

Report about
My Internship in England
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1. Introduction

My Abroad in England

Our trip in a “new world” began on the 12th of May.
Our journey started in Halle (Saale). We went to England by coach.
Ralf and Volker, the coach-driver, drove us through different countries
e.g. Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, France and also England.
We went from Calais (France) to Dover (England) by ferry.
It was a great experience to go with such a big ferry.



Our Ferry at Night

When we reached the port of Dover our coach trip continued. But a few hours and one big sight later ...



Stonehenge

... we arrived our meeting point in Exeter. A small but a very lovely town, the town where we lived and worked for 4 weeks. Our hometown for the time of the internship. I had a wonderful time in Exeter and I will never forget this great experience. Maybe it was the biggest adventure that I ever made, yet.

On the 9th of June our adventure was over and I only can speak for myself but I was very sad that we must leave Exeter after this short time. I am very thankful that I could make this experience.

2. History of Exeter



Exeter is an historic Cathedral and University City. Exeter is located in the Southwest of England.

It is situated on the River Exe in the county of Devonshire. It is the Capital city of Devon.

Full of character and ancient history, Exeter is still able to offer all the amenities and comforts that would be expected of a modern day city. It has grown from Roman origins and displays the benefits from long prosperity, particularly during the 16th, 17th and early 18th centuries. Today there are living about 120.000 people and a lot of studies.

One of a famous study is J.K. Rolling the writer from the books of Harry Potter.



Joanne K. Rowling

Exeter Cathedral Cathedral Church of Saint Peter



Cathedral of Exeter

Style: Norman, Gothic
Years built: 1112-1400

Exeter Cathedral is one of the great cathedrals of England, and one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture anywhere. Its visual beauty is a story in stone and glass, embroidery and wood of the faith that built it; a faith which is alive and well and can be experienced there every day.

‘It is to be desired that a Cathedral should be a teaching institution, a lighthouse in the world’

- Spencer Cecil Carpenter, Dean of Exeter (1935–1950)

The Exeter Guildhall



Guildhall

The Exeter Guildhall in the High Street is possibly the oldest surviving municipal building in the country and is still used for council meetings today.

Many people pass by but incredibly not many stop to appreciate this historically important building.

The roof (pictured) is a fine example of 15th century carpentry.

The front portico, which dominates the High Street, was built in 1595.

Parliament Street



Is a 50 metres (160ft) long street in the city centre of Exeter. The street is a next to the High Street and dates from the 14th century.

Red Coat Guided Tour is a good way to learn something about the city. Were made the Tour Ghosts & Legends. You learn why Exeter is reputed to be one of the most haunted cities in the country. Visit many Exeter's historic buildings and listen to chilling tales about their history. Suitable for all ages.

3. My work

My work place was a small accounting office.

The company was called Whitehaze Ltd.

The boss of this company was Mr. White had two employees and from time to time a student like me.

The most customers came from the service industry.

The majority of the clients are from the region of Devon so that I can say this company is a regional accounting company.

My main tasks for the four weeks were:

- to file receipts, invoices, cheques, receipts and bank statements
- photocopy invoices, cheques, receipts and bank statements
- digitize invoices, bank statements, receipts and cheques,
- work with Microsoft Excel
- deliver post to the post office
- deliver cheques to the bank
- deliver post to the county court

You can't compare these tasks with my tasks in the city council of Halle (Saale). In Exeter, sometimes the clients came into the office to bring a sport bag full of receipts, cheques, bank statements and invoices from three years.

After that my task was to sort these documents after years, months and days. Furthermore I sorted the receipts to cash and visa paid.

If I had finished that I had to digitize these documents with Microsoft Excel.

It was a nice experience and I could learn something new.

And my colleagues were very nice too. Especially Helen, we talked a lot about work in England, living in England and something like that.

I was happy that I could meet Helen, because we are still in contact. I have found a new friend.



Helen and I



My Desk

4. Free time and trips

The Olympic Torch

On the 20th of May 2012 the Olympic torch came to Exeter. We saw the torch under a old bridge that was a fantastical experience.



Freetime Activities in Exeter

We spent a lot of time together in pubs, clubs and in the city centre or on the river side, too. We went to an adventure park and made a ghost & legends sightseeing tour.

The ghost and legends tour is a good way to learn something about the city. We learned why Exeter is reputed to be one of the most haunted cities in the country, visited many historical buildings and listen to the fairytales about their history.

Every weekend we met us with our new friends. I think we were a funny group because we were a multicultural group and we laughed the whole time. Our new friends came from Spain, Italy, Switzerland, India, Pakistan and France.



The trip to Plymouth

Plymouth is a city and unitary authority area on the south coast of Devon, England, about 190 miles (310km) south-west of London. It is situated between the mouths of the rivers Plum to the east and Tamar to the west, where they join Plymouth Sound. Since 1967, the City of Plymouth has included the suburbs of Plympton and Plymstock, which are on the east side of the River Plym.

Plymouth's history goes back to the Bronze Age, when its first settlement grew at Mount Batten. This settlement continued to grow as a trading post for the Roman Empire, until the more prosperous village of Sutton, the current Plymouth, surpassed it. In 1620, the Pilgrim Fathers left Plymouth for the New World and established Plymouth Colony – the second English settlement in what is now the United States of America. During the English Civil War the town was held by the Parliamentarians and was besieged between 1642 and 1646.

Throughout the Industrial Revolution, Plymouth grew as a major commercial shipping port, handling imports and passengers from the Americas, while the neighbouring town of Devonport grew as an important Royal Naval shipbuilding and dockyard town. The new, merged town took the name of Plymouth which, in 1928, achieved city status. The city's naval importance later led to its targeting and partial destruction during World War II, an act known as the Plymouth Blitz. After the war the city centre was completely rebuilt.



The trip to London

Another highlight during our internship was the trip to London. We booked a hostel for two nights it was a unisex room for eight persons. We visited the Tower Bridge, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, the Parliament, the Big Ben, the London Eye, the Hyde Park and the St. James Park.

I had a great time in London and I will never forget this trip.



Parliament & Big Ben



Big Ben at Night