

Sunday - 15th May 2022

Bath and beyond

Today we went to Bath, a large city named after its famous Roman Baths. Bath has a population of approximately 90 000 and is one of the most-visited English cities by overseas tourists. Understandably so, as there are a lot of interesting sights: the spas, the canal, the Royal Victoria Park which often stages carnivals and other events, and, of course, a lot of shopping areas, theatres and museums. Bath even has two universities, placing Nr 166 in the World University Rankings in 2022.

We arrived after a two hours bus drive and made our way to The Roman Baths. While walking through the halls we listened to an audio guide and took a looooooooooot of pictures. The temple was constructed in between 60 AD and 70AD, with the Baths being designed for public cleansing and were used until the end of the Roman rule in Britain in the 5th century. The Baths consist of four main attractions; the Sacred Spring, the Roman Bath House, the Roman Temple and a museum with artefacts. Providing the city with its name, it goes without saying that it is a famous tourist site that attracts more than 1,3 million visitors every year.

After we left the Baths, the class had some leisure time and explored the city themselves in small groups. Some of us made use of the time to find something other than sandwiches to eat (pizza!!!!), others visited an amazing book shop and spent – again - a lot of money there or they just went shopping. Sebastian, our bus driver, will probably go crazy when he sees our miraculously grown luggage at the end 😊 A lot of us were really fond about the Jane Austen Centre. Jane is a famous female author of the 19th Century, with the exhibition telling the story of Jane Austen's experience in Bath and how it affected her writing. However, only a few us made it as there was not enough time.

However, suddenly the weather completely changed and it started to rain, which made exploring the city a lot more uncomfortable. In the end, we all ended up waiting under roof of an arcade, trying to cover from the rain. While waiting for the bus, a musician was playing on his violine for the whole time and since listening to him was so wonderful, some of us even started dancing waltz next to him.

Finally the bus arrived and picked us up. We were all exhausted and soaked to the skin but after all it was an enjoyable experience and definitely worth it.

