

My trip to Geneva

Our first day of the trip was spend travelling. We left off from East Norfolk at midday by coach, to arrive at Gatwick for takeoff. When we arrived in Geneva we were all taking to our rooms before getting some sleep after a long day of travelling

On our second day of the trip, we went to CERN. We spent the morning looking at the beautiful exhibitions. The exhibitions focused on the machines and discoveries of CERN and the hadron collider.



After lunch our tour began. It

started with talk given by a worker about the history of CERN. After the talk, we were escorted by bus to one of the main stations of which the tunnel is accessible. Here we were split into four groups to be taught about



the engineering issues and challenges faced when creating the hadron collider. We were also told how the accelerators worked in sequence to speed up the particles. After we had been shown the old prototypes, we were then taken to another smaller station where a main part of the collider was constructed. We learnt so much about the dynamics and engineering feats required for the collider to work.



On our third day, we had the honour of being given a tour of the United Nation headquarters and looking round the Red Cross museum. We had an early start to ensure we weren't late for our UN tour, which gave us an opportunity to look round the Ariana museum in the meantime. The Ariana museum looked at pottery and ceramics and had some beautiful

paintings on the ceilings.

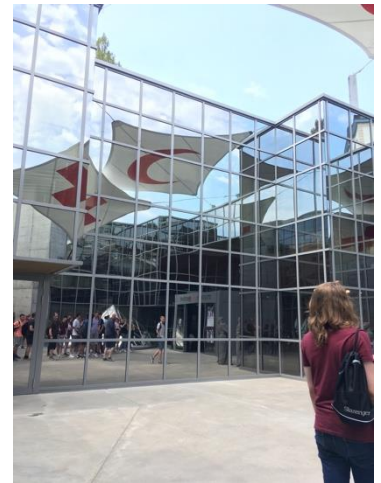
Then it was time for our tour of the United Nations. We were shown the courts where many important discussions take place. We were told about why the UN formed and about the





architecture of the main building. After our tour of the UN we had our lunch outside the Red Cross museum.

We then went and walked round the Red Cross museum, listening to interactive features and learning about the help they bring. After the long day in the heat (it was boiling the whole time) we went to the bus stops where there was the broken chair and water fountains. I might have gotten soaked in the water fountains. That night we all got to relax and enjoy a game of bowling with pizza for dinner.



On the fourth and 'final' day, we had a look around the Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle as well as soaking in the beauty of the river. The museum was full of all sorts of different animals of all shapes and sizes. After that we went to the beautiful river. We had two hours to just relax in the park, me and my friends just enjoyed the sun and played some card games. We then went on a boat ride over the river before getting the tram back to the hotel to collect our bags to head to the airport.



When we arrived at the airport, we went off in small groups and had our dinner. When we then all regrouped we were told the plane was delayed. Little did we know just how delayed it was going to be. When we were meant to fly back to Gatwick, Gatwick's security had gone down and they couldn't allow any flights in or out of the airport. After waiting for another hour for news on our plane it was eventually cancelled.



Thanks to insurance we were booked back into the hotel for the night. The next day we stayed at the hotel all morning in case we had news of a sudden flight.

Around 11 am we received news that we were booked into two separate flights for the following morning meaning



we'd be staying another night. With this news, we then took the tram to the border where a chairlift could take us up a mountain. As someone with a fear of heights, I personally did not embark on the chairlift journey.

That night we went back to the bowling for a quick game to liven our spirits. I still wasn't very good at it. We shared some pizzas between us all before heading back to the hotel once again.

The next morning the two group set off back to England individually. I, luckily, was on the later flight allowing time for some breakfast. When we had all regrouped back in the uk we set off back to college to be collected. On the way back, my friend and I watched a few films to pass the time. We finally arrived back at college at 16:00. After an extra two days we were finally home. I had an amazing time and am so thankful for the opportunity to go. So thank you so so much.

