

CASE STUDY



LONDON TRIP



KIRKCUDBRIGHT ACADEMY, KEY STAGE 3

CROSS CURRICULAR TRIP, STAYING AT SAFESTAY HOSTEL, ELEPHANT & CASTLE

BE 'THAT' TEACHER! PARTY LEADER



Hannah Gill, Teacher of Music

"This was the first trip I'd run, in my second year of teaching, so I was a little nervous, but found working with Voyager to be a great experience. I enjoyed building a relationship with your team and look forward to the next trip!"

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE TRIP

- Dates: Thurs 2nd to Sun 5th November
- Safestay Hostel, Elephant & Castle
- Group size 50 paying & 5 free places
- Paying £390ppp incl. visits & shows

Why we go to London

The trip is aimed to be a fun, cultural, cross-curricular trip. The school is in a rural area of Scotland, so going to a city like London gives students a completely different experience. We aim for it to be a bonding time and an opportunity to increase confidence and independence. We travel in November as it is a quiet time of year in the school calendar.

The three West End shows we took in were a highlight and it is such an experience for students to see a high quality, professional production. This year 'Matilda' was absolutely brilliant and it was inspiring to see so many children in the cast.

The pupils loved the Harry Potter Studio Tour and it was really interesting to see what goes into making a film. It's also a great, safe environment for pupils to wander at their own speed, with plenty to see and do.

We only spent a couple of hours in the Science Museum, but we could have spent so much more. Again another safe environment to give students some freedom. There is so much to see and do and it's free!

Instead of eating in the hostel, all our evening meals were in London restaurants, a fun part of the itinerary. All the meals were pre-booked and the restaurants Voyager recommended were always welcoming and accommodating.

The London Eye was definitely a highlight this year. Because we did it in the evening and it was around Bonfire Night, the London sky was full of fireworks.

Finally, the group visited the BBC Studios in Manchester on the journey home. This worked extremely well as it broke up the long journey and gave purpose to the last day. The tour was a brilliant learning experience covering Music, Drama, Media and Technology. Highlights were sitting on the BBC Breakfast sofa reading the news and giving a weather report.

Hard to pick a highlight of the trip because everything was so brilliant!



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What about the accommodation and travel?

"We stayed at the Safestay hostel in Elephant & Castle, a central location and readily accessible for the itinerary. The group were even able to walk back to the hostel from the London Eye."

"The students were accommodated in modern, dormitory style rooms, which they loved. The breakfast was all you can eat and very good."

"Travelling by coach adds to the fun and it's easier than public transport for getting round London with a large group."

What were the Learning Outcomes from the trip?

"The trip is a great bonding experience for students and staff. The itinerary is planned to give lots of freedom to the students, instilling independence and confidence, but in safe environments."

"The cultural experience definitely opens the student's eyes and broadens their horizons."

"The staff also loved the trip and had lots of fun themselves."



Why do you choose to travel with Voyager?

"When initially looking to start a trip, I had quotes from several companies. Voyager's was the best price, but I also felt the communication and service was excellent from the start."

"I don't know London very well, so I relied on your expertise to plan the itinerary to get the most out of our time. Lisa made some great suggestions."

"Everybody I've worked with at Voyager genuinely cares that the trip goes well. This was my first trip and I was a little nervous, but found working with Voyager to be a great experience."

Included in the £375pp price?

- 5 free places based on 50 paying students
- Coach hire for duration, with 2 drivers
- 3 nights B&B at Safestay Hostel
- 3 evening meals in London restaurants
- 3 West End Shows
- London Eye, BBC Tour, Science Museum
- Insurance



Headline Itinerary

- Day 1** Travel to London, Planet Hollywood, Matilda the Musical
- Day 2** Harry Potter World, Shopping, Pizza Express, Lion King
- Day 3** Science Museum, Woman in Black, Pizza Hut, London Eye
- Day 4** Return to school via BBC Studios Tour in Manchester

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