

Student Story about some trips made in the UK

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“My visit to Lacock”

I found the best place to have a cream tea in England! Today, I went to Lacock as a school trip in the afternoon. I've never been there before, even I've never heard the name. However, Lacock has become one of my favourite places today, it was an absolutely fantastic trip!

Lacock is a small village, which takes just about an hour to get there from Bath by a car. There are Lacock Abbey, gardens, cloisters and a museum that the National Trust owns, including the village. First, we went into the abbey, and took a lot of photos! Because it featured in the film 'Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone!!' I love 'Harry Potter' so much, and it reminded me some of the scenery of the film. However, I couldn't believe that I was standing in Harry's school, it seemed strange.

After we enjoyed the Abbey and a big garden, we walked into a village. What a sweet village!! I liked it at first sight. All of the houses were small and old, and their windows were adorned with colourful flowers. I heard that the people who live in the houses still keep their old life styles, and they haven't been served with much electricity. This is one of the reasons why it was still beautiful and quiet there. Then, finally we found a tea house 'King John's Hunting Lodge,' which was Cal's favourite, and we went into there to have a cream tea. All of us ordered 'Luxurious Cream Tea,' it was really, really delicious! A waitress, who was wearing a pink T-shirt and a pink pinafore, served us homemade scones with homemade strawberry jam, homemade blackcurrant jam, homemade cream and tea, and we became so happy. Besides, not only the cream tea, but also the garden which we had cream teas was really nice! It was lovely. We were all satisfied, and had a great time today. I'd like to go to Lacock again during my stay in England!!

"A school trip to Portsmouth"

Today I had a school trip to Portsmouth. It was the first time for me to visit Portsmouth, so I was looking forward to it very much. Unfortunately it was rainy and very cold day today....It was a long way, but it was a really nice drive. Because I saw a vast extent of nature and lots of animals such as cows, horses and sheep. I like nature very much! However, we can't see such a wonderful view in Japan. The cows and sheep were lovely and the horses are so cool! After the long drive, we arrived at Portsmouth. Eliza gave us tickets and we had a free time until five o'clock. There were many shops. Some of them were so big and I was surprised. First I went to Mary Rose Ship Hall with U Ann and Miwa. The Mary Rose is the oldest surviving warship in Britain. She was built in 1511 at the command of Henry VIII. She had sunk for 434 years! I couldn't believe it! Today the Mary Rose is displayed being showered wax, because she was made by wood. It was very interesting for me. I also went to HMS Victory. It was a huge flagship of Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar. I could see lots of rooms in the ship. One of the most interesting things for me is that there were lots of hammocks in the gun deck. Because about 480 people lived between guns. I couldn't believe it.

At noon we went to a Chinese restaurant. I ate fried noodles and chicken soup for lunch! Of course, I used chopsticks. Chinese food tastes similar to Japanese food so it was a very nice time for me. They were so delicious. I'm not good at history, but it was an interesting day.

Stourhead – The National Trust

Today was a shiny sunny Sunday. I went to Stourhead with Keith, Jo and Jenny, my host family. I was looking forward to today because I heard that there is a big lake, garden and old houses in Stourhead from Keith and also today was the first day for me to go out with my host family.

.... Stourhead was wonderful! It was the National Trust gardens and buildings. Before we entered I became a member of the National Trust! MY host family are also members of it and they paid my entrance fee (contribution) for me! So I can go to any places of the National Trust free for a year! It is fantastic!! I bless my host family for their kindness.

Now to return to the subject. There was a big lake and some sweet ducks and swans were sailing along the lake. Around the lake, there were so many rare trees and flowers. There was fresh air and the smell was very nice. I love this place! We brought some pieces of bread and fed the ducks and swans, they ate with lovely bills. Keith taught me that all of the swans in England were owned by the Queen -so we can't kill or hurt them. And also he taught me that the lake was made up and was not natural! I couldn't believe it!

Today I had a precious time! If this place was nearer to my house I would go there everyday! Anyway, I have the National Trust's card so I want to go there again.