02.14) and we had a very early flight. So there was only one way for us to get to the airport — by taxi. So we took one. It cost us a lot, but we crossed the whole city though, talked to a driver and did some more sighting of night London! It was cool!

We got to the Gatwick airport at 6.30 and at 7 am our plane took off!

We had a great time in the UK and spent our holiday in the best way! For sure we'll go there again! I think in June, because it's going to be our next holidays!

That's it guys! I definitely recommend you to go to London someday, because it's a great city and the awesome country!

Keep learning English and go to London my friends! Take care!