

Travel Daily Highlights - 2019 UK trip for Steve & Kim

- Thursday – driving towards NYC, stopping in Harrisburg for PA Capital visit



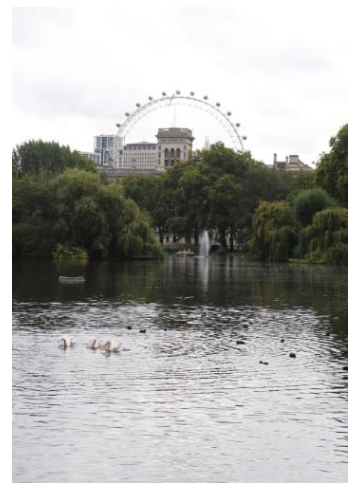
- Friday – ready for the 7:30 PM plane to go, but no, no, nooooo... Even after making it to #1 for take-off twice and rebooting the airplane computer, the plane wasn't ready to make it to London. Flight cancelled at 3:15 AM!!!
- Saturday – on the phone with Delta – got new flights through Detroit Metropolitan Airport for “a visit,” then on to Heathrow, arriving in London 24 hours later than planned...



- Sunday – powered through: no horizontal sleeping for 60 hours, yet walking, busing and trying our hand at “the Chube” while exploring classic London locations; late afternoon bus tour with group; BED!



- Monday – Thames boat ride; Greenwich visit brings unexpected pleasure with beautiful Chapel, grounds



- Tuesday – Stone-HENGE (Andrew’s pronunciation)



- Wednesday – National Museum of Wales with its FANTASTIC impressionist art gallery, the gift of two sisters (daughters of coal/train baron); Cardiff Castle, including its use as bomb shelter in WW II



- Thursday – Rhondda coal mining experiences (many similarities with West Virginia based on SWAP mission trips)



- Friday – Shakespeare focus with visits to Anne Hathaway home and Stratford



- Saturday – Walked Mersey riverway to Beatles statues for a photo and then to Mersey Maritime Museum for great Lusitania floor, including U Boat fears, etc...; Chester for walkway on Roman wall and tour with Tiberious



- Sunday – Lake District with nice walk, Wordsworth poem; White Hart Inn visit – SAL enjoys later evening with Don Cowan (from Guitar Guild) in the oldest pub in Edinburgh and last inn Bobby Burns visited; local music done in multiple languages, too, by Ewen



- Monday – early morning walk by SAL to Arthur’s Footstool; Edinburgh Castle was fabulous; fantastic trip to see international champion, Julie, who raises and trains border collies to herd her sheep (so impressed we bought the DVD!); dinner at the Scottish restaurant Andrew recommended, pibroch



- Tuesday – Loch Lomond – FANTASTIC experience on boat trip; bought haggis from local “mom and pop” place in Balloch, Scotland – shared with all interested (about 6 tried it,) – the evaluations below!



- Wednesday – said good-bye to a wonderful group of travelers (pictured below from a previous day.) Uneventful flight home!! Checked into hotel and were asleep soon after 7 PM



- Thursday – EARLY morning (4:15 AM) to avoid major NYC traffic – garbage truck was blocking hotel drive so we got olfactory wake-up call; PA turnpike drive with changing leaves; traffic jam in CINCI after avoiding NYC traffic; great greeting from Cliff, who came home early from work (and from an energetic Georgie – huge smiles and jumped higher than we usually see...)