

Trip to BATH – TTO 2 - Guidelines

We expect our trip to Britain to be a fun and valuable experience. The more positive and the more social you are, the more successful the trip will be for all of us.

Below we have drawn up some of the most important guidelines for your behaviour. Of course, we expect you to be on your best behaviour, as we expect you to be at the Wolfert. However, there are some extra guidelines to be adhered to during the trip. Although we do not expect any problems, remember that you may be sent home at your parent(s) / guardian(s)' expense if your behaviour or attitude are out of line (e.g. if you are caught shoplifting). You are insured for the trip by the Wolfert.

Don't forget to bring along

- your passport or another valid travel document;
- money (no more than some 100 pounds);
- your health insurance card;
- if you need them: medicine, second pair of glasses, etc.;
- the piece of paper with all the important data;
- the assignments in a (ring)binder;
- a small present for your host family (optional).

General rules

- 1 You are not allowed to use alcoholic beverages or tobacco. In general you cannot enter a British pub or bar if you are under 18. You need a proof of age card to show you are over 18.
 - 2 You cannot leave the group which is accompanied by a teacher / the teachers unless:
 - you have specific permission to do so;
 - you know yourself where and when you will meet the group again.
 - 3 Always walk in a group whenever you go home; it is best to stick with your partner(s).
 - 4 Please be aware of other people in Bath. For example, pupils (also groups of pupils!) are expected to make room for other pedestrians, to wait for the red light, not to jump in front of cars about to park, etc.
- Tip! Be careful when crossing the street – cars drive on the left and most pedestrians pass you on the left, too.
- Tip! As long as you try to see things from the other people's point of view, you will be able to make life more agreeable for them and yourself!
You should do the assignments given to you by the teachers. There are assignments for various subjects, to be assessed by your teachers.

Money

- 5 Don't take too much money; you are not allowed to have more than about 100 pounds. It may be embarrassing to your classmates if you can spend a lot of money while they cannot.
- Tip! If you want to draw out British money in the Netherlands, do so in a group; you only need to pay commission once. There are plenty of cash dispensers at Bath, but you have to pay if you want to draw money out from a cash machine in Britain.
- Tip! Have some (British) change for the toilet – in Dover/Calais
- Tip! Always wear your valuable things (money; bank card) on you. You have to hand in your passport or ID card to your guiding teacher(s); they keep it safe and protected!
- Tip! Don't forget the telephone number of your bank to block your bank card in case it is lost!

In the coach and on the ferry

- 6 The rules which all passengers of coaches and ferries must obey, must be obeyed by you. The coach drivers may ask you not to eat chewing gum, or even not to eat at all. Please respect their wishes – it's their job and working environment.
- 7 Wear seat belts in British coaches. Always remain seated. Do not block the passage.

At your host family's

- 8 The rules of the host family have to be obeyed. If there are (serious) problems with your host(s) or partner(s), please contact your teacher(s) as soon as possible. Do not bottle things up!

- 9 You should be back at the host family's by 9 pm, unless there is an evening activity organised by the teachers. Your host family may want you in earlier; in that case their wish is your command.

Tip! Try to see the visit from the host family's point of view. Think of what they might like (you being polite, you being helpful, you being interested, etc.) and what they might prefer you not to do. Be aware that some hosts work either early or late (in shifts). Please remember that British social rules may be different from yours. After your visit your host family will probably forget about you having mixed up I have been and I was but they will not forget you having helped them out with the dishes, you having thanked them for a meal, you having asked them about their grandchildren, etc. In class you will write a letter to your host family. It may be friendly to give them a small present on arrival (costing no more than, say, ten Euro, e.g. stroopwafels or tulip bulbs). Afterwards you will send them a thank-you note, maybe enclosing a photo.

At school

- 10 BEST (de talenschool in Bath) has rules similar to the Wolfert, so:
- no food or chewing gum in class;
 - no coats or caps in class;
 - no shouting or swearing in school;
 - etc. (you can think of them yourself ...)

Please contact your teachers at their mobile number (0044 7 903 999 755) in case of emergency or if you have any problem whatsoever.