

## Paris Erasmus Trip – By Isobel

Day 1- we started in Perth railway station and got on the train for 6 hrs to London Kings Cross. On the train it was really fun and also there were some amazing views!!! When we arrived at London we went straight away to see the Harry Potters 9.3/4, it was heaving so we just got photo from outside the queue. Soon we then crossed the busy London Street across to St. Pancras. Here we had a stop at the pianos. A guy who sang to us about how we loved Celtic! We had had enough of him so we went to the café and got a hot chocolate. Straight after we went to check in for the Eurostar. There were lots of Chinese people wearing masks because they believe it's better because then they won't collect diseases ☹️. We stepped onto the Eurostar and were super excited 😊!! The train went so fast and the tunnel seemed like nothing. We shortly arrived at Paris Du Nord and went home with our host families.

Day 2 ~ We woke up and went upstairs to the kitchen to have our lovely breakfast. Thibaud took us to school in his car and shortly after we went into assembly, and then set fire to hot air balloons. As one came down it nearly hit a French teacher.... that would have been a disaster!! After lunch we went to the swimming pool - it was so different to see how the French get taught swimming. We walked back to Ecole St Victor when Janel our host picked up us and her daughter Maxine. We went to back to their house and got changed and shortly after went back to the school for an Erasmus buffet with all the students. At this time all of the Scottish team managed to master the stilts!

Day 3 ~ Thibaud drove us to the Museum of arts and inventions. It was really good to see what the actual inventions looked like because in class we just made a small replica model. After the museum we went to another café with the Greeks and had a wee snack. After that our host family came and met us and we went to the Eiffel Tower and got some amazing photos.

Day 4 ~ all the Erasmus students met at the Louvre and we all luckily had tickets otherwise we would have had to been queuing for ages! We walked around the Greek statues, Italian sculptures and African arts. During all of this we had a quick stop at a café where we had a chocolate muffin and really organic apple juice. The shops in the Louvre were amazing and we bought some souvenirs for our families. Janel took Tess and me to the Champs Elysees for shopping. Unfortunately all of the shops were quite expensive!! We just went to some tourists shops and got some more souvenirs!

Day 5 ~ The next place we all met was the boat harbour. We all got into the boat and then it started and lots of photos were taken. Soon the Scottish lot all went to another café. We decided to go and see the Arc De Triomphe but sadly it was closed due to the new president doing a speech. So we got onto a metro and went to Montmartre ( art hill ). Here we had a tasty pizza, and looked around the paintings. We got our faces cut out and also our portraits drawn. They were really good 😊. We came back down the mountain and went to the Ferris wheel! I thoughts that the view from there was better because the Eiffel Tower was included in the view. We needed to go to the super market and get some food for tomorrow's picnic. We then took the food up to Mrs Dibnah's & Denyer's apartment. We went straight to the crêperie. The crêpes were really good and they were proper crêpes from France!!!

Day 6 ~ We took the metro to the train station, were we then took the train to Giverny. We had to stand for a while waiting for a shuttle bus but in the end it was worth it. We first visited Claude Monet's grave, it was really pretty and full of flowers. We all sat and had our lunches on a sunny hill and all the countries were talking and eating, but sadly the Greeks had left the day before. Next we walked down to Claude Monet's garden were there were 10,000 types of flowers there. Inside his house there were also hundreds of paintings of flowers. But best of all besides the gift shop, was the lily pad ponds. It was beautiful to see the water and bridges in with his garden area. At the end of the day to finish the holiday we got an in icecream, it was so cold but we needed it seeing as it was 19 degrees!