



Transcription of the interviews

Damian:

My first memories of London - because I moved here, 4 years ago I lived in Manchester and London is very very different. It is a bigger place, there are a lot more people from different backgrounds, different countries.

And we have the tube in London which is normally very full and very hot and smelly in summer, but good fun to travel on.

Nick:

Newcomers to London shouldn't be put off by the size of the city, what seems to be a complex system on the tube... They should be quite confident on getting on a bus. And just exploring, people are friendly here. We are used to having visitors. Tourists are like our neighbours if you like. So ask people.

A lot of people say that London is expensive. But I think there are cheap ways of moving about and seeing the most important sights. So don't be afraid to ask people, pick up leaflets, read, do your research - and just have a good time really.

Damian:

I walked through into Buckingham Palace and it just felt like being in my Granny's house. It was like lots of gold and carpet on the walls and that sort of things and lots of mirrors, big mirrors. And then I realised all the gold, whereas in my Granny's house it's fake, it's real. And there is lots of diamonds and we sat there and watched the Queen come out and she spent an hour and a half giving lots of awards to people and then I realised that she looked different and I couldn't figure out why. And then I realised that she wasn't wearing a hat and because she was indoors she wasn't wearing any shoes. And it was exactly like we were in her house and she just, you know, had a cup of tea, came out, spoke to us, waved goodbye and then left.

Damian:

The strangest thing about Buckingham Palace is that the toilets aren't very nice. They are wooden and I'd expected, you know, there'd be gold and really nice toilet paper. But it was like the strips you get in primary school. It is like tracing paper.

Serena:

Things I dislike about London are probably the fact that it's so big and it takes a long time to get everywhere. And it's very expensive to get about and it's very expensive to just live here generally. But you can find free things to do; there are lots of events happening all the times that's the plus side. So you can definitely hunt out things but you have to be on the ball, you have to look in the papers and keep your eye on the news and see what's happening. But yeah, everything happens here. So it's great.



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Tour guide explanations

Transcription of tour guide Margot's explanations

"Hello kids out there. I'm at Trafalgar Square right now in the middle of London, enjoying an original sightseeing tour on an original red double decker bus here in London. And we are going to do the whole tour just for you and I hope you are going to enjoy it the same way we enjoy it right now, here in the middle, in the centre of London."

"This is St. Paul's Cathedral. St. Paul's Cathedral is the third largest cathedral in Europe. During the Great Fire of London in 1666 this 13th century site burnt to the ground. The church you can see here today was built between 1675 and 1710."

"Welcome to Covent Garden. The building I'm in right now was erected by John Duke of Bedford in 1830. Nowadays Covent Garden is a very lively place full of street artists and street musicians."

"Hello again, this is Leicester Square. Leicester Square is close to Piccadilly Circus, Covent Garden and Chinatown. And with all its pubs, bars, restaurants, clubs, theatres, it's one of the centres for entertainment here in London."

"Even though the weather is very British right now we made our way to Trafalgar Square. Many demonstrations and celebrations are held here. Perhaps one of the best known is the gathering on New Year's Eve where thousands of people come here to celebrate."

"We took the tube and here we are. Welcome to Tower Bridge. This is a very beautiful and very famous bridge. It also opens in the centre to let tall ships through. In former times it opened 400 times a month. Nowadays it's only 400 times a year."