

Lara Isenhardt Excursion Report

Our Anglistik excursion was from the 10th to 19th September, 2013. We went to Manchester, a city in the North-West of England. We travelled by air from the airport in Cologne to Manchester and lodged in a large house called „Student Village“, owned by the University of Salford. Therefore the „Student Village“ is located in Salford, a metropolitan borough of Greater Manchester and close to the city of Manchester. The house consists of four-bedroom flats which accommodate four people, a kitchen and a bathroom. To get to the city centre of Manchester, we had to travel by bus, which took only between ten and fifteen minutes, and the Tesco supermarket was only a ten-minute walk away. The only problem was that there were two different bus companies. On the first evening we went to the bus station which was quite far away and bought a one-week ticket for a bus which came only once an hour. A fatal mistake, so we spent much more money than we wanted to.

On Saturday the optional activity was to travel to Chester or Liverpool, but we recognized that we had not really seen all of Manchester yet, so we decided to go on a city tour. This was a great decision, and we explored nearly all parts of the city. We completed our trip in *Gay Village* in a great pub named *Via*. The *Via* is quite large and has got three floors full of nooks, crannies and comfortable corners. Furthermore the pub is equipped with a lot of old pieces of furniture. We tasted typical English food like pies and a dish called “faggots”. The waitress told us that these were mixed meat balls, so we ordered and tried them. I have to admit that they had a strong taste but were not bad. The pies with mashed potatoes and vegetables were fantastic. Afterwards we found out that the faggots were made out of pig entrails. It was better we did not know it! Nevertheless it was a great day, exploring Manchester on our own, and we visited the *Via* a couple of times. Manchester has so many things to offer; nice pubs, interesting shops and stores and many other places to go to. I think I cannot decide which day was my favourite one, as we did so many interesting things like the trip to Blackpool – although it was so wet – or the trip to the mines. I also liked the evening where we all met in one pub on the last evening.

All in all it was a great excursion with various interesting activities, I have learned a lot of new things and became acquainted with great people. The weather could have been a little bit better but it was typically British and we made the best out of it.

Maybe someone could have explained to us how everything is managed concerning the flats. We did not know for which services we were responsible for ourselves and which services the student village offered. I would always join such an excursion again. Thank you very much for this opportunity.