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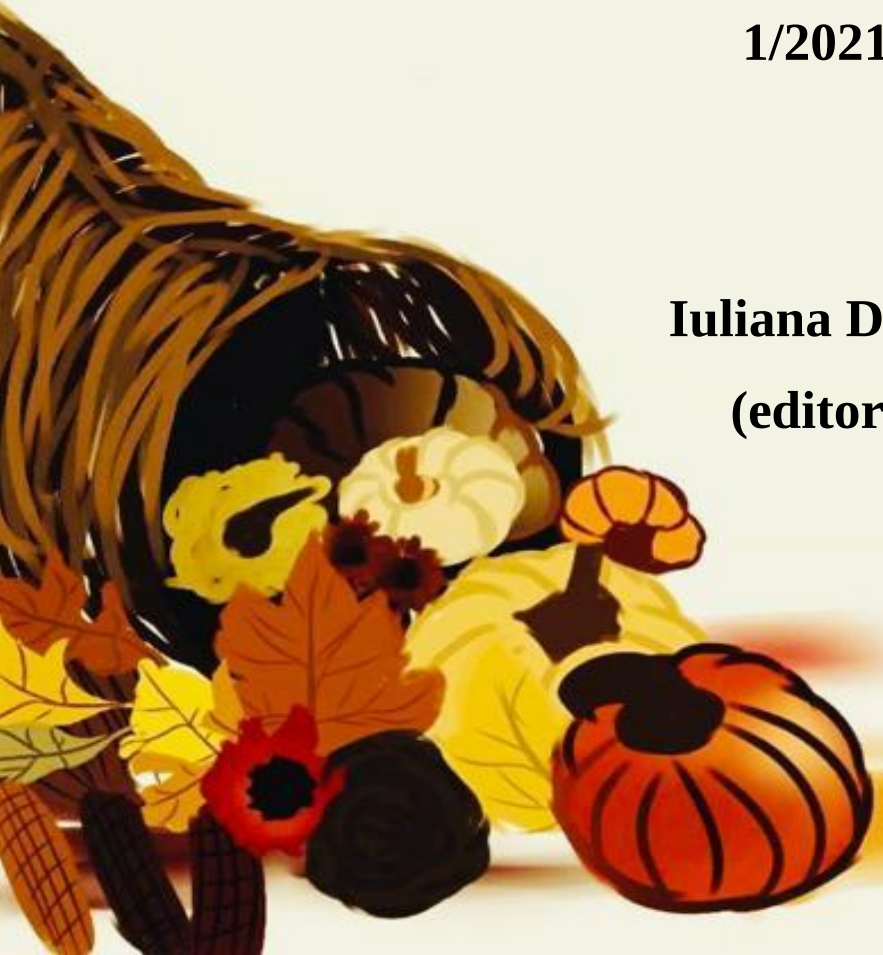
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The publication of the present issue strengthens the idea that students use a variety of literature(s) when learning English as a second language. Similar to the first six issues of *Cornucopia* from the last three years, the present one demonstrates that English is a way of life, and not just a foreign language that needs to be taught and studied thoroughly.

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FOREWORD

The present issue of *Cornucopia: An Abundance of Thoughts* comprises poems, stories, reviews, essays, projects, but also letters that students wrote during the extracurricular Thanksgiving activities that were organized in the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year at "George Călinescu" High School, Constanța. The works included here mainly focus on the students' desire to visit foreign countries, this making us think of the impact online school has had on our students during this semester.

The first section of *Cornucopia*, "Poetic Imagery", includes five poems belonging to tenth and twelfth grade students. The emotions they trigger are powerful and it, more than once, makes us empathize with our students and their impactful feelings.

The second section of the present issue, "Stories", is comprised of three short stories about worlds which may or may not have existed. Surely, they are real to our writers and, undoubtedly, to our readers.

The third section of *Cornucopia* is titled "Teen Reviews". Here we find out about our students' interests in TV series and rock bands. If you still like *Friends*, if you are interested in finding out more about *The Crown* or if you are a rock fan, then this is a section especially designed for you.

The fourth chapter, namely "Personal Essays", revolves around fashion sustainability and the lifestyle of young people today. This is where we might have an epiphany. This is where we might realize that tenth graders are more mature than we think, and we should do nothing but celebrate their interests.

The newest section of the journal, "Thankful Thoughts", comprises seven contributions – from letters to news articles - selected from the online Thanksgiving activities that students attended in November 2020. Clearly, they enjoyed imagining different scenarios for the poor turkeys that need to be saved on this special day.

The sixth and longest section of *Cornucopia* – "Projects – is dedicated to virtual tours of the English-speaking countries, the ninth and eleventh graders working for these projects during their elective courses i.e. "Geography of the UK and the USA" and "Crossing Cultures", respectively.

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Poetic Imagery



Student: Amalia Dan

Grade: 10A

Advisor: Cristiana Crivăţ

HE

He fell on the road;
As a drop of rain.

And he evaporated;
As a drop of ocean.

And salty fog remained;

Behind his track,
As the memories written with ink,
On his back.

[1]

And only salt and honey he left;
Right now, right here,
On the burning road.

[1] Web: https://theberkey.com/pages/all-about-the-water-cycle.

Student: Amalia Dan

Grade: 10A

Advisor: Cristiana Crivăţ

NIGHTLY SOLITUDE

Late nights in lonely schools.
We run.

The lights go out.
Smiles on the hallway-
Just us.

Becomes pale,
An empty class.

It’s raining.
Blurred headlights,
We run
Towards home.



[2]

[2] Web: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vrU3A79EIs.

Student: Amalia Dan

Grade: 10A

Advisor: Cristiana Crivăţ

AUTUMNAL DIALOGUE

[3]

“Do you hear it too?”

“Hear what?”

“Listen. It beats. It ticks. It drips.”

“Where is it dripping?”

“Outside.”

“But it’s not raining.”

“It’s dripping with leaves.

It’s cold. The sun is fooling us. Do you not see? It isn’t warm anymore. “

“Do you feel it?”

“Feel what?”

[3] Web: https://www.pxfuel.com/en/free-photo-qasdl.

“It smells like baked bread.”

“Do you see?”
“See what?”
“Childhood. Games. Memories.”

“I don’t see what you see. I don’t feel what you feel. I don’t hear what you hear. Why?”
“Close your eyes.
Read some verses with the eyes of your mind.
Stay outside. Do you feel the cold? “
“No.”
“Stay in your shirt. Breathe.”

“I think I see it too. I hear it. It’s everywhere.”
“Who?”
“The autumn.”
“What does she look like?”
“She’s beautiful. Nostalgic. Numb.”
“I see her full of life.”
“It’s wonderful.”
“I told you.”

Student: Amalia Dan

Grade: 10A

Advisor: Cristiana Crivăţ

THE DESERT BEYOND THE CLOUDS

[4]

Flapping wings,
Of a white raven
Drops of sand scatter
Over a marble sky.

Speechless nightingales,
At dusk reborn,
In divine, lost melodies.
And sing without stopping,
Their birdsong not to lose,

[4] Web: https://www.wallpaperflare.com/clouds-sun-desert-drawings-1920x1080-nature-deserts-hd-art-wallpaper-bcipm/download/1024x600.

Again at sunrise.

Queens of the night,
Secretly reign,
Over the morning.

Apple buds,
Under the misty chains
They break through... they bloom.

And behind the clouds,
A desert,
Adored by rain
It had been fragrant
In an ocean,
Of lavender.

For windows of compliance,
Broke.

Student: Anaida-Iris Sarchizian
Grade: 12B
Advisor: Cristiana Crivăţ

TO SHARE

I always was the one to share
Too much of what I love:
To spread the dusk,
To lend the dawn,
I always had the sky to loan.

I always had my heart at rent
And when was full
Of eyes
So hard to find
I always shared a piece of mind.

And when you shared too many words
Piercing through me
Like silver swords;
When your lips tasted like violence,
I always shared my silence.

If you are too tired
To even live,
When you can’t catch it
And you are at a loss,
I’d give to you

The last breath in my lungs.

Because I always was the one to share
Too much of what I love
But I will always be at fault,
That's true.
Because I refuse to share one thing:
And that is you.

[5]

[5] Web: https://www.nyoooz.com/features/lifestyle/hug-day-not-just-hug-its-therapy-that-can-heal-you-inside-out.html/3260/.

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Stories



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NEVERLAND

It all started when I went on a trip away from home. The thought of leaving home was one of relaxation. On the way I can say that I was not in a state, I was agitated in a good way. As soon as I got here, it seemed a little atypical that it was dark even though it was 12 o'clock .... Strange, wasn't it?

Another thing that caught my eye was that time was very difficult there, as if the whole country was standing still. However, nature was detached from our world, I can tell you that the wind that breathes a frightening note, I felt a shiver behind me ... I admit that it scared me a little. The curiosity I had determined me to look for the legends of these lands, more precisely the name was the Land of the Unknown (The name was a bit appropriate).

The best known legend is that of the curse of the light deer. It is said that that deer kept the sunlight, the peace of the world on the surface and protected the unleashing of the world from the depths. With his death, the whole realm is shrouded in darkness. My thirst for knowledge made me venture into the forest on my own. Here I would discover many things.

As soon as I entered, I felt that thrill again, only this time it was stronger. My eyes wondered what I was seeing, the trees were very tall with many inscriptions in an ancient language, just as the legend said. I approached to touch them and suddenly I felt like I was teleporting to another part of the forest. Stepping forward, almost crawling, I saw a glimmer of light among the leaves I was removing. I ran to the trail left by the light and reached the middle of the forest. Looking at the sky, I could tell that it was so dark that it was like ebony, and the clouds opened and I noticed a sphere that looked like an eye watching the surroundings.

I felt mesmerized by the landscape, and suddenly some entities with sifted faces appeared around me, telling me to leave here immediately. I immediately left, feeling a fusion of emotions ... for example: fear, disappointment, ecstasy. While walking, I saw a tree that had a plaque inscribed with the cardinal points, I decided to take it north hoping to find a way to escape. It was starting to get cold so I took my coat out of my backpack and yet I had this opportunity and

ate. After almost 3 minutes, I took my heart in my teeth and continued on my way. At one point, I saw a tree trunk on the ground ... it looked like a tree that was quite old. I was looking at the leaves that had fallen on the road, they were scattered in such a way that I thought it was guiding me the right way, after a long time I did not stop walking, I see that tree trunk again, I thought my mind was playing tricks or that it's from fatigue and that I'm actually on the right track. It just so happened that I didn't fall into the abyss.

A sinister sound caught my eye ... it could be heard loudly from the depths, again I thought it might be the rough sea (a natural thing I had become accustomed to in these lands). I see a bridge, it was unsafe ... it had rotten wood, and many of the steps were missing ... I suspect that no person who was weak at heart would have done what I had done, yes you guessed it, I crossed it, with weight and care and I fulfilled my fact. The only thing that bothered me was that those steps were squeaking, and a few after I had passed they came off. After thanking destiny for passing this hop well, I wanted to get away with it.

Again, I crawled, I was tired, but there was no word "pause", I was not a weak man to stop. In a second, something put me down, it seemed to be again those entities that showed up and told me why I did not leave, then I ran as hard as I could ... they m -they kept watching ... one thing was for sure! I didn't look back and gave my best to reach the "finish line", as I preferred to call it, I ingeniously assume, anyway I prefer to go back to those moments full of ecstasy, my heart beating strong, the adrenaline intensified in my body, I could hardly feel the ground under my feet, it was a sensation detached from our world. But all the things that go up have to go down, so it was with me, I fell and rubbed my leg, it hurt a little, but I got up.

I saw a path that led me to a gate, I wondered "Is this my salvation? If so, God help me!". I opened it and woke up on earth, I was with the people there. After this experience, I promised not to venture where I shouldn't because I could lose my life. It was crazy, though.

Student: Motoc Ştefania

Grade: 9A

Advisor: Cristiana Crivăţ

TRAGIC STORY



[6]

After the new teacher in Social Studies, a man with scars, Mr. Simonet gave an assignment to change our world, Trevor an eleven years old boy came up with the idea to help three people with something they can't do by themselves, then they have to help other three people. After Mr. Simonet fell in love with Arlene, Trevor's mother something unexpectedly happens: Ricky, Trevor's father comes back after 5 months and Arlene decides to come back to her husband that abused her before. She goes to tell Simonet and find out the story behind his scars. After Ricky starts drinking again he decides to leave. On Trevor's birthday a reporter, Chris Chandler who wants to find out who came out the idea of 'Pay it forward' decided to take the interview one day at the school where Trevor learns.

After the interview, ready to go home, he tried to save one of his friends from some bullies and get stabbed right in front of Simonete and his mother's eyes. Because they couldn't stop the incident on time, he died.

[6] Web: https://ro.pinterest.com/pin/439241769888252248/.

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THE GAME

They say that playing is for children. Then why do the adults use it? Or could they, actually, be kids?

Personally, I believe that life is the game. The game means life. Either way we chose to name these two things - abstract as they might be -, they are codependents; they are almost glued to each other; they live only together; they merge, constantly.

Every shout, every calling, every decision, every loss or success, every grief, every smile, every single human we met is part from the ongoing game.

You tend to believe while playing games – any kind of them – the luck of the dice makes you the winner, but they are thrown as your nervous centers, which gave the command to your hand, to your fingers, wanted to. You throw a double with a purpose: to get the chance to throw again; and again, double, which leads you to the jail; and citizens might do better without you, for now.

As far as I can see, the famous beginner' luck represents our instinct, whereas the bad luck – too much reason, overanalyzing situations. But even if you do have a hell of a start - or better said if you throw six from the beginning – it's not sure that you are going to win the first place; as well as the mutual obeys the analogy. Repercussions appear; the unpredictable, the unknown, the uncertainty rules the players. Therefore, at the risk of repeating myself, can you observe the analogy with life?

Indeed, we know – but can't remember exactly – where the game starts – the life – and we have a vague idea – based on religion mostly – of where it ends; but you can agree with the fact that success or failure, loss or gaining are nothing but games…that are part, of course, of The Game.

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Teen Reviews

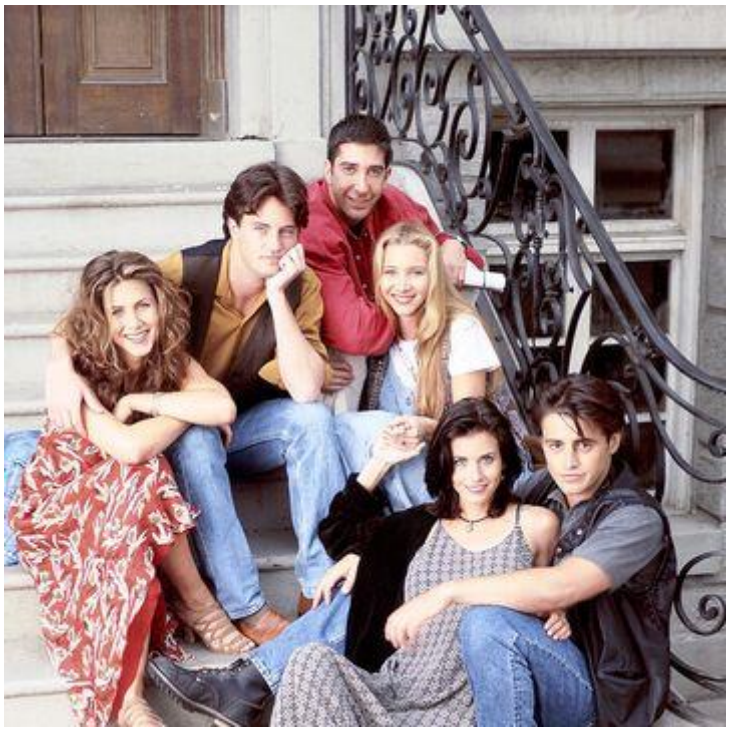


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FRIENDS – MORE THAN JUST A TV SHOW

[7]

The TV show 'Friends' is a classic in the history of American comedies. Directed by David Crane and Marta Kauffman, this sitcom was first aired on the 22nd of September in 1994 with an impeccable run in the world of television for a decade. With the kind of series it was, there was hardly a person in the late 90's and early 20's who had not heard about this show. The writing of the show was a tad bit formulaic although its use of attention-grabbing dialogue and innovate jokes were a nice change of pace from the norm. The set's decoration, music, setting, camera, and sound effects all contributed significantly to the quality of 'friends'. Most of all, the

[7] Web: https://friends.fandom.com/wiki/Season_1.

balanced chemistry between all the talented actors alongside a brilliant script written by Crane was an absolute icing on the cake.

It was successful in representing the typical life of young friends in the 90's who eat, work, sleep and struggle together in their mid-twenties, searching for jobs, navigating relationships, and building better lives for themselves. Aside from the friendship the characters share between them, there is something more to offer to the audiences through the character's individual life.

"I'll be there for you when the rain starts to pour. I'll be there for you like I've been there before. I'll be there for you, 'cause you're there for me too". This series starts off with this incredible theme lyrics where all six friends dance, laugh, and enjoy. The lyrics itself speaks about friends who support each other in every situation with no selfishness at all. This show focused on how the friendship between all the characters – Rachel, Monica, Phoebe, Joey, Chandler, and Ross – is maintained and preserved. The group of these five friends portrays an idealistic definition of friendship.

The friendship between Rachel and Monica – two different people who have so many differences yet complete each other in every possible way. The way how they understand each other back each other and love each other is how people feel when they are around their best buddies. The fights, yet the makeups, the fun of living together and so on is so realistic among them. Phoebe fits so perfectly with them. Every group of a friend has that one odd friend who is a little weird with crazy ideas, yet you cannot live without that person. The group would be incomplete without someone like that. As for Ross, the relationship he shares with his sister is admirable. It portrays perfectly how siblings are. They fight, they have family issues but yet love each other so much. He and Chandler are the typical college buddies who have known each other for a while. But the best friendship, admittedly, none other than that of Chandler and Joey. It is much more than the friendship between two roommates. They show the best kind of friendship that any two men can have. These are friends who are with you all the time, good all around and share the best memory of your life. The show was so well accepted because of how the friendship hits the audiences and the chemistry between the cast is presented.

One of the most influential characters throughout the series is Monica Geller. She wants everything to be perfect - either it is a room full of furniture or any relationship. She always has a plan and does everything with according to it taking everything into consideration. She has been

the one who has spoken to everyone and cares about what they are doing and give some suggestion in case they need. She reaches out by herself for helping others. She showed to be a good sister and a good friend. The relationship between her and chandelier showed the best kind of relationship starts from friendship. And not to forget, she was the one who proposed Chandler which was something hard to witness around 90's. She taught it is ok to go a great distance for what you love. Ross started as a troubled romantic, failing marriage and somewhat attention seeking character. But he taught us it's okay to fail. The things you may fail doesn't have to be something you don't deserve. He had failed marriages not one but three. But he never gave up, that failed marriage did not stop him from loving someone again. A very big lesson most of us have to learn today. He showed that being insecure in the past cannot mean you can't change. He was ready to accept that Joey might be his daughter's step-father, eventually. He has always loved Rachel, despite she being with others and to be frank even Rachel has done the same for him. But what he really taught us to do anything for your soulmate and never let them go out of your life.

The first and clear thing anyone would remember about Phoebe is her craziness. She really put out a word that being crazy is totally fine, but not in a bad way. She taught us, how to stand up for what we believe despite what others may say or think. She also followed singing which others didn't seem to like, but her who cares, I love its attitude is something we must learn and also inculcate. She did a lot of things for her step-brother and she really loved him and her pursuit to find her father and real mom, showed all of us family means a lot. Rachel was rich, spoilt and arrogant and she showed how anyone can change in such a good human being and how to follow your dreams right from scratch. She stood up against her father in multiple occasions, not to just argue but to show that he has to listen to her opinions too. She taught that it is okay to start over in a new place if you have the right friends to support you. She also showed that it's okay to be a single mom despite you not knowing anything. And you can be so totally in love and at the same time not come in way of your loved ones being happy.

Joey showed that no matter no one believes in your passion, if you keep working hard enough you will win it all. Also to keep your mouth shut and not boast when it is not necessary. He and Chandler set an example of how best friends are, caring, believing their friends, helping them out when they need you, money is not something you bring in-between friendship. Despite Chandler cheating with his girlfriend, he was ready to forgive him with his box treatment, though

he showed that he didn't want to. He is a genuine true friend who actually gave some very heartfelt advice to everyone. He knows how it is to be truly lonely and he kinda taught us to find someone whom we love and settle with them before it's too late. Also, it's okay to not know everything.

Chandler has been the most awkward person when it came to love, family, accepting the truth and following his dreams. But he worked his way through all of this by the end of the show. He was not happy about both his dad or his mom as they had left a huge trauma in his childhood but he came to terms with both of them and loved them both keeping the differences aside. Having a continuously failing relationship with a woman and always having to run at Janet, he slowly became the best person after falling in love with Monica to such an extent that be showed signs of so much maturity and understanding in a relationship. He was scared of commitment, but his love made him overcome that when the right time came. He even decided to move to another city just so that his wife doesn't have to give up on her dreams. A man valuing his wife's opinions and dreams, something every man has to learn to do. He pursued his dream quite late in his life, showing there is no specific age or time to really do what we love. The casts taught us a lot. They never failed to entertain us with their timing sarcasm and humor, and inspire us with their eternal friendship bond.

We can draw many life lesson things like believing in friends, giving our love an another chance, never giving up in our dreams and so on from their life but 10 season is all they took to teach us everything. This is the reason why this series is still been watched over and over again.

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Advisor: Iuliana Dode, Ph.D.

Why should you watch

The Crown ? 

Because it's incredible.

What is "The Crown?"

- ★ ***The Crown*** is a historical drama streaming television series about the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.
- ★ It portrays the life of Queen Elizabeth II from her wedding in 1947 to Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, until the early 21st century.





But why should you watch it?

- ★ First of all, it's historical. You can find out a lot of information about the Queen's lifestyle and personal life inside the castle, as well as other family members'
- ★ It also gives you a glimpse of the lifestyle the british people had years ago, from a politician to a commoner.
- ★ This series has been watched by people around the world and is very appreciated.



The actors.

★ This series has incredible actors that change every two season and it's impossible not to emphasize because the way they are acting. They are also really close in appearance.




Princess Diana appears in it.

★ The most watched season it's most likely the fourth one, because everyone has been waiting for her. Princess Diana of Wales.

★ Her story is definitely gonna hit you hard. It shows incredible moments from her life, from her mental problems to her marriage struggles.

★ Everyone loved her and she was an icon because of her kindness and the way she acted human compared to royal family.



You might even feel royal after watching it

★ This series really transports you into a different world, even you might feel royal after watching it.
★ It gives you beautiful sceneries of the UK that just make you wanna visit them and feel the atmosphere.



It includes other historical moments and people

★ You will see president J.F.K and the Apollo 11 astronauts. As well as how the royal family perceived them.





Well what are you waiting for?

★ Don't YOU want to meet the royal family and find out their personal experiences, hobbies and ideas? Well, go on Netflix right now and watch it! You won't regret it. Didn't you hear? Even the Queen watches "The Crown"!



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LAMB OF GOD



[8]

Lamb of God (sometimes abbreviated as **LoG**) is an American heavy metal band from Richmond, Virginia. A linchpin of the New Wave of American Heavy Metal movement, with an uncompromising approach that garnered both respect and sales, Richmond, Virginia's **Lamb of God** started out using a more inauspicious name. Employing a versatile blend of metalcore, thrash, punk, sludge, and groove-laden death metal, the band issued an eponymous full-length outing under the moniker **Burn the Priest** before changing their name in 1999 to avoid being mistaken for a Satanic metal outfit.

Lamb of Godd have released a string of high-profile studio albums and enjoyed tremendous commercial success via gold-selling outings like **Ashes of the Wake** and **Sacrament.**

Between 2000 and 2020, the group carved out a notable swath of sonic real estate, selling millions of records and landing multiple Grammy nominations, without ever compromising their sound.



[9]

[8] Web: http://metalriot.com/news/best-accidental-use-of-the-lamb-of-god-logo-ever/.
[9] Web: https://www.emp-online.com/p/lamb-of-god/465748.html.

Formed in 1994 as Burn the Priest, the group consists of bassist John Campbell, vocalist Randy Blythe, guitarists Mark Morton and Willie Adler, and drummer Art Cruz. Since their formation,

Lamb of God has released ten studio albums: '*Burn the Priest* (as Burn the Priest) (1999), *New American Gospel* (2000), *As the Palaces Burn* (2003), *Ashes of the Wake* (2004), *Sacrament* (2006), ***Walk with Me in Hell*** (2008),

Wrath (2009), *Resolution* (2012), *VII: Sturm und Drang* (2015), *Legion: XX* (as Burn the Priest) (2018), and *Lamb of God* (2020). The band has also released one live album, one compilation album, three DVDs, two EPs, and twenty-eight singles.

In 1999, the band released its first full-length self-titled album,**"*Burn the Priest*"**, through Legion Records.

The band's first major release, 2000's **"New American Gospel"**, was immediately touted as an instant metal classic. AllMusic stated it best, "The essential signatures of post-Pantera metal are in abundance on Lamb of God's inaugural album. New American Gospel provides a mighty oak upon which gritty American metal's faith is maintained, effectively bridging the '90s' insistence upon drill-sergeant technicality and the old school's determined focus on riff construction."

The group then embarked on a lengthy touring spree, spending most of the next two years preaching their "pure American death metal" at major heavy metal festivals and small clubs alike.

Work on a follow-up effort with producer and **Strapping Young Lad** mastermind **Devin Townsend** took place in between countless road trips, so that **Lamb of God**'s sophomore LP, **As the Palaces Burn**, was released in summer 2003.

Lamb of God released ***Ashes of the Wake*** in August 2004.The album debuted at number 27 on the *Billboard* 200, and sold over 35,000 copies in its first week. The album was distributed through the band's new record label, Epic Records. The **Killadelphia** concert film appeared in 2005, documenting a particularly fierce stretch of shows in Philly, and the same program's audio edition dropped toward the end of the same year. In August 2006 Lamb of God released its fifth studio album, ***Sacrament***. The album debuted at number eight on the *Billboard* 200 and sold

nearly 65,000 copies in its first week of sales, nearly doubling the first week sales of *Ashes of the Wake*.

In 2007, just a short time after putting out monumentally successful releases **"Ashes of the Wake"** and **"Sacrament"**, **LAMB OF GOD** was honored with a Grammy nomination for the track **"Redneck"**. This would mark the first of four Grammy nominations for the band.

After the release of **"Walk With Me In Hell"** (DVD, 2008), the second and third Grammy nominations came in 2010 and 2011 for tracks **"Set to Fail"** and **"In Your Words"**, both cut from **"Wrath"** (CD, 2009, #2 of 200 debut). n February 23, 2009, the band released their sixth studio album internationally via Roadrunner Records, titled *Wrath* and one day later in America via Epic Records. The album is dedicated to Mikey Bronsnan, who helped them get started in Philadelphia.



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Drummer Chris Adler was quoted saying "This album is going to surprise a lot of people. Typically bands that get to where we are in our career begin to slack off, smell the roses and regurgitate. We chose a different path. No one wants to hear another band member hyping a new record. 'Wrath' needs no hype. We have topped ourselves and on February 24 you will feel it." A massive three-disc retrospective entitled **Hourglass: The Anthology** was issued by Epic in 2010, covering their independent releases as well as their major-label years, and included a third disc of rarities. The set was released in two configurations: it was available for purchase in either three single-disc volumes or as a full box set. The band spent 2010 touring before eventually

[10] Web: https://www.ghostcultmag.com/lamb-of-god-shares-new-video-for-new-single-memento-mori/.

settling down in 2011 to record new material with producer **Josh Wilbur**. The result was their chart-topping seventh album, 2012's **Resolution**.

That same year, **Blythe** was arrested in Czechoslovakia for charges stemming from an incident at a 2010 show in Prague that saw a young fan climb on stage and hit his head after being pushed by the lead singer.

The 19 year old died of complications from the injury, and **Blythe** spent over a month in j ail before being found not criminally liable for the incident and released on bail.

Blythe would go to pen a memoir, with an emphasis on his arrest,trial, and acquittal, call ed Dark Days.

In February 2014, a documentary film featuring Lamb of God entitled *As the Palaces Burn* was released worldwide. The documentary, directed by Don Argott, began filming in 2012 and was set to focus on fans of the band but drastically altered its scope following the arrest of lead singer Randy Blythe on charges of committing intentional bodily harm stemming from the death of a fan following a concert in Prague two years earlier.The film has been met with positive reviews by critics.

In 2015, after a period of inactivity, the band issued its long-awaited eighth studio long-player, **VII:Sturm und Drang.** The following year saw the band issue a new EP, **Duke**, which was comprised of three live cuts and two new studio tracks. The title cut was inspired by **Lamb of God** superfan Wayne Ford, who had lost his five-year battle with leukemia.In addition to the new release, several members of the band auctioned off their instruments, signed CDs, lyric books and gold records to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

In 2017, **Chris Adler** was involved in a motorcycle accident and sidelined from touring. In 2018, the band reactivated the **Burn the Priest** moniker with the covers album **Legion: XX**, a fun blast through some of their favorite songs by their punk, hardcore, noise rock, and sludge metal heroes such as **Bad Brains**, **Melvins**, **Ministry**, **Quicksand**, and **Big Black**. 2019 saw **Adler** replaced by former **Winds of Plague** and **Prong** drummer **Art Cruz**, who made his recording debut with the band on their eighth album, 2020's **Lamb of God**. Originally intended for a spring release, the hard-charging effort didn't arrive until June due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

I like this band and I recommend it because if you prefer metal music you will definitely love the driving force behind the 10-studio albums release that lies in the searing fretwork of

guitarists Mark Morton and Willie Adler, while bassist John Campbell's masterful command of his chosen instrument projects as poignantly as Blythe's growling screams. Rounding out the unmistakable aggression and drilling timbre that defines the band are the unrelenting beats of drummer Art Cruz, making his studio debut.

What I like the most are the themes of anger, anti-war and dissatisfaction with today's political climate dominate the albums.

The meaning behind the songs

- **"Ashes of the Wake"**- calling out American political leaders for misguided wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
- **"Omerta"**- the Sicilian Mafia's code of silence
- **"Reclamation"**- a reinterpretation of the biblical apocalypse
- **"One Gun"**- an expected revolution against the American government
- **"The Faded Line"**- an assassin can be a traitor or a patriot
- **"Walk With Me in Hell"**- about being with someone through thick and thin
- **"512"**- you have to be ready for violence at any time
- **"Requiem"**- Jim Jones and the Jonestown massacre with his speech in the middle of the song
- **"Vigil"**- about the George W. Bush administration and the damage it was causing
- **"Ruin"**- an "art of ruin" due to war, famine, and all the problems and corruption that exist in our world, we are living in a time of Ruin
- **"Blacken the Cursed Sun"**- about Jesus and the false belief in the afterlife and there is no paradise or afterlife only hell that is now, because we chose to beg on our knees, lifestyle that is related to Christianity
- **"Laid to Rest"**- drug addiction and other things that will harm you in life, seen from the perspective of the drug, the man taking it, and a man who is giving advice because he has already experienced it

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Personal Essays



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FASHION SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable fashion is a movement and process of fostering change to fashion products and the fashion system towards greater ecological integrity and social justice. Sustainable fashion concerns more than just addressing fashion textiles or products. It comprises addressing the whole system of fashion. This means dealing with interdependent social, cultural, ecological, and financial systems.

There is no doubt that for many years the fashion industry has done harm to the environment as we know it, so I challenge you to ask yourselves "Will fashion ever be sustainable?". Before diving into this controversial problem, I will give you some popular terms which you probably have heard of but not actually understand them properly.

"**Fast fashion**"- The term has come to signify cheap, accessible and on-trend clothes, sourced through global production chains and sold through chains such as H&M, Zara, Forever21, etc.

"Slow fashion"- Slow fashion flips this model on its head. With slower production schedules, small batch collections, and zero waste designs, slow fashion brands aim to reduce the textile waste clogging our landfills. Instead of chasing trends, these companies utilize enduring styles with layering options and create pieces that are classic and versatile. This gives customers the ability to keep garments for a lifetime. Basically, it is a widespread reaction to fast fashion.

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[11] Web: https://www.fashionabc.org/fashion-sustainability-green-strategy-fashion-brands/.

The impact of fast fashion on the environment

The fashion industry is the second largest consumer industry of water, requiring about 700 gallons to produce one cotton shirt and 2 000 gallons of water to produce a pair of jeans. Business Insider also cautions that textile dyeing is the world's second-largest polluter of water, since the water leftover from the dyeing process is often dumped into ditches, streams or rivers.

Toxic clothing

Chemicals are used in every part of the textile production for making fibers, bleaching and dyeing fabrics, etc… When they arrive in the shops, our clothes still contain **a lot of chemicals**, even clothes made of "100% natural" fiber. Our skin is our body's largest organ and absorbs anything we put on it, including chemicals in our clothes. These can present a real **danger to our health.**

A Greenpeace study for the Detox Campaign has identified 11 chemicals frequently used to make our clothes that contain toxins, carcinogens, and hormone disruptors which should be banned, but currently aren't.

Textile production is a leading contributor to climate change. The industry produces about 1.2 billion tons of carbon dioxide a year that's more than both international airlines and maritime shipping combined.

What can we do?

The only solution to this environmental problem it's us. Only we can make a change in the fashion industry since we are the costumers and the ones that make them a living.

A. Buy less.

We can't just make fast fashion disappear, and because of the fact that many people can't afford sustainable clothing and they have to stick to fast fashion, the only solution here is to buy just the needed amount. We tend to think that buying new clothes will make us happy. Maybe we should reconsider some foundations of our lifestyle.

"The most environmentally sustainable jacket is the one that's already in your closet…

— Patagonia's Chief Product Officer Lisa Williams

B. Stick to more sustainable brands

More and more fashion brands take into account the environmental and social impact of their production. I'm not going to lie it's obviously easier to go to the nearest mall and buy from H&M, Zara, Poshmark and so on, but maybe it's time to change your mindset and choose the

sustainable brands that will give you long term high quality clothing. To help you save some time from researching I will list below some ethical and sustainable brands.

1. Boden

Ethics | Fair trade apparel, sustainable cotton, eco-friendly practices, ethical supply chain, gives back.

Best For | Dresses for any occasion.

2. Patagonia

Ethics | Fair Trade Certified collections, organic cotton, environmental sustainability.

Best For | Fair trade outdoor clothing.

3. Pact

Ethics | Fair Trade Certified, organic cotton, B Corp.

Best For | Fair trade organic cotton basics.

4. EILEEN FISHER

Ethics | Fair Trade Certified collections, sustainable materials & practices, inclusive sizes.

Best For | Organic linen clothing.

5. Sézane

Ethics | Gives back, fair labor standards, natural & sustainable materials.

Best For | Dresses & blouses.

6. ABLE

Ethics | Female artisan-made in Peru, fair labor practices, B Corp.

Best For | Feminist brand supporting women.

7. Tradlands

Ethics | Ethical production, natural & sustainable materials, recycle remnants.

Best For | Ethical blouses.

8. Outerknown

Ethics | Fair Labor Association & Bluesign certified manufacturing, some Fair Trade Certified products, sustainable practices.

Best For | Women's & men's denim.

9. Alternative Apparel

Ethics | Ethical production, Fair Labor Association, 80+ percent sustainable materials, Green Certified.

Best For | Sustainable activewear & loungewear.

C. Don’t throw out your old clothes.

Before considering getting rid of your old clothing, think about what you can do with them instead of throwing them in the bin, you can try to: try and repair them, donate them, or put them in the textile recycling bin.

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YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY ARE LIKELY TO LIVE LONGER AND BE HEALTHIER THAN ANY OTHER GENERATION

Before hospitals existed and medicine was invented, people died at what we consider to be an early age. Those generations, up to the point where the debut of medicine was marked, were the epiphany of short, but healthy lives. From then on, both technology and junk foods were created to satisfy all types of people, and evolved in an unpredictable and disastrous manner.

The young people of today, including myself, have the privilege of existing in a time where the medical system is functioning at its best and improving, thus allowing us to live a longer life. Sure, there still are incurable diseases, but even with those there have been discovered ways of continuing life..in regards with this point of view, the current generation has an advantage- but is medicine enough to provide it with a happy, worth-living life?

Once with the modernization of the world came technology and other nefarious elements that, at first, were considered as innovative and a must have- such as junk food. Technology is a villain society is permanently confronting with, not only affecting the mental health of both young and old, but also having a negative impact upon their senses and physical lifestyle. The media and other unreliable sources of information take over our mentality, meanwhile junk food plays a pretty crucial role in our physical health and appearance, which can lead to a destructive mind set- this “food” controlling the way we both act and think.

These two, technology and junk food, are the most noticeable disadvantages of the current generation, which definitely make me question whether the people of today live a “healthier” life in comparison with the ones who did not get to touch any phone or any foul piece of food. I personally think that, while we definitely have the possibility of living a longer life, due to the improving medical system, we might not actually be living a healthier and happier one.

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Thanksgiving Mini-Projects



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TURKEY RESCUE

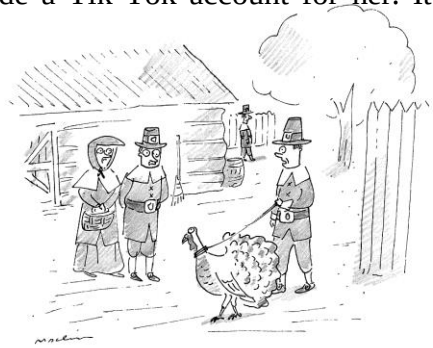
Ever since I was little I wanted a pet turkey, but my parents didn't allow me because they thought I was crazy. The truth is that I'm not. I just believe these animals could be wonderful pets, just like dogs and cats.

This year, one of my American friends sent me the turkey her parents bought for Thanksgiving. She likes animals just as much as me and couldn't let her family kill the poor thing. She sent it to me via post and I received it today. Turns out it's a girl, so I called her Holly. My parents weren't very happy when they saw Holly, but they couldn't take her away from me because I warned them that if they do that, I'll run away from home and I'll take Holly with me. So now she is a happy member of my family.

Tomorrow I'll take her on a walk along with my dog. I forgot to mention that I also have a cat and a dog, but the three of them seemed to get along very well so far. I don't want Holly to wear a leash when I take her out because she is very obedient so I won't have to run around the neighbourhood to get her back. I won't give her baths like I do with my dog because I read online that turkeys don't need baths. I have to feed her with special food, like chicken food. She seems very happy in her new house which makes me really happy as well. The best part is that she can sleep in my room, just like my dog and cat. I can't tell you how grateful I am because I was able to save her and offer her shelter, even if my parents haven't gotten used to her yet.

I'll keep you updated about Holly. I've also made a Tik Tok account for her. It's called *holly.the.turkey* so go follow her!

Lots of love from me and Holly!!!



"He's a rescue." [12]

[12] Web: https://fineartamerica.com/featured/a-pilgrim-walks-a-turkey-on-a-leash-michael-maslin.html.

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LETTER TO MY AMERICAN FRIENDS

November 27, 2020

Dear Americans,

I started my beautiful life when I came out from my mother egg. I was living in a special organized henhouse with my brothers, my father and my mother. We had a quiet life since my father had to be eaten for Thanksgiving. It was a really sad period for us because we lost an important member of our family. We cried a lot and we tried to go back and live our lives like before.

I am different from my family and from the other turkeys because I can speak English. Now, it's my turn to be eaten because it's been over a year since my dad died. I want to change that and to tell you how we feel when one of us needs to be cut. I am trying to explain to you in words but I can't because it's too hard. Try to imagine if you were in our positions. How will you feel? Please try to eat vegetables or fruits, but stop eating our family. It's time to change something. Think about my suggestion.

Respectfully,
The Special Turkey



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[13] Web: https://www.canstockphoto.com/turkey-shopping-online-39786357.html.

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LETTER TO MY AMERICAN PALS

November 26th 2020

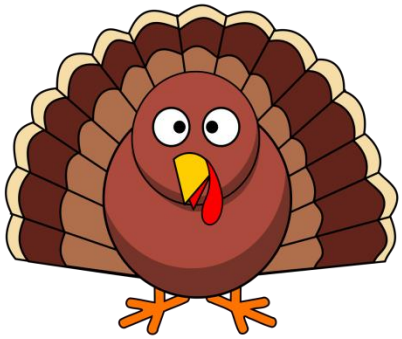
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Dear Americans,

I am writing this letter to you in order to make a proposal, maybe even an agreement with you, about the consumption of turkeys on the Thanksgiving Day.

We have noticed that in the past few years more and more Americans have started to eat turkey in industrial quantities and we are worried about our descendants (we are also worried about your weight but maybe we will write another letter sharing with you our life style for keeping fit). This being the given situation, we have decided to create a new high performance machine of turkeys, especially for the Unites States of America that you could use, instead of eating us.

We have been working on it for 6 months (yeah, I know, faster than you succeed in creating the COVID-19 cure) and you should trust us because it has been tested in every way it should has been and it doesn't represent any danger. It consists of a machine, in which you can insert any object and the machine will convert it in a fresh delicious turkey.

[14] Web: https://flagpole.com/featured/2020/11/18/thanksgiving-dinner-take-out-options/.

The advantages would be: the turkeys from that machine are not injected with any substance, which makes it a natural deliciousness; this turkeys have a longer term of validity than us, you can cook it 3 days before and it will stay the same on Thanksgiving day and they are also going to last around 10 and 12 days after you prepare it; these turkeys don't have the component that gives drowsiness as we do.

As a bonus, we won't tell you how it works (because we all have the secret recipe, right?), but we have set the machine so that us to give special turkeys, from which you can only gain 50 grams (per turkey).

We would be THANKFUL if you will consider our proposal and we hope that we could collaborate with you also in order to other circumstances, because, as you can see, our IQ is pretty strong. Until then, we are waiting for your answer. Thank you in advance!

Yours faithfully,
Turkey The Turkish

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THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

Dear Americans,

It is I, Gobble Von Gobbleson The 23rd.I am writing this letter in order to convince you not to eat turkey for Thanksgiving and I am sure you'll be able to understand even though your species is not as smart as mine.

Firstly, I would suggest replacing us with chickens or even ducks. Let's be real, chickens are not that smart. If you take one she'll think she's going on vacation. Technically she is, if you consider going to the butcher a vacation :)

Secondly, chickens and ducks are more at hand than turkeys and cheaper, too! If you feed chickens or ducks with bread or corn they don't complain meanwhile we have a reputation and some beautiful feathers to maintain. Fill the orange duck, eat the orange duck and leave the turkeys alone.

My final words in this letter are going to be addressed to the ones that still want turkey for the Thanksgiving dinner: Be like my vegans out there and eat some tofu turkey lads!!

Yours lovingly,
Gobble Von Gobbleson The 23rd



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[15] Web: https://www.dreamstime.com/illustration/angry-turkey.html.

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MY DEAR PERSON

Dear person,

I never thought that I would find someone as understanding and as kind with my lil' "all over the place" soul and character. I also never thought that I would find someone so passionate about life and the meaning of it as you are.

It's such a blessing to be a part of your life every single day, to watch you grow into this amazing human being that you are for sure meant to be. You are my inspiration for many reasons, always making me achieve more for myself, fighting for my well-being, teaching me important lessons that I strive to remember and live by until the day I die.

You were so close to me all my life, yet so far regarding our knowing of each other, but life always has a way to bring people together if they are meant to be together, you know? Even though this year has been a challenge, in many aspects, with ups and downs, for sure you are the best thing that happened to me.

I'm lucky to have a best friend and also someone to love so deeply in one, I think that's one of the best relationships you can have with someone.

I'd like to thank you again for existing and for being such an amazing person.

Love you always,
yours Diana :>

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I REALLY APRECIATE YOU

-you've seen every side of me.
-you can tolerate me.
-you know how to calm me down.

I appreciate you because you are the best (and most likely you think it is not so but I assure you that it is) you always try to make it come out as good as possible. I believe in you and I am sure that you will be able to do everything you set out.

I want to thank you for being by my side because you believed in me and in your eyes I am more perfect than in reality. I appreciate you because my story was so simple and uninteresting until you showed up and I learned that life is short and you have to enjoy every moment you have.

"The wrong one will find you in peace and leave you in pieces but the right one will find you in pieces and lead you to peace."

I'm sorry it wasn't as it should be but know that I will never give up on you because it is the best part of every day.

So, thank you for existing in my life and thank you for being my white in my black world.

And most importantly, don't forget to be yourself all the time.

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TURKEYS ESCAPE FROM TURKEY FARM

JUST DAYS BEFORE THANKSGIVING

A few days before Thanksgiving, the turkeys managed to escape. How did they succeed? I'll tell you.

At a farm on the outskirts of the village there were 15 turkeys, 5 females, 5 males and 5 chicks. A month before Thanksgiving, they made an escape plan. The hours at which they were fed were known. Now you will ask me:'' where do turkeys get the notion of time?'' Although they are just birds, they are very intelligent. From the things found in the barn they managed to make a kind of wooden car, roomy for everyone. The men worked day and night, and the women stood guard while the little ones slept. The one who took care of the turkeys would close them in the evening at 20.50. Two days before Thanksgiving, all the turkeys were sold, the next morning the buyers had to come. So that evening, at 7 o'clock, the turkeys escaped. Wooden car adapted so that the 5 males could drive it, flapping its wings and with its beak started. Wondering how they did it? All the people on the farm were in the house next door, taking and preparing the last things needed for sale. All buyers wanted live birds.

So the people were left without the turkeys they were to sacrifice. Everyone lost both farmers and buyers. But who won? Of course, turkeys. Where did they go? In the land of turkeys, everyone lives there happily.

Long life for turkeys, a different day of Thanksgiving.

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THE BEAUTIES OF THE BRITISH ISLES

One of the beautiful countries located in the British Isles is Scotland. Covering the northern third of the island of Great Britain, Scotland is a country that is part of the United Kingdom. Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland and one of its 32 council areas. The city has long been a centre of education, particularly in the fields of medicine, Scots law, literature, philosophy, the sciences and engineering. It is the second largest financial centre in the United Kingdom (after London) and the city's historical and cultural attractions have made it the United Kingdom's second most visited tourist destination attracting 4.9 million visits including 2.4 million from overseas in 2018, so if you want to visit it in the near future, you should book some tickets as soon as you can, and give it a try.

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Firstly, Edinburgh is a wonderful destination for tourists to visit. The city has many museums and libraries, including the" National Museum of Scotland", the "National Library of Scotland", "National War Museum", the "Museum of Edinburgh", "Writers' Museum" and "Museum of Childhood", so you can never get bored.

[16] Web: https://blog.radissonblu.com/the-hottest-new-event-destinations/edinburgh-scottish-heritage/.

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Secondly, if you are not really into museums or historical buildings, you can also visit the "Edinburgh Zoo", covering over 33 ha on Corstorphine Hill, which is the second most visited paid tourist attraction in Scotland, and currently home for two giant pandas, Tian Tian and Yang Guang, on loan from the People's Republic of China.

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However, if you like art, then you should probably see at least one of the three Scotland's National Galleries of Art that Edinburgh contains as well as smaller art galleries. The national collection is housed in the "Scottish National Gallery", located on The Mound, comprising the linked "National Gallery of Scotland" building and the "Royal Scottish Academy" building. Contemporary collections are shown in the "Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art" which occupies a split site at Belford. The" Scottish National Portrait Gallery" on Queen Street focuses on portraits and photography.

[17] Web: https://www.nms.ac.uk/explore-our-collections/resources/architecture-trail-of-the-national-museum-of-scotland/.
[18] Web: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tian_Tian_(female_giant_panda).

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Finally, if you are looking for a wonderful and memorable destination to visit with your friends or family in the future, I suggest you to come to Edinburgh because, in my opinion, it is a beautiful city with lots of interesting things to do and to see and I'm pretty sure you won't get bored that easily or regret going there. The city is both quiet and fun with many activities to be done and shops prepared for you to step a foot in. So that being said, I think you will have a lot of fun if you choose Edinburgh as your next holiday destination and if you are dreaming of the perfect place for nearest vacation.

[19] Web: https://www.scottish-places.info/features/featurefirst992.html.

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LIVERPOOL

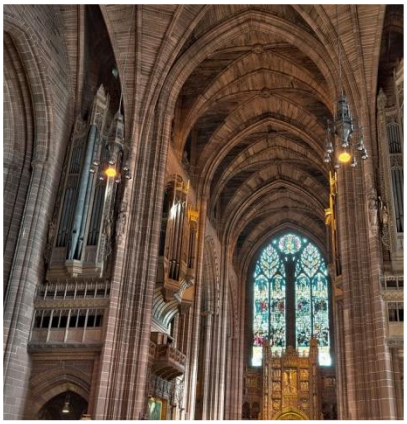
Liverpool is an English city famous for the Beatles and the much loved Liverpool football team. The city of Liverpool is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is full of wonderful places waiting to be discovered.



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It is a city with many interesting monuments such as master cathedrals, The Beatles Story Museum, Tate Galleries, Williamson Tunnels and many more. Liverpool is also an important industrial port - second only to London, and played an important role during the Industrial Revolution.

You will find in Liverpool many beautiful buildings built in Georgian or Victorian style, the oldest Chinatown in Europe and many other world famous attractions. A tourist attraction is the Albert Docks with its elegant restaurants, shops and the Merseyside Maritime Museum and Tate Liverpool. International Beatles Week animates the city every year and unites fans of this band from all over the world.


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[20] Web: https://www.facebook.com/BeatlesStoryLiverpool/.
[21] Web: https://theculturetrip.com/europe/united-kingdom/articles/the-most-impressive-buildings-in-liverpool-uk/.

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Your visit to Liverpool would be incomplete if you didn't visit the imposing buildings that house various museums such as the World Museum Liverpool, The Beatles Story - the only museum in the world dedicated to the Beatles, the Merseyside Maritime Museum, the Tate Galleries, the Walker Art Galleries or the Art Galleries. Victoria Museum. You will find many religious sites such as Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool Cathedral - a building with a special architecture and the Church of St. Nicholas and the Virgin Mary on top of which is the third Liver Bird.

A very attractive tourist attraction is the dock complex called Albert Docks - the first structure in UK made of iron, brick and stone. Albert Docks were the first fireproof warehouses in the world, and their visit is particularly interesting. Another equally interesting construction is the Bluecoat building - the oldest art center in the UK.

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Next, you will discover the elegance of Liverpool City Hall built of stone in 1754. You will be attracted by the design of the building, as the City Hall has two main facades with Corinthian columns. Inside, on the ground floor there is the Council Hall and a Memorial Hall which is open to soldiers killed in the First World War, and upstairs there are some graceful rooms, used for various events.

So come and visit Liverpool, you will not regret it.

[22] Web: https://theculturetrip.com/europe/united-kingdom/articles/the-most-impressive-buildings-in-liverpool-uk/.
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Recreation

Scotland's natural environment provides a fantastic backdrop for a wide range of outdoor recreation activities, ranging from dog walking and visiting parks to mountain biking, hillwalking, golfing and water sports.

Increasing our understanding of the natural world: Participation in outdoor recreation and activities, such as volunteering, provides opportunities for people to learn more about the natural world and to care for a resource that is valuable to the whole community. Loch LOMOND AND THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK, Cairngorms National Park and Forestry and Land Scotland are some of the environmental organisations which offer a range of volunteering opportunities. Volunteer Scotland can help people find outdoor volunteering opportunities in their area.

Think of outdoor activities in Scotland and golf may come to mind. Every year, prestigious and ancient courses beckon thousands of golfers from all over the world to experience the sport. However, this is also a land and coast made for exploration and adrenaline-pumping adventures! You can mountain bike down rugged alpine terrain, navigate an aerial assault course across a forest canopy, scale the lofty heights of the Cairngorms, or glide along the shoreline of a Hebridean island in a sea kayak. From world-class watersports, walking and cycling to aqualining, the possibilities for getting active in Scotland's magnificent great outdoors are endless!

Tourism

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Scotland is generally seen as a destination with beautiful scenery combined with thousands of history Bronze Age, Iron Age and Stone Age remains. There are also many historic castles, houses, and battlegrounds, ruins and museums. Many people are drawn by the culture of Scotland.

The main tourist season is generally from April to October. In addition to these factors, the national tourist agency, VisitScotland, have deployed a strategy of niche marketing, aimed at exploiting, amongst other things, Scotland's strengths in golf, fishing and food and drink tourism.

Popular Destinations

Edinburgh is the capital city. The Old and New Towns of the city constitute a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Edinburgh is the largest tourist destination in Scotland, and the second largest in the United Kingdom after London. The cities' major tourist attractions include Edinburgh Castle, Edinburgh Zoo, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Our Dynamic Earth and the Royal Mile. It has four universities including the University of Edinburgh founded in 1583

Glasgow is the largest city in the country, and the second largest tourist destination after Edinburgh. Its attractions include the Burrell Collection, Glasgow Cathedral, the Glasgow Science Centre and the Kelvingrove Museum. In addition to this many tourists come to Glasgow

[24] Web: https://www.planetware.com/scotland/best-time-to-visit-scotland-sco-1-17.htm.

for its renowned Victorian architecture and Gothic architecture as well as its shopping. The city has three universities, including the University of Glasgow founded in 1451, and is a UNESCO City of Music which hosts the world renowned Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

Stirling is a historic city in central Scotland, some 30 miles to the north-west of Edinburgh, and is generally known as the "Gateway to the Highlands", due to its geographical position between highland and lowland Scotland. Amongst its attractions are Stirling Castle, the Wallace National Monument and the Thieves Pot/Thistles Centre.

Ayrshire offers wonderful scenery, outdoor activities, enthralling history with links to William Wallace, Robert the Bruce and Scotland's best known poet, Robert Burns. Ayrshire also offers some of the finest golf courses in the world (32 in total). North Ayrshire hosts Kelburn Castle which is famous for its Graffiti Project.

Inverness is the administrative centre for the Highlands, close to Loch Ness and serves as a transport hub for much of the Highlands, with rail and bus services departing here too much of the northern and west Highlands. It is a popular destination for tourists wishing to explore the north of Scotland.

Scotland also has many lochs, including Loch Lamond, and Loch Ness, which is considered by some to be the home of the Loch Ness monster. There are also many rivers, which are good for salmon and fly fishing. These include the Tay, Tweed, Don, and Dee.

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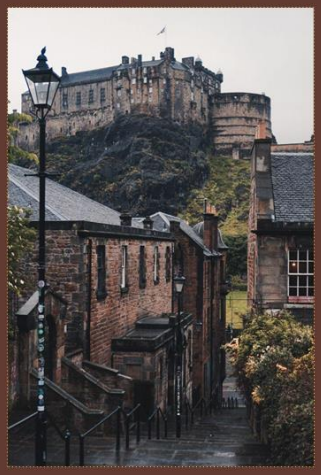
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A TOUR THROUGH EDINBURGH

Edinburgh Castle

The most known attraction in Edinburgh is the Edinburgh Castle, one of the oldest fortified places in Europe. It has an ample history as a royal residence, military garrison, prison and fortress. Though parts of it remain in military use, the castle is now a world-famous visitor attraction. It's also an iconic part of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site.

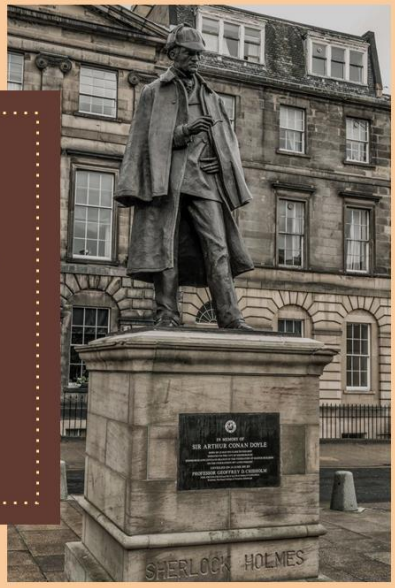


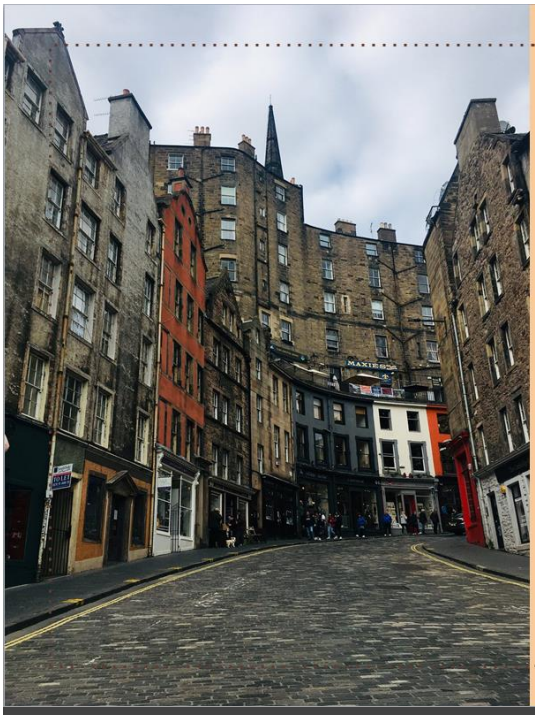
Edinburgh Castle Virtual Tour

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the Sherlock Holmes statue

For the Sherlock Holmes novels' fans, seeing the Sherlock Holmes statue near York Place is a must! Edinburgh is also the place where Arthur Conan Doyle was born.





More of a Harry Potter fan? The Harry Potter Tour through Edinburgh must be exactly what you're looking for! Here you can find out how the city inspired J. K. Rowling to write the books. Listen to gossip and trivia you might normally miss, among other fans just like you, while visiting and discovering the hidden gems of the city!

How about some spooky tours?





Edinburgh Darkside Walking Tour

It might sound like the average tour of a city, but this one will show you the dark history of Edinburgh. Keep in mind that this tour usually begins around evening.



Ghost Bus Tour of Edinburgh

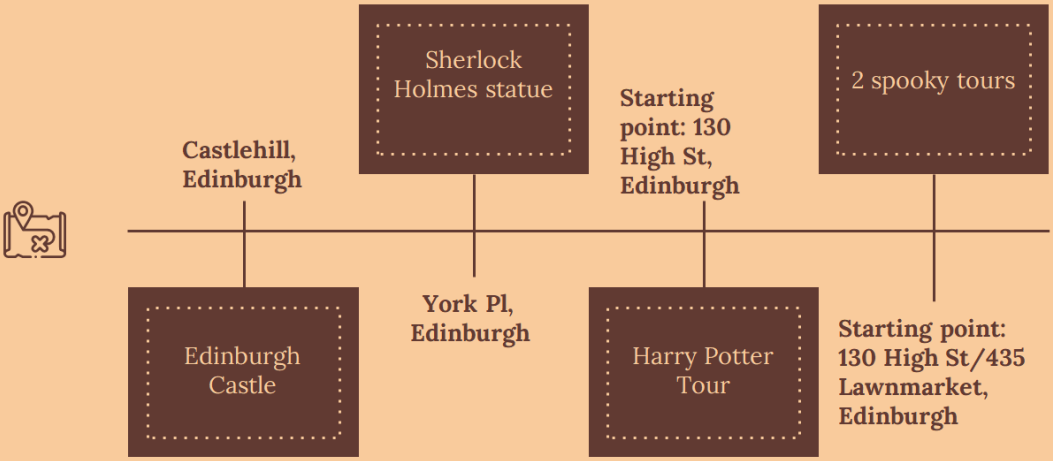
This is also an interesting tour of the city, but in a vintage double-decker bus.

Let's compare these two!*

	Edinburgh Darkside Walking Tour	Ghost Bus Tour of Edinburgh
Price (for 1 adult)	$20	$25
Duration	2h	1h
Inclusions	Professional guide	• Professional guide • Transport by Routemaster
Languages offered	• English • German • Spanish	English

*according to Tripadvisor

Overview + Locations



Sources

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3 The Official Edinburgh Castle Website

4 The Ghost Bus Tours

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SCOTLAND
WEATHER AND CLIME

The weather in Scotland doesn't differ that much from other areas in the UK although Scotland is a bit more cloudy, somewhat wetter, windier and the average temperatures are lower, especially in the (far) north, scots sometimes describe weather because is grey and gloomy using the Scots language word dreich. Overall one can say that the weather in Scotland is very changeable and depending on the season, altitude and region.

Ok. Now let's talk about the seasons in Scotland and what you can do in each:



1. Winter:

December, January and February are generally the coldest months in Scotland, with the average maximum temperature usually around 5°C +We can't guarantee that you will have a white Christmas but you will surely enjoy snow sports, [25] their season varies each year, but generally it runs from November to April . A fact is that Scotland's five ski centres provide some of the best value snowboarding and skiing in Europe.

2. Spring:



You can expect average maximum temperatures to range from approximately 7°C to 13 °C during the months of March, April and May. A beautiful time to visit, this season sees daffodils, bluebells, cherry blossom and rhododendrons bursting into bloom. With sprightly wildlife and a milder [26] breeze in the air, there are plenty of activities to enjoy.

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3. Summer:



June, July and August are normally the warmest months in Scotland, with average maximum temperatures ranging from approximately 15°C to 17°C Scotland's high latitude means that we enjoy lovely long summer days. At this time of year there is actually no complete [27] darkness in the far north of Scotland.

4. Autumn:



The colours of autumn are eye-catching and vibrant, as the trees change from green to fiery reds, oranges and yellows. It's a perfect time of year to snap some photographs as you take an invigorating autumn amble through the forest.
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I truly recommend you to visit Scotland in all the seasons, because in all of them you can find funny activities and lovely views. However I'd give you an advice to try to avoid going in holidays in November to February , these are typically the months with winter storms, snow, rain, ferry disruptions and little daylight, but you can also take some gorgeous pictures and enjoy the snow sports in those months.

I hope you will enjoy your holidays in Scotland! And don't forget to have the right clothes on you, because as the Scots say 'there's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes!'.

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WALES

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

In Wales, a country belonging to the United Kingdom and overlooking the Irish Sea, the climate is oceanic, cool, humid and cloudy for most of the year. The wind blows frequently, too. However, there are differences depending on the area. The coasts are milder, while the inland areas, where hills and low mountains are found, are colder and can experience heavy snowfalls in winter. Precipitation is abundant on the south-western coast and in inland hills, where it exceeds 1500 millimeters per year.



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[30] Web: https://walescoastpath.co.uk/best-beaches-wales-coast-path/.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Wales is usually wetter than England, with slightly less sunshine. However, temperatures in the costal areas can be very warm during summer, ranging from 15 degrees Celsius up to 25 degrees. Conditions in upland areas such as the peaks of Snowdonia or the Brecon Beacons can be changeable at all times of the year, so be prepared for sudden downpours in summer, but also in winter.

The hottest time in Wales is from June to August, but it is also the busiest since it coincides with school holidays. During these times, beaches and hotels are full and attractions are a frenzy of queues.

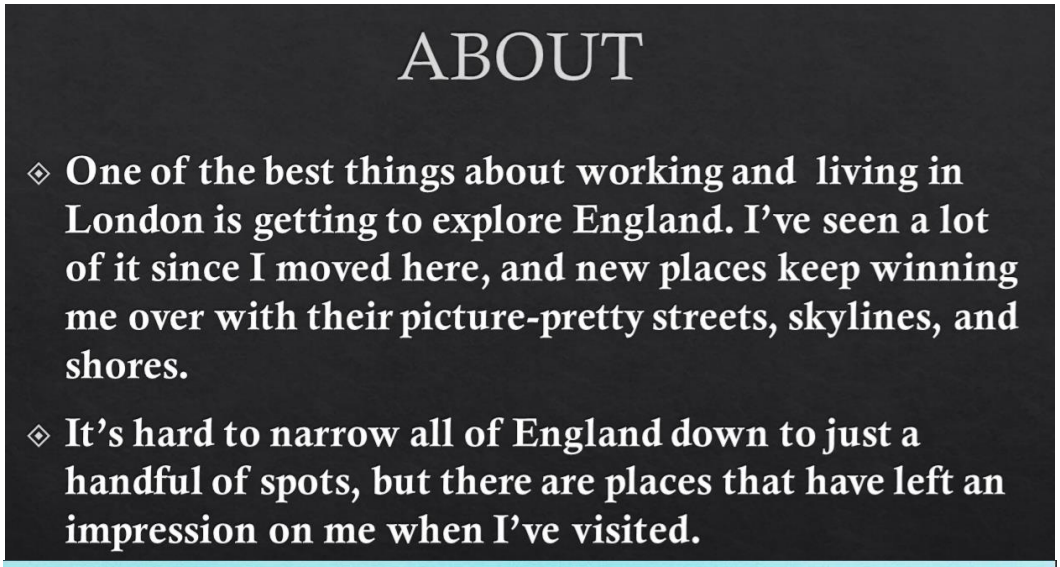
Outside of the holidays, May and September are the best months when tourists are able to experience lovely warm days without too much of a crowd.

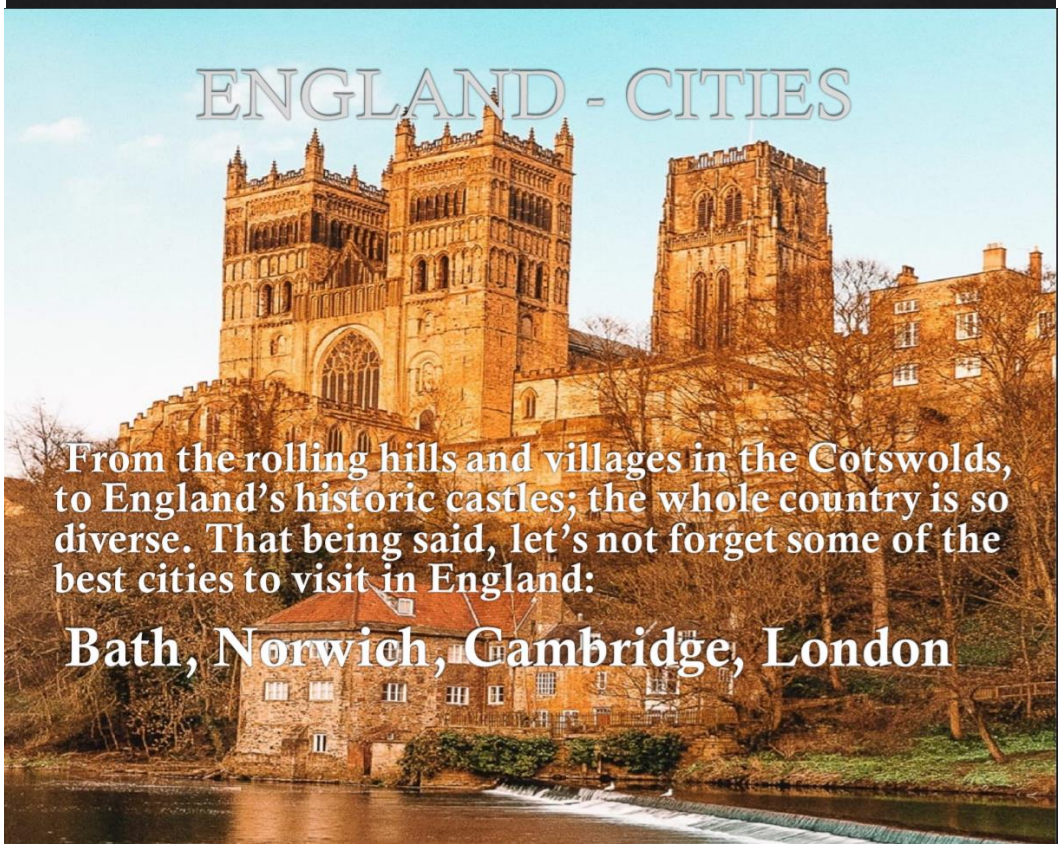
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THE BEAUTY OF ENGLAND





BATH



Bath is the largest city in the county of Somerset, England, known for and named after its Roman-built baths. In 2011, the population was 88,859. Bath is in the valley of the River Avon, 97 miles (156 km) west of London and 11 miles (18 km) southeast of Bristol. The city became a World Heritage site in 1987.

Bath has up to 1.3 million yearly visitors, making it one of ten English cities visited most by overseas tourists. Attractions include their Bath spas, canal boat tours, The Royal Crescent, Bath Skyline, Parade Gardens and Royal Victoria Park which hosts carnivals and seasonal events.

HISTORY

- The city became a spa with the Latin name Aquae Sulis ("the waters of Sulis") c. 60 AD when the Romans built baths and a temple in the valley of the River Avon, although hot springs were known even before then.

- Bath Abbey was founded in the 7th century and became a religious centre; the building was rebuilt in the 12th and 16th centuries. In the 17th century, claims were made for the curative properties of water from the springs, and Bath became popular as a spa town in the Georgian era. Georgian architecture, crafted from Bath stone, includes the Royal Crescent, Circus, Pump Room and Assembly Rooms where Beau Nash presided over the city's social life from 1705 until his death in 1761.

ROMAN BATHS

The Roman Baths are a well-preserved thermae in the city of Bath, Somerset, England. A temple was constructed on the site between 60-70CE in the first few decades of Roman Britain. Its presence led to the development of the small Roman urban settlement known as Aquae Sulis around the site. The Roman baths—designed for public bathing—were used until the end of Roman rule in Britain in the 5th Century CE. According to the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, the original Roman baths were in ruins a century later. The area around the natural springs was redeveloped several times during the Early and Late Middle Ages.





The Roman Baths are preserved in four main features: the Sacred Spring, the Roman Temple, the Roman Bath House, and a museum which holds artefacts from Aquae Sulis. However, all buildings at street level date from the 19th century. It is a major tourist attraction in the UK, and together with the Grand Pump Room, receives more than 1.3 million visitors annually. Visitors can tour the baths and museum but cannot enter the water.

ROYAL CRESCENT

The Royal Crescent is a row of 30 terraced houses laid out in a sweeping crescent in the city of Bath, England. Designed by the architect John Wood, the Younger and built between 1767 and 1774, it is among the greatest examples of Georgian architecture to be found in the United Kingdom and is a Grade I listed building. Although some changes have been made to the various interiors over the years, the Georgian stone facade remains much as it was when first built.

The 500-foot-long (150 m) crescent has 114 Ionic columns on the first floor with an entablature in a Palladian style above. It was the first crescent of terraced houses to be built and an example of "rus in urbe" (the country in the city) with its views over the parkland opposite.



Many notable people have either lived or stayed in the Royal Crescent since it was built over 240 years ago, and some are commemorated on special plaques attached to the relevant buildings. Of the crescent's 30 townhouses, 10 are still full-size townhouses; 18 have been split into flats of various sizes; one is the No. 1 Royal Crescent museum and the large central house at number 16 is the Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa.

ROYAL VICTORIA PARK

- Royal Victoria Park is located in Bath, England. It was opened in 1830 by the 11-year-old Princess Victoria seven years before her ascension to the throne and was the first park to carry her name, with an obelisk dedicated to her. It was privately run as part of the Victorian public park movement until 1921 when it was taken over by the Bath Corporation.

- The park is overlooked by the Royal Crescent and consists of 57 acres (231,000 m²) with attractions that include a skateboard ramp, tennis, bowling and putting green and 12 and 18 hole golf course, open-air concerts, a large children's play area and a 9-acre (36,000 m²) botanical garden. Seasonal attractions include carnival fairs and hosted events.

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It has received a Green Flag award, the national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales and is Grade I registered by Historic England on the National Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.

SHOPPING AND MUSEUMS

- Shopping areas include SouthGate shopping centre, retail arcade The Corridor and artisan or market shops near and around the streets of Walcot, Milsom, Stall and York.
- There is a theatre, Theatre Royal, Bath, as well as several museums including the Museum of Bath Architecture, the Victoria Art Gallery, the Museum of East Asian Art, the Herschel Museum of Astronomy, Fashion Museum, and the Holburne Museum.



The impeccable heritage is just part of the story. Bath is a lively thriving city where ancient history and Georgian elegance sit comfortably alongside in the 21st century cosmopolitan buzz. Whether you unwind in chic cocktail bars, theaters or natural hot springs or maybe retail therapy Bath is always the perfect place.
I am sure you will enjoy it!

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MĀORI CULTURE

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Māori culture is an integral part of life in New Zealand, influencing everything from cuisine to customs, and language. Māori are the tangata whenua, the indigenous people, of New Zealand. Today, one in seven New Zealanders identify as Māori. Their history, language and traditions are central to New Zealand's identity.

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[31] Web: https://www.stayatbase.com/new-zealand/experience-maori-culture/.
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The best place to observe Māori culture is on a marae, which is a sacred communal meeting space. In regions such as Northland, Auckland or Rotorua, you can visit a marae to experience a traditional Māori welcome. During a marae visit, you'll also hear Māori speeches and singing, see carved meeting houses, greet the locals with a hongi (pressing of the noses) and enjoy a hāngī feast cooked in earth ovens.

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Performing arts or kapa haka, which incorporate harmonious singing, rhythmic dancing, and Māori dances such as the haka, are a must-see for any visitor. Many marae visits and Māori cultural tours include a kapa haka performance, with the most renowned place for these shows being Rotorua in the North Island.

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I highly recommend visiting New Zealand, because New Zealanders' place in the South Pacific, and their love of the outdoors, sport, and the arts make them and their culture unique in the world.

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New Zealand

New Zealand is an island country situated near the Australia.

Here, the weather is sunny most of the time and the nature bursts with new life. The fresh, happy atmosphere during spring makes this an inspiring time of year to visit. The countryside is spectacular. Crisp mornings, clear skies, and bright sunny days are typical. Springtime is a good moment to visit Fiordland. It's the best season to get those iconic photos of colourful lupins.



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One of the most spectacular things to do is to visit the Hokitika Gorge situated in the West Coast. The vivid turquoise water surrounded by lush native bush looks like a fairytale view. There are some unique and hidden locations to explore.

[35] Web: https://www.roughguides.com/new-zealand/auckland/.
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Hokitika Gorge, West Coast

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Walking and hiking throughout New Zealand is the best way to see beautiful landscapes and explore vast wilderness areas. From leisurely nature trails that brings unique ecosystems into focus, to challenging multi-day adventures and untouched wilderness.

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Finally, I would like to mention the fact that these areas full of nature are worth visiting because they represent an oasis of relaxation. The spectacular views delight our eyes as well as our souls, so we get as close as possible to nature.

Thank you!

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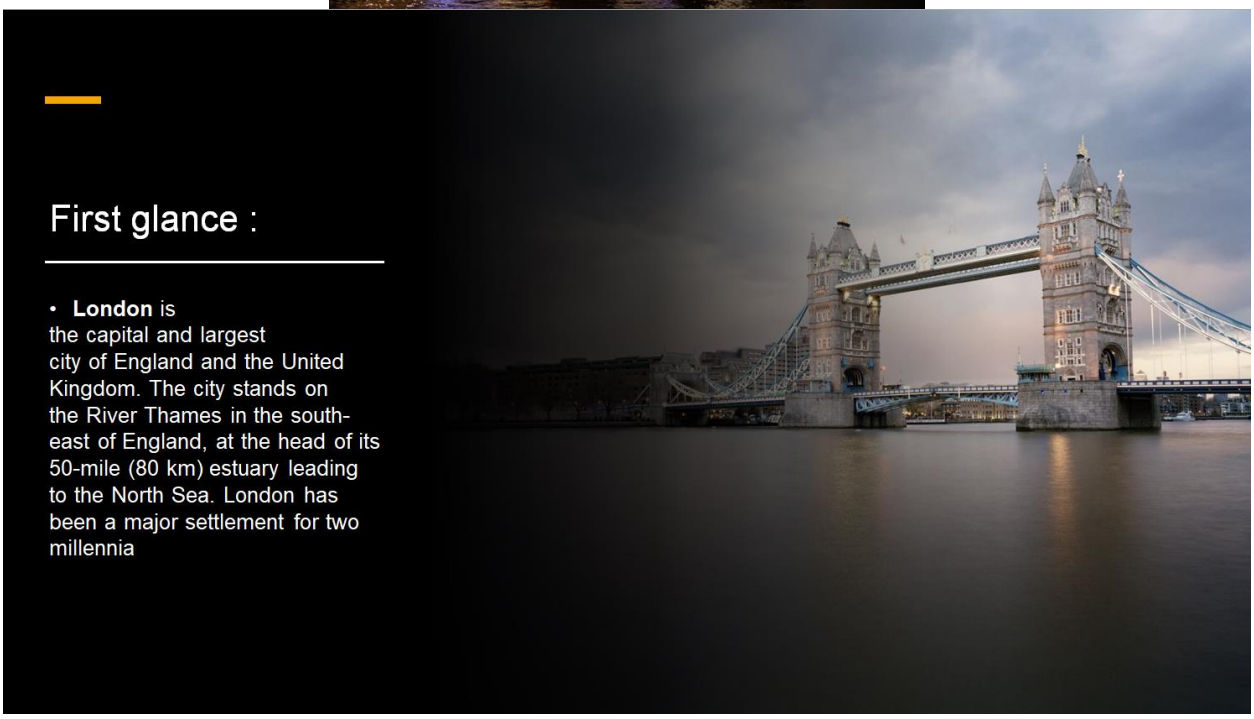
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LONDON: A DREAM OF A CITY





What is so special about London?



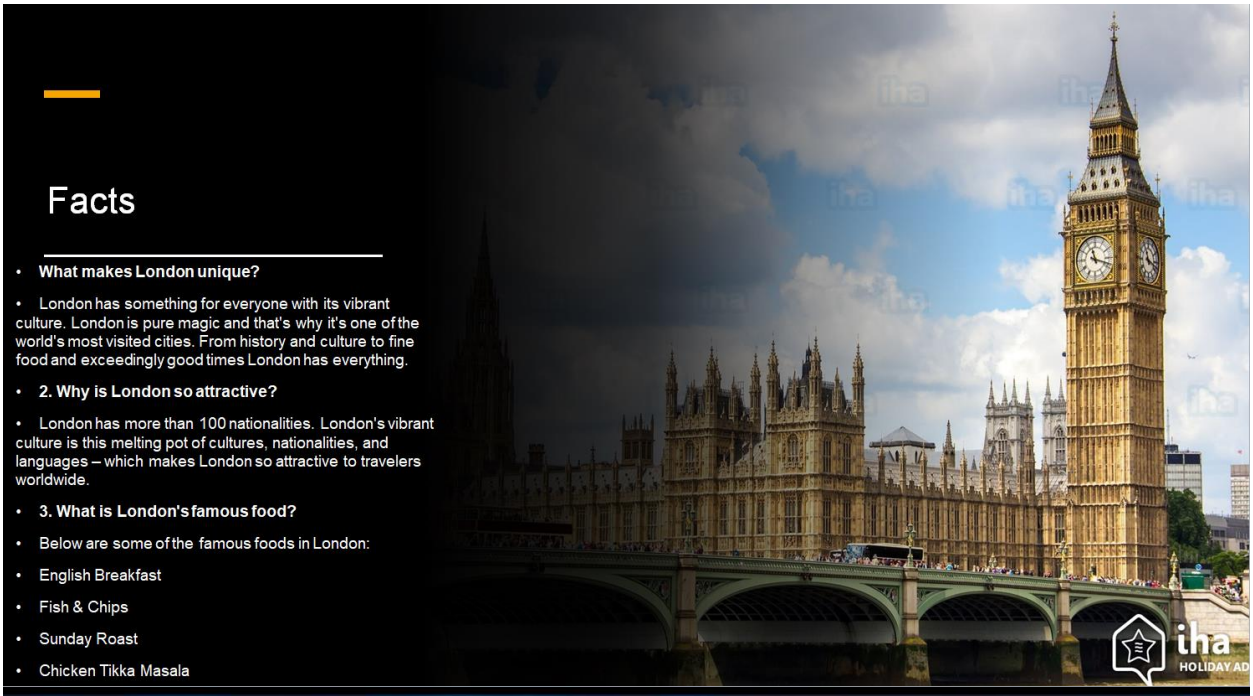
- London is, without a doubt, a place that's steeped in history. The city is romanticised in a way few others capitals are. But what if we're still a little mystified about what makes London unique? If we are, then it can be a bit more challenging to rationalise taking the trip to the city – even if we're inundated with information proclaiming just how great it is.

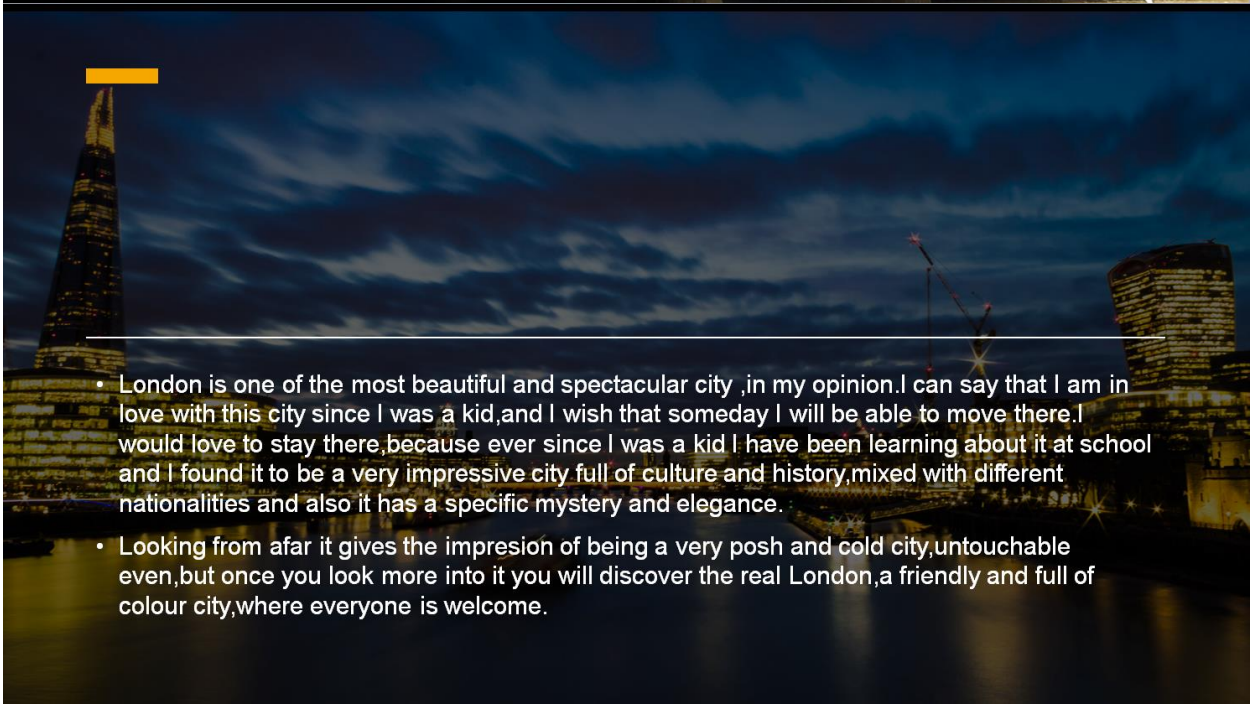


AMAZING FACTS ABOUT CENTRAL LONDON THAT MAKE IT UNIQUE

- Perhaps the most shocking fact about London is that it's the most multicultural city in Europe. More than 250 nationalities can be found here, and with so many languages spoken, it makes easy for new visitors to feel welcome. Diversity is at the core of London's values, and that can be a welcome relief for many tourists in the city.




Facts
• What makes London unique?
• London has something for everyone with its vibrant culture. London is pure magic and that's why it's one of the world's most visited cities. From history and culture to fine food and exceedingly good times London has everything.
• 2. Why is London so attractive?
• London has more than 100 nationalities. London's vibrant culture is this melting pot of cultures, nationalities, and languages – which makes London so attractive to travelers worldwide.
• 3. What is London's famous food?
• Below are some of the famous foods in London:
• English Breakfast
• Fish & Chips
• Sunday Roast
• Chicken Tikka Masala
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HOLIDAY AD


• London is one of the most beautiful and spectacular city ,in my opinion.I can say that I am in love with this city since I was a kid,and I wish that someday I will be able to move there.I would love to stay there,because ever since I was a kid I have been learning about it at school and I found it to be a very impressive city full of culture and history,mixed with different nationalities and also it has a specific mystery and elegance.
• Looking from afar it gives the impresion of being a very posh and cold city,untouchable even,but once you look more into it you will discover the real London,a friendly and full of colour city,where everyone is welcome.

8 Reasons for living in London

- **1. It's a mixing pot of cultures**

The UK's capital is one of the **most culturally diverse cities** in the world. There are over 300 different languages spoken in London, and one-third of Londoners were born overseas. Not only does this make for an interesting variety of people to make friends with, but you can also enjoy authentic food from all over the world, on your doorstep.

- **2. Cost of living is expensive, YES… but wages are higher!**

It's no secret that living in London is expensive. In fact, it's one of the most expensive cities in the world. However, the salaries (usually) more than cover the extra living expenses. The average salary in London is £2,814 / €3,100 a month after tax. Other European cities have average salaries that are considerably lower. For example, in Amsterdam, the average take-home salary per month is €2,906. In Barcelona, the average monthly salary after tax is €1,436, whilst Budapests average net wage is just €751 a month.

- **3. Getting the job, the right job**

The best thing to do is find a job before you move to London to avoid paying the high cost of living without the salary to cover it. However, job opportunities in London are endless, so if you're able to support yourself for a couple of weeks, why not head over and start having a look! No matter what field you are in. Comer Real Estate, bankers, artists, accountants or journalists, there is a job for you in London.

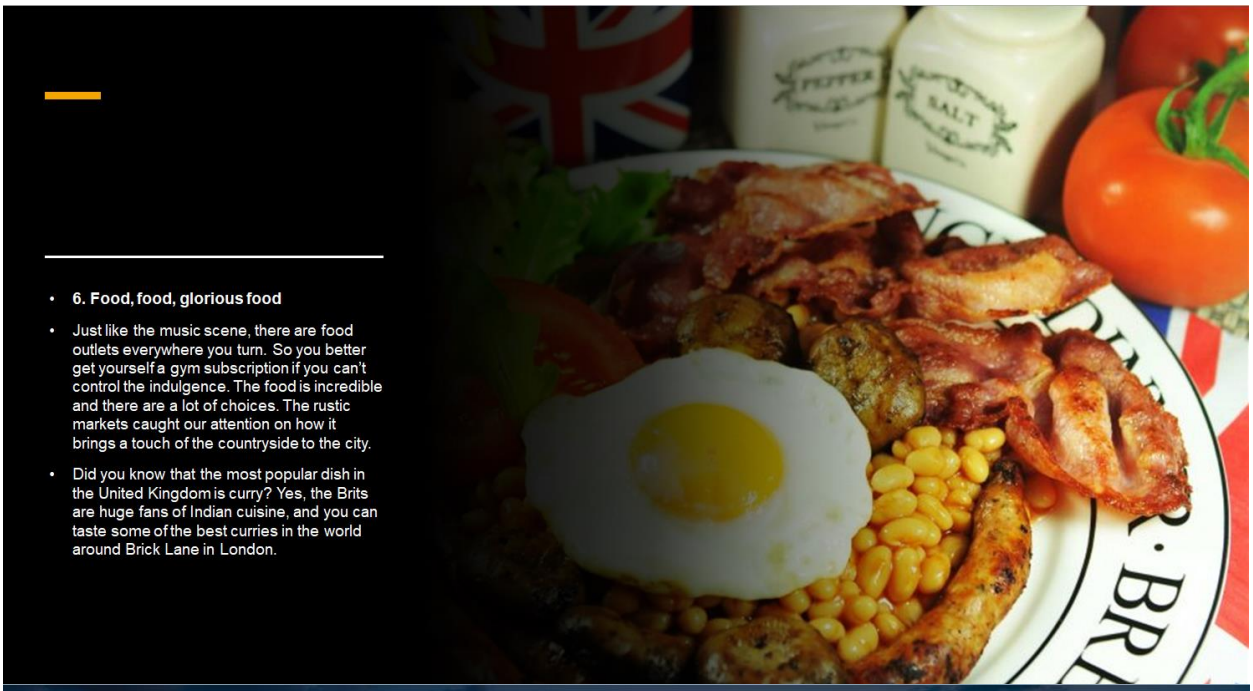


4. The Neighborhoods

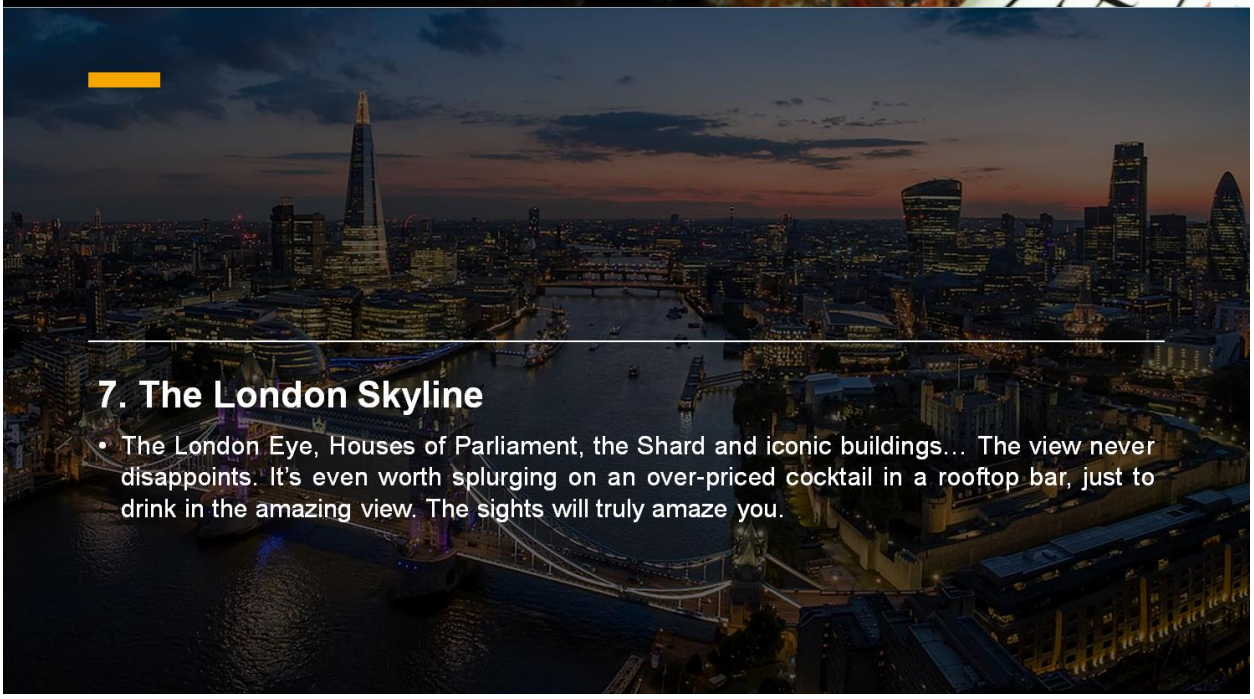
Are you a hipster? A fashion enthusiast? Corporate junkie? From Camden to Croydon, you're sure to find a spot in London that you'll absolutely love and suits your lifestyle and your needs. Not only that, but you can quite literally travel to foreign lands without ever leaving the city. For a taste of Italy, head to Little Venice. It might not be as sunny, but it does have its fair share of authentic Italian restaurants. Then there's Chinatown. It has some of the best dumplings we've ever tasted.

5. Them Londoners

English humour is not world-renowned for nothing. Yes it's dry, yes it's sarcastic, but once you've had your taste of it, you'll never look back. From Camden to Westminster, you'll find quirky, alternative, interesting Londoners wherever you turn. Everyone is a character

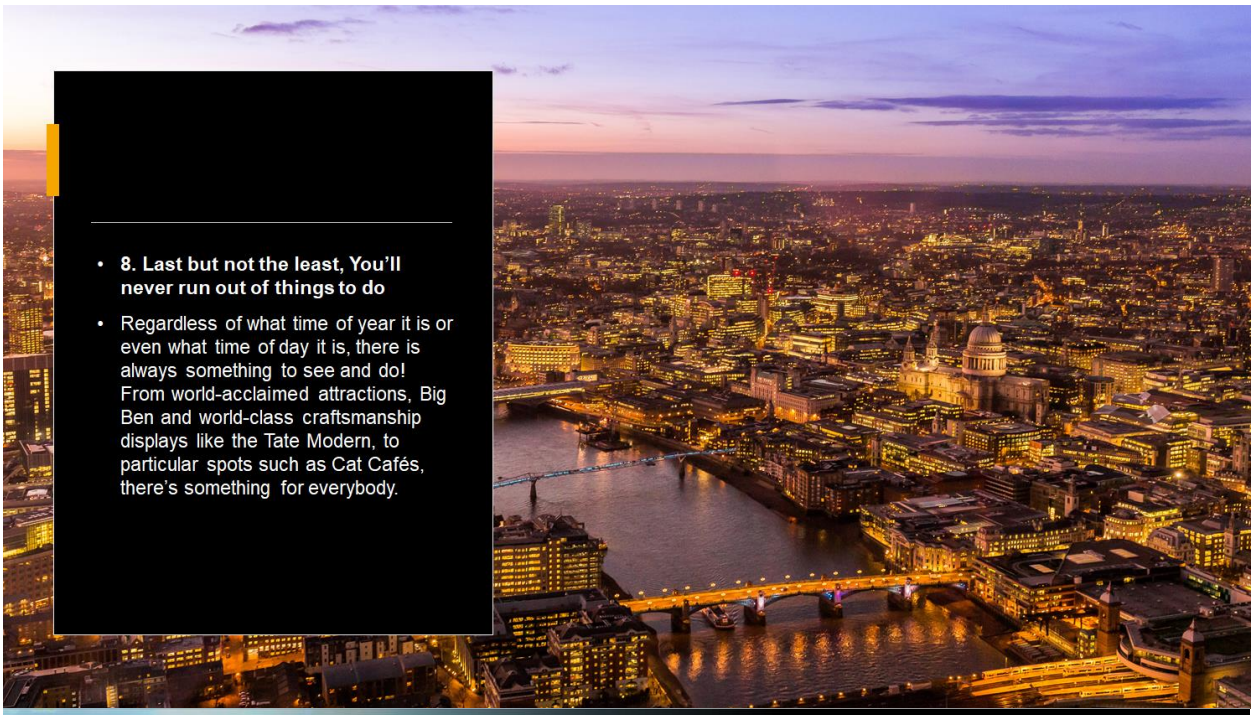


- **6. Food, food, glorious food**
- Just like the music scene, there are food outlets everywhere you turn. So you better get yourself a gym subscription if you can't control the indulgence. The food is incredible and there are a lot of choices. The rustic markets caught our attention on how it brings a touch of the countryside to the city.
- Did you know that the most popular dish in the United Kingdom is curry? Yes, the Brits are huge fans of Indian cuisine, and you can taste some of the best curries in the world around Brick Lane in London.

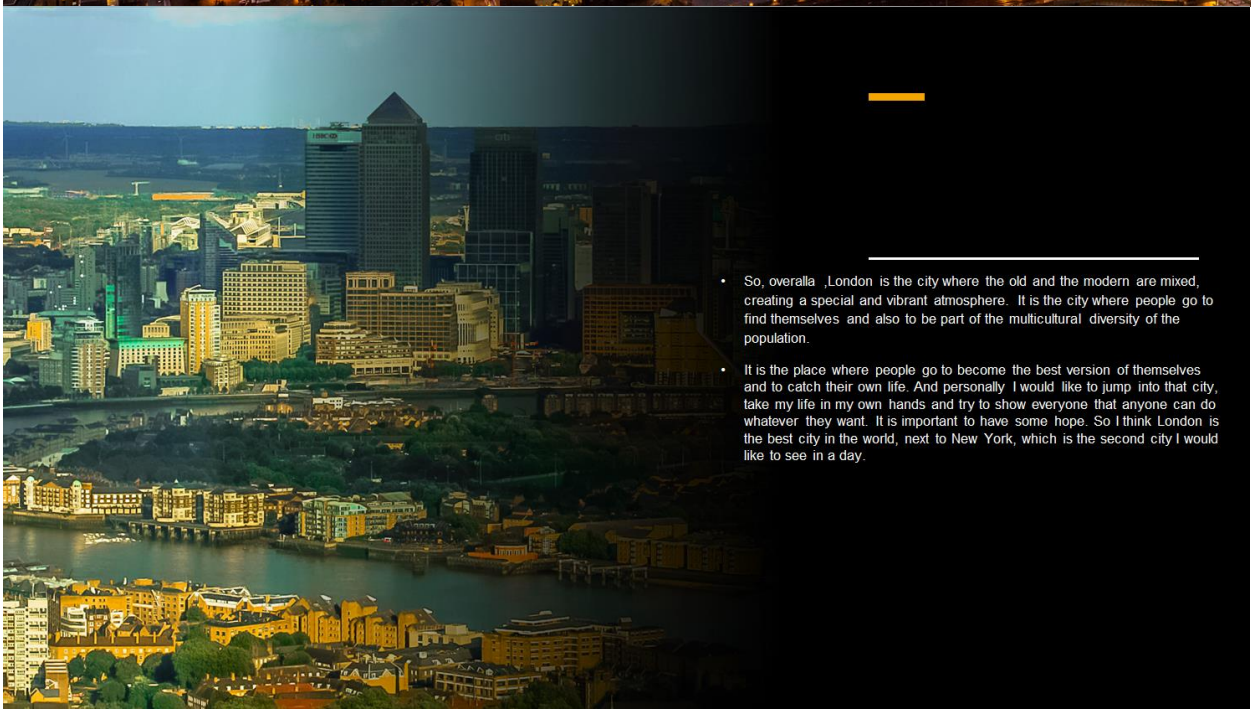


7. The London Skyline

- The London Eye, Houses of Parliament, the Shard and iconic buildings… The view never disappoints. It's even worth splurging on an over-priced cocktail in a rooftop bar, just to drink in the amazing view. The sights will truly amaze you.



- **8. Last but not the least, You'll never run out of things to do**
- Regardless of what time of year it is or even what time of day it is, there is always something to see and do! From world-acclaimed attractions, Big Ben and world-class craftsmanship displays like the Tate Modern, to particular spots such as Cat Cafés, there's something for everybody.



- So, overalla ,London is the city where the old and the modern are mixed, creating a special and vibrant atmosphere. It is the city where people go to find themselves and also to be part of the multicultural diversity of the population.
- It is the place where people go to become the best version of themselves and to catch their own life. And personally I would like to jump into that city, take my life in my own hands and try to show everyone that anyone can do whatever they want. It is important to have some hope. So I think London is the best city in the world, next to New York, which is the second city I would like to see in a day.

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9 REASONS EVERYONE SHOULD VISIT QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND

Queenstown, New Zealand

Queenstown is always a hit with travelers. People cherish this small-but-mighty New Zealand resort town because of its diverse experiences, scenic wonders, and incredible vibes. If you need any convincing, here are nine reasons everyone should make this cool Kiwi destination one of their top places to visit.



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It's the birthplace of commercial bungee jumping

AJ Hackett was definitely onto something when he established New Zealand's first commercial bungee operation in 1988. The country's (and the world's) love affair with the extreme sport just blossomed from there, and the original Kawarau Bridge bungee is still going strong today. Along

[40] Web: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queenstown,_New_Zealand.

with being one of the most famous adrenaline-inducing places in the world, Kawarau Bridge is the only place in Queenstown to offer tandem jumping experiences.

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The skiing and snowboarding terrains are ace

Queenstown is surrounded by ski resorts – in fact, the town is the gateway to some of the very best in New Zealand. The Remarkables, Coronet Peak, Cardrona, and Treble Cone are all within a short drive from the town centre, and many ski passes will give you access to multiple fields at once. Transport from town is usually included in those packages, and you can purchase them online or upon arrival.

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The town is buzzing all year round

- One of the best things about Queenstown is that seasonal changes are never an issue. There's so much to check out during the year: from the annual Winter Festival, to cool summer concerts and an incredibly dynamic live music scene. Also, unlike certain places in the Central Otago region, Queenstown's weekend markets are not restricted to the summer months. Other popular year-round attractions include jet boating, hiking, canyon swinging, and scenic cruises.

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The locals are a friendly bunch

- Queenstown is regularly rated as one of the friendliest cities in the world. Conde Nast magazine continues to rank it among the top 10, and with very good reason too. Kiwis are

[43] Web: https://www.ultimatequeenstown.com/snow/ski-packages/.
[44] Web: https://www.qt.com.au/subscriptions/premium-offer/.

incredibly friendly by nature, and will be more than happy to out anyone who is lost or needs a few extra pointers. Hospitality is something they take a lot of pride in, so expect people working in restaurants, bars, hotels, and retail places to be quite helpful and friendly too.

Queenstown is a goldmine for history

- Arrowtown, which is a mere 15-minute drive from Queenstown, is one of the South Island's best known historic settlements. It is a former gold mining hub which has worked hard to preserve its heritage and history. Many of the buildings along the main street were built during the gold mining days, and are now home to many everyday venues like cafés, shops and offices. The Millennium Walk and Macetown biking trail are some of the popular options for those exploring Arrowtown's surroundings.

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There's something for everyone

- Jet boating, bungy jumping, canyoning, white water rafting, the luge… you'd be hard-pressed to find an adventure activity that doesn't make the list of Queenstown must-dos. At the same time, there are also plenty of serene places to unwind, from parks and gardens, to scenic getaways, and the region's viticultural treasures. So really, Queenstown is bound to be right up everyone's alley.

Family friendliness is a given

[45] Web: https://hikingscenery.com/brow-peak-via-big-hill-saddle/.

- Travelling with kids? No worries — Queenstown knows to keep all family members entertained. From video game arcades to go-karting and ice skating, you'll be spoiled for choice when it comes to family-friendly expeditions. Snow lovers should definitely keep an eye out for family passes for the area's ski resorts, and chilled-out families will absolutely love the TSS Earnslaw cruise to Walter Peak farm.

There's a wide range of accommodation options

- Whether you're wanting to splurge on a boutique hotel or you need to stick to a budget, you won't be short of accommodation options in Queenstown. The only thing to keep in mind is that the most coveted venues, from AirBnBs to backpackers, fill up pretty fast. For full peace of mind, it's best to book your accommodation as early as possible.

Scenic landscapes are ample

- Lake Wakatipu, a trove of alpine ranges, postcard worthy vistas and an all-round unspoiled scenery. If you want to get the most out of the South Island's sublime backdrop, Queenstown is one of the best places to do it. Climb up Bob's Peak to get a full panorama of the town, or soak up the stunning lakeside views by going on a picnic.

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[46] Web: https://www.queenstownnz.co.nz/stories/post/landscapes-of-queenstown/.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT SCOTLAND

SCOTLAND'S WEATHER & CLIMATE

- We've all heard plenty of jokes about the Scottish weather - but most of them aren't true! Scotland's climate is actually quite moderate and very changeable, although on occasion we get really hot or really cold weather. As the old Scottish saying goes, 'there's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes!

SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN	WINTER
You can expect average maximum temperatures to range from approximately 7°C (45°F) to 13 °C (55°F) during the months of March, April and May. A beautiful time to visit, this season sees daffodils, bluebells, cherry blossom and rhododendrons bursting into bloom. With sprightly wildlife and a milder breeze in the air, there's plenty of activities to enjoy.	June, July and August are normally the warmest months in Scotland, with average maximum temperatures ranging from approximately 15°C (59°F) to 17°C (63 °F). Scotland's high latitude means that we enjoy lovely long summer days and often an extended twilight.	In the Autumn (or Fall), Scotland is likely to experience temperatures ranging from around 8°C (46°F) to 14°C (57°F) from September to November. The colours of autumn are eye-catching and vibrant, as the trees change from green to fiery reds, oranges and yellows.	December, January and February are generally the coldest months in Scotland, with the average maximum temperature usually around 5°C (41°F). The average number of days with snow falling in Scotland ranges from 15 to 20 days.

Important cities

❖ GLASGOW

Glasgow is Scotland's biggest city, home to nearly 600,000 people. Glasgow was also known as the second city of the British Empire. There is incredible historic architecture from the 18th and 19th century which contrasts beautifully new modern buildings as the city continues to grow and thrive.

❖ DUNDEE

Like Scotland's other cities, it blends modern living with the opportunities afforded by the nearby countryside. Dundee is a centre of innovation, the birthplace of the best-selling video game Grand Theft Auto and the is now the location of the V&A Dundee, the first V&A Museum outside of London.

❖ PERTH

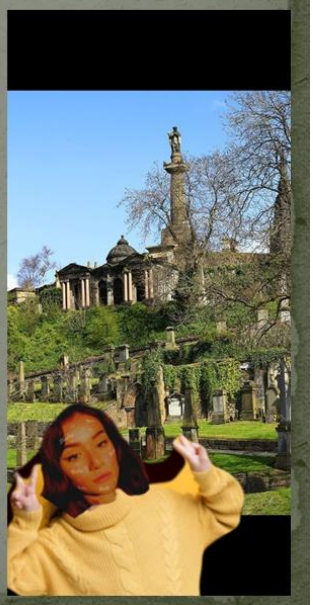
- Perth is Scotland's newest city receiving its civic status from the Queen as part of her Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012.However, Perth is also an ancient place, with a rich and influential history that stretches back over 800 years. Perth was once Scotland's capital and has always been one of the most important political, judicial and commercial centres in Scotland. At nearby Scone Palace, many of the Scottish kings were crowned on the Stone of Destiny.

Pictures with me in Scotland









Famous Scots

- MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS

Mary Queen of Scots (1542-1587) was crowned when she was just nine months old. Mary often found herself trapped between warring political factions, each trying to use her to enhance their power. Mary married three times, first to Francis, Dauphin of France, but she was to be widowed after only a year. She then married Lord Darnley, believing it would secure her children's right to the English throne, but it was a poor match. In February 1567, Darnley was found murdered in his garden.

- EWAN MCGREGOR

Scottish actor, Ewan Gordon McGregor (born 31 March, 1971) is perhaps best known for his roles as Mark Renton in the 1996 film Trainspotting, the young Obi-Wan Kenobi in the Star Wars prequel trilogy and more recently as the young Camerlengo Patrick McKenna in an adaptation of Dan Brown's Angels and Demons.

- SEAN CONNERY

Perhaps the world's best-known Scot, Sir Thomas Sean Connery (born 25 August, 1930), more commonly known as Sean Connery, is the award-winning actor who famously played the character James Bond. The former milkman, factory worker and lorry driver from Edinburgh has starred in many films including The Untouchables, The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen and Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. Connery was voted as "The Greatest Living Scot" and was knighted in July 2000.

Traditional Scottish Celebrations and Festivals

- First footing - 1st January

Visiting friends and relatives immediately after New Year's Eve, in the early hours of the morning of January 1st. First footing after the bells have rung in the New Year is still common - the "first foot" in the house after midnight should be male, dark, and handsome and should carry symbolic coal, shortbread, salt, black bun (a spiced cake) and, of course, whisky. _

- Candlemas Day – 2nd February

Candlemas began as a Roman festival to celebrate the return of spring. It is now a Scottish legal "quarter day" when rents and other payments fall due. There is an old traditional poem which said that
"If Candlemas Day be bright and fair
Half the winter is to come and mair (more)
If Candlemas Day be dark and foul
Half the winter was over at Yowl (Christmas)

Traditional Scottish Celebrations and Festivals

Burning of the Clavie - 11th January

- In Burghead, Morayshire, a tar barrel filled with tar-soaked wood shavings is carried around the harbour and then to the Doorie Hill where the Celtic Druids used to light their fires.

Up-Helly-Aa - Last Tuesday of January

- Held in Lerwick, Shetland Islands, a full-sized Viking Galley, complete with shields and oars is pulled by a torch-bearing procession dressed as Viking warriors to the beach. Guizer Jarl calls for three cheers for the builders of the longship and after a bugle call, the galley is set alight by 800 blazing torches.

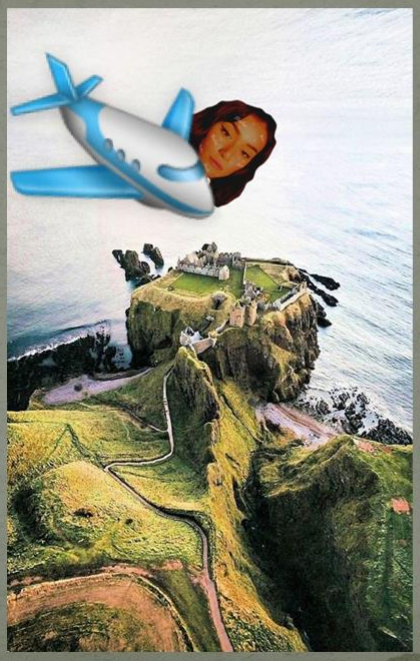
TV programs and soaps

- Garnock Way
- High Living
- Machair (TV series)
- River City
- Take the High Road

- The story of Scottish soap opera is one of strife and conflict. The all-too-literal rise of the apartment block to take the place of the terraces, the country's declining manufacturing industries and dispersal of mining communities for the cities informed the darker, emotionally wrought storylines that ran from the 1960s into the 1980s. The traditional beauty of small-town Scotland then became the face of its TV drama later in this period. These more picturesque settings gave Scottish soaps more appeal south of the Border, but the frictions of daily life remained a fixture. In recent years, Scottish soaps have addressed more modern concerns – multi-culturalism, substance abuse and sexuality have sprung up alongside themes of heritage and tradition that international audiences have latched onto.

MORE PICTURES WITH ME IN SCOTLAND





FACTS ABOUT SCOTLAND

- Facts about Scotland
- Official name: Scotland, Alba
- Form of government: constitutional monarchy
- Capital city: Edinburgh
- Largest city: Glasgow
- Population: around 5.2 million
- Monetary unit: Pound sterling (GBP)
- Official languages: English/Gaelic/Scots
- Area: 78,772 km² (30,414 sq mi)
- Major mountain ranges: Southern Uplands, Central Lowlands, Grampian Mountains, North West Highlands
- Major rivers: River Tay, River Spey, River Dee, River Tweed, River Clyde

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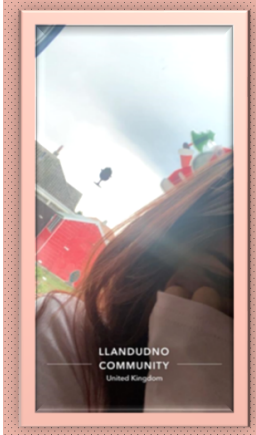


MY LITTLE TRIP TO THE UK

First day
I arrived in Landudno very late. I stayed at my aunt's house who has lived there for 12 years.
I woke up in the morning and went downtown.



To be honest, their Starbucks is much better than ours...

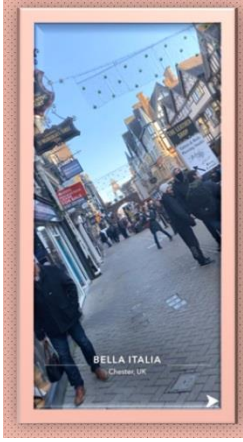


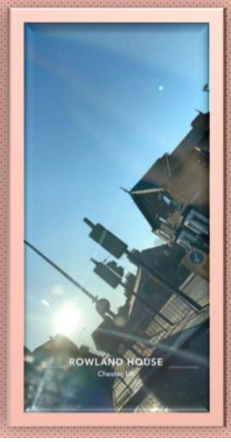
The traffic was very calm





The next day
I went to Chester. Chester is one of the best-preserved walled cities in Britain. It has a number of medieval buildings, but many of the black-and-white buildings within the city centre are Victorian restorations, originating from the Black-and-white Revival movement.

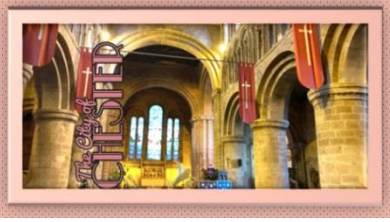






Chester Cathedral is a Church of England cathedral and the mother church of the Diocese of Chester. It is located in the city of Chester, Cheshire, England. The cathedral is dedicated to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.





I'm very proud of myself for this picture



The next day
I went to Harrogate.
I drank English tea and ate a traditional carrot cake at the most luxurious restaurant.



And normally, because I'm Romanian, I also took a picture in the local bathroom...



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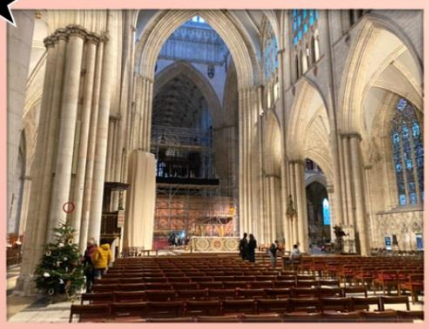


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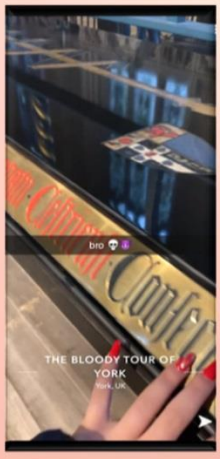
I went to Leeds. (York)

Leeds is the largest city in the county of West Yorkshire in Northern England, approximately 270 km north of central London.

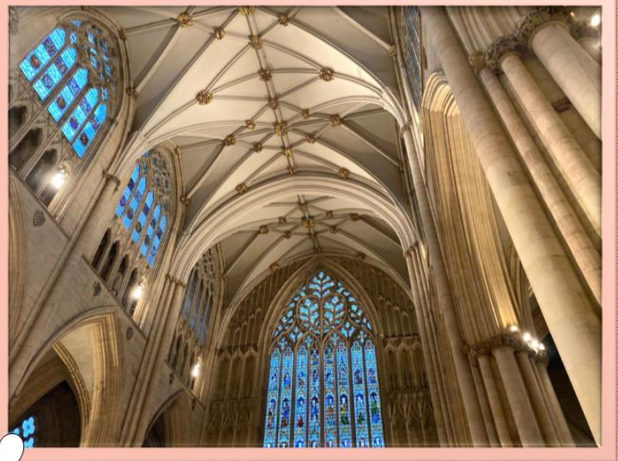
With 2000 years of history, York has fascinating stories of the macabre and the extraordinary. Uncover the tales of the Romans, the Viking invasion and the Plague amongst tales of torture and execution.

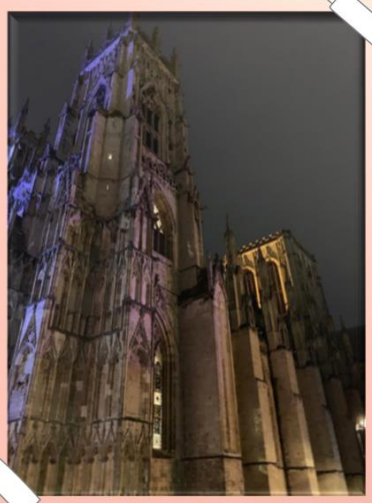






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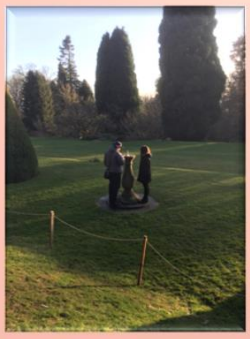


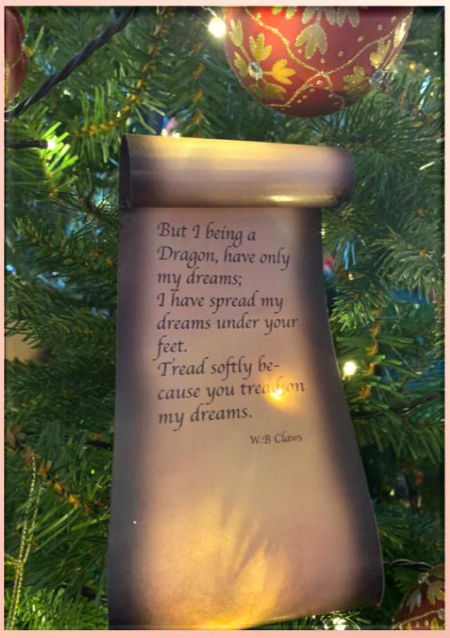
The last day

I went to the Chirk Castle.

The castle was built in 1295 by Roger Mortimer de Chirk. The castle was bought by Sir Thomas Myddelton in 1593 for £5,000 (approx. £11 million as of 2008). The castle and gardens are open to the public between March and October, with limited opening dates in November and December. The castle is 1.5 mi (2.4 km) from Chirk railway station.











I also visited the city that entered the record book for the longest name in the world :

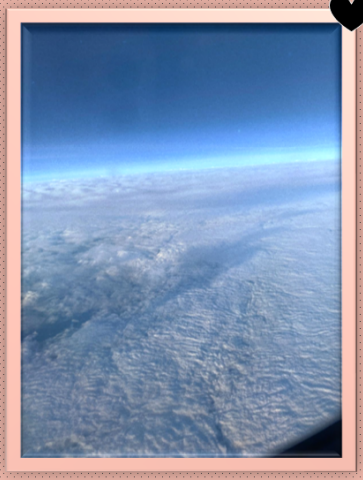
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In the evening, I was in the city center again and I ate an English burger which was very very good but I only ate half because it was a lot of food.



Then I went back to Romania ...
Don't get me wrong! I love Romania but I would have stayed there for a few more days.



THANKS FOR WATCHING !