

Trip to Paris Diary

Thursday 4th May, 2017 :

10:09 :

Left Perth station a few minutes ago and heading down to London Kings Cross. Super excited. Everyone else is too. Train isn't going too fast yet. Downloaded a speed app so can see how fast were going .

22:04 :

Finally got here after super ride on the Eurostar. Met family at Gare du Nord. Were very nice . Still only know their son's name—Fabrizio. I was quite funny when we took the metro. Accidentally went the wrong way so had to get a taxi!. Ross and I are quite tired now so will probably go to bed soon.

Friday 5th May, 2017:

Had a nice day today. Went to Saint-Victors school and met the rest of the Erasmus children. Pupils sang some songs for us and then we got a kind of tour of the school before doing our presentations. Later, we found some stilts and we all had a good laugh learning how to use them. Even got asked to play chess with some new friends I had made. Really enjoyed it.

We went back to the school in the evening to have dinner.

The hosts home is very nice and found out that they speak Italian, French, and English. The fathers name is still a mystery but now know that the mother is called Pamela.

Saturday 6th May, 2017:

Went to an a Museum of inventions today. There was so much stuff. There were telephones, radios, computers, robots, early pianos, the first planes, trains, factories mines and much more!

We went back to the flat after lunch and were invited to go to Fabrizio's 10th birthday party. Had a great time. Also had a singing practice. Fabrizio is very good at piano improvisation. In the evening a friend came to stay for a few nights. He was from the party.

Sunday 7th May, 2017:

Another amazing day. Went to the Louvre and saw the Mona Lisa. The museum was a complete maze and extremely busy. During our time there they started setting up a stage and big screens because the newly elected president Macron was going to be making a speech there in the evening.

In the afternoon we went to a park with the family and played ping pong and badminton, which was fun.

The evening was a party to celebrate the election.

Monday 8th May, 2017:

Very busy day today. Will try to keep it short.

First we went to see the Eiffle tower on a boat down the Seine which was great. The boat also took us around Notre – Dame. After, we went to a café and saw a horse parade walk past. A big surprise to all of us. We think it was something to do with the election.

After lunch we went to the Arc-de Triomphe. Way bigger than I had imagined it. The next place was the opera house which unfortunately (for me) was closed! We went up a the Paris Eye which was not too much smaller than the London Eye. Got an astonishing view of Paris.

For dinner we all went to a creperie. The food was amazing!!!Feeling like its going too fast. Already last day tomorrow.

Tuesday 9th May, 2017:

Fantastic final day at the Monet gardens. Took a double decker train out to Giverny. First we went to his grave and had some lunch before walking through his house and beautiful gardens. We were mesmerised.

For dinner we went to a nearby park and had some delicious pizza. FINALLY found out the name of the father. He's called Gaspare.

Early start tomorrow so packing tonight to give us a bit more time.

Wednesday 10th May, 2017:

Heading home now. We all look a bit deflated. Got the Eurostar back to London St Pancras and are now on the Virgin train to Newcastle. Really want a hug from Mum, Dad and the dog, Annie.

Had an amazing time and I am definitely going back soon - I hope.