

England trip 2025 - Day 13 - May 24th

Darting Up the Hill and Blowing off some Steam

Today's destination was the national park Dartmoor. After a short ride we arrived in a beautiful village with a nice church and took some photos. Today the weather was a bit foggy, but



luckily it didn't rain during our hike. We were greeted by two very friendly guides (Hannah and Karen) and, shortly after that, our adventure started.

First we walked to Hound Tor (a big rock formation) and we actually found one of the famous letterboxes with a "guestbook" inside, which was very exciting. We continued our hike to the ruins of a medieval village, where we learned something about the living conditions back then.



We walked for a little while longer through a pretty forest and over a small stream until we reached the top of a mountain, where we enjoyed the view, though it was very windy. We slowly started on our way back to the bus, stopping by a pretty pond with leeches and tadpoles! Some of us actually touched them, but others found them disgusting. The lake had originally been a quarry.



Once we reached the bus we drove to an old train station in Paignton and got on an actual steam train. The ride was really



cool. Shortly after we arrived, we already needed to get on a ferry that took us across the River Dart from Kingswear to Dartmouth, where we got some free time to explore the local shops or grab something to eat.



And after this long but exciting day we went back to Torquay, while listening to some good music, of course! And one by one got we were dropped of one final time.

(Laura and Annemarie)

