



Travel Diary

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MY TRIP TO...



TOTNES



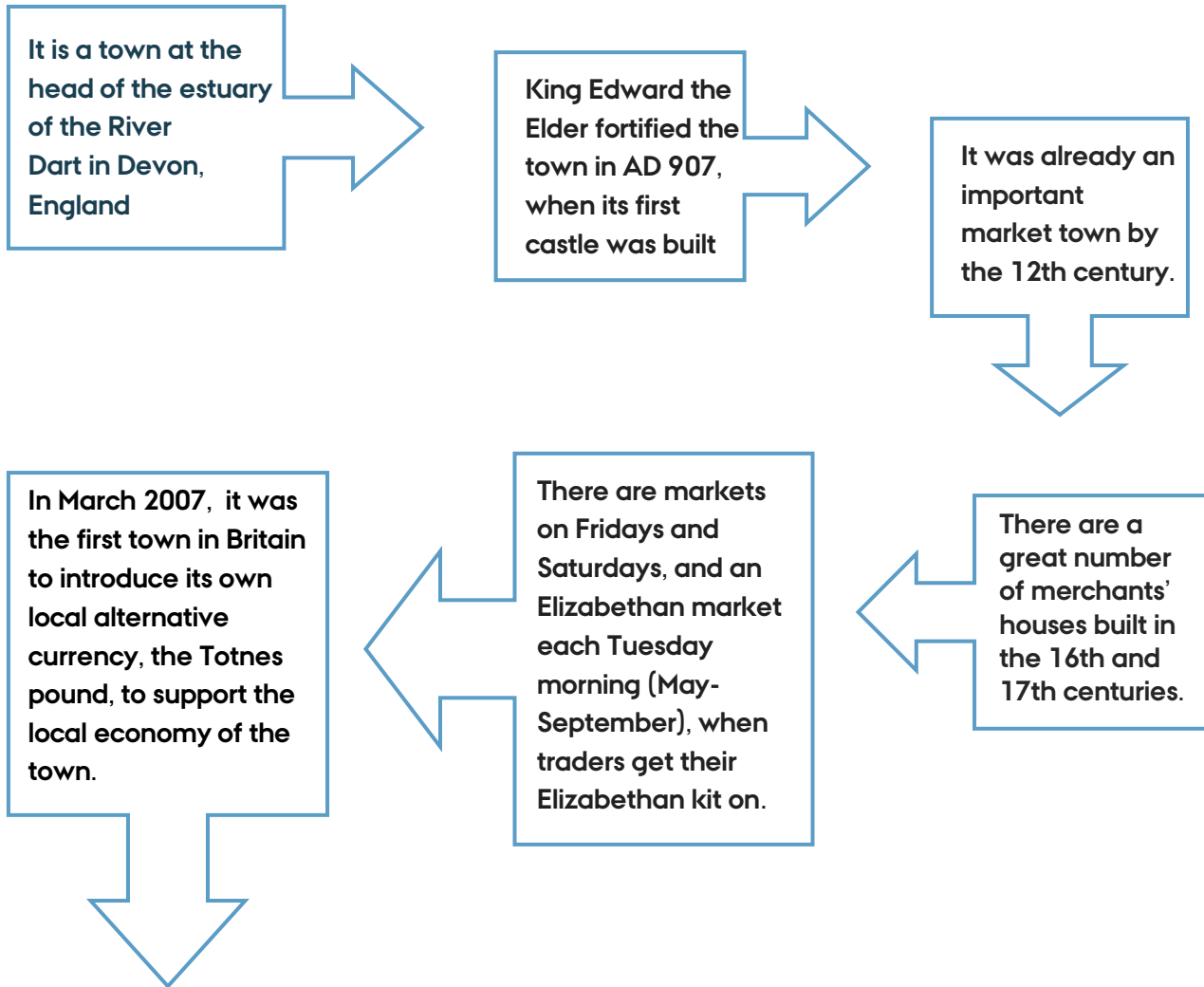
The trip starts!

Important things to remember:

- passport& DNI
- luggage weight:
- meeting point:
- departure time:
- airline:
- flight number:
- teachers' mobile:
- emergency numbers: 999 / 112



Follow the arrows, read the clues and write the name of the place where you are staying for a week:



Quiz time!

During the flight, you can enjoy learning how much you know about the United Kingdom:

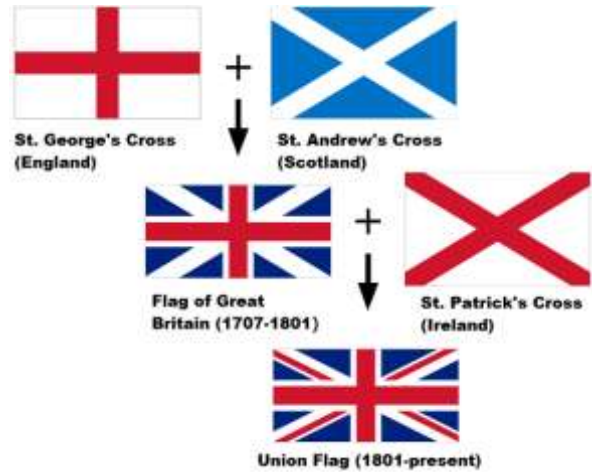
1. What is the name of the flag of the United Kingdom ?

- the United Flag
- the Union Jack

2. Which of these countries is not part of the United Kingdom ?

- Scotland
- England
- The Republic of Ireland
- Wales

3. Which of the following is the emblem of England (a), Wales (b), Scotland (c) and Northern Ireland (d)?



the daffodil



the shamrock



the thistle



the rose

4. Which sea or ocean borders England in the South ?

- the Atlantic Ocean
- the Channel
- the Irish Sea

5. What is the capital city of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland,?

6. Northern Ireland is also called...

- Eire
- Ulster

7. What is 'Stonehenge'?

- An old castle
- A prehistoric monument
- A palace.

8. Who was the first King of England ?

- William the Conqueror
- Henry I
- James I



The Great Seal of the Burg of Totnes

Complete the description of the Great Seal of Totnes with the words in the box:

fortress / higher / key / towers / water

It is not certain in what year the Great Seal of the Mayor and Community of the Burg of Totnes was first adopted but the earliest known impression is on a deed of 1387, when John Russell was mayor.

The device is of a gatehouse which is flanked by two round, a central and tower surmounting the gate and on either side a large..... . This seems to indicate the pride of the burgesses in the ancient importance of the borough as a royal

Draw the Great Seal of the Burg of Totnes:



Guided visit to Totnes, a step back in time



Mark on the map where you have been and underline what you have seen:

1. The Information Centre in the Town Mill. Here you will find a restored Victorian water wheel and mill machinery and a small exhibition showing the development of the town.
2. Totnes Bridge was constructed in 1828, it replaced an earlier bridge and its foundations can be seen at low tide. It leads to the attractive suburb of Bridgetown, to riverside walks, to Steamer Quay (for trips to Dartmouth) and to Vire Island, named after the Normandy town twinned with Totnes.
3. Fore Street. On the corner you'll find The Royal Seven Stars Hotel dating from the 17th century and built on the site of a medieval hostelry.



4. Walk up the hill and take your time watching the rich variety of architectural styles above the shops. Many wealthy merchants lived in these houses in the 16th and 17th centuries, the slate-hung frontages were added later. At the top there is an impressive Mansion of 1795, it was once the grammar school and now it is used for community education. Totnes Library is also located here.

5. Brutus Stone. It is set into the pavement opposite Atherton Lane. According to legend it is the place where Brutus the Trojan, founder of the British people, first stepped ashore.



6. The Elizabethan House Museum is one of the finest restored Tudor town houses in the country. It was built in about 1575 for cloth merchant Walter Kellond and has twelve galleries, a courtyard, and a herb garden.



7. The East Gate Arch, it was once the gateway to the medieval town and reconstructed after a devastating fire in 1990.
8. Totnes Guildhall. It was built in 1553 on the ruins of the medieval priory, founded in 1088. It was the heart of the town's administrative, legal and ceremonial life for centuries, serving as court, prison and meeting place.
9. The late 15th-century Parish Church of St Mary is built of deep red Devon sandstone and it is particularly noted for its 120 foot tower and stone roodscreen.
10. High Street. The House of Nicholas Ball (now Barclays Bank), a prosperous merchant whose widow married Thomas Bodley in 1586, using her wealth to found his great library at Oxford.
11. The covered pavement arcade known as Butterwalk was built in Tudor times to protect dairy stalls from the weather, whilst the covered Poultry Walk opposite sheltered poultry stalls.
12. Market Square. The Pannier markets are held here each Friday and Saturday, and the Elizabethan Charity and Craft Market on summer Tuesday mornings.
13. Totnes Castle was built by Judhael, the 11th-century Norman overlord of Totnes. From the ramparts appreciate the castle's superb defensive position and enjoy magnificent 360 degree views.
14. The Narrows. A colourful area of individual shops, and Rotherfold Square, once a cattle market.



Do you remember these places? Write their names under the photographs:



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My first lesson at the Language School

Write down your first impressions about the school, your teachers, your classmates, the activities...

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Paste a photo of your teachers and classroom



My English home

Write your address in Totnes:

My English host family

Interview a member of your family and write a summary about his/her everyday life.

Your questions:

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- 2.?
- 3.?
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Their answers:

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Bushcraft workshop time!

According to wikipedia, bushcraft is a popular term for wilderness survival skills and has recently gained considerable currency in the United Kingdom due to the popularity of Ray Mears and his bushcraft and survival television programmes.

Bushcraft is about thriving (being successful) in the natural environment, and the acquisition of the skills and knowledge to do so. Bushcraft skills include firecraft, tracking, hunting, fishing, shelter-building, navigation by natural means, the use of tools such as knives and axes, foraging, water sourcing, hand-carving wood, container construction from natural materials, and rope and twine-making, among others.

Describe what you did and what you liked most about the workshop:

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Paste your favourite photo



Guided visit to Dartmouth City with Scavenger Hunt



Dartmouth is a tourist destination in the county of Devon. It is set on the western bank of the estuary of the River Dart, which is a long narrow tidal ria that runs inland as far as Totnes.

You will be on a guided tour through Dartmouth while you play Scavenger Hunt.

A scavenger hunt is a game where you are given a list of things you have to do and the winner is the first team that do all the tasks in the list.



Which one was the most challenging task?

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Which one was the least challenging?

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Which one was the funniest?

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Berry Pomeroy Castle and its Ghosts



Berry Pomeroy Castle was occupied by just two families. First the Pomeroy's, and then the Seymours, both powerful local families.

The castle was built during the early 12th century on land that was given to

Ralph de Pomeroy by the King of England, William the Conqueror, as a reward for his loyalty and support during the Norman invasion of England. It was home to the Pomeroy family for nearly 500 years after the Norman conquest and then passed to Sir Edward Seymour, who built a mansion within its walls.

The castle itself is two buildings in one. At its centre is a medieval stone mansion house. This in turn is surrounded by the curtain wall and great gatehouse. The whole castle is perched precariously on a shelf, halfway down a hillside overlooking the Gatcombe Brook valley.



The castle was destroyed during the Civil War and further damaged by fire in the early 18th century. Now no one has wanted to live in it because of its dark history. It is said to be one of the most haunted castles in the United Kingdom.

The story goes that this now ruined castle was home to the De La Pomerai family from 1066 to 1550. The ghost of a member of the family called Margaret has been seen dressed in white robes and is known as the White Lady.

The legend of Margaret De La Pomerai is a sad tale. It is thought that she had a wicked sister called Eleanor. Both siblings fell madly in love with the same man, and as Margaret was far more beautiful than her sister, Eleanor was soon overcome with jealousy. She locked Margaret away in the castle dungeons, and left her to starve to death. Her spirit has been seen wandering upwards from the site of the castle dungeons to the old ramparts.

There are other ghosts at the castle, including a female spirit who gained great publicity in the 1800s when a famous medic called Sir Walter Farquhar wrote about her in his memoirs. She is the Blue Lady, dressed in a long blue cape and hood, she tries to lead men to dangerous areas of the castle, searching their death. Be careful, boys!



She is the spirit of the daughter of an early Norman lord, who after an incestuous relationship, gave birth to a child. Shortly after its birth, her father strangled the baby. In another version of the story it is said that she hated the child so much that she strangled it herself. At various times, the cries of the murdered infant can be heard throughout the castle.



Lunch time!

Describe your packed-lunch and where you had it:

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Dartington Hall



There are lots of things to do at Dartington Hall. Tick what you did during your visit.

- Visit the free exhibition in the Visitor Centre.
- Wander the gardens and enjoy the variety of trees and plants as well as sculpture from Henry Moore, Peter Randall Page and Willi Soukop.
- Take a look at the 41 listed structures from ancient walls to the medieval Dartington Hall and the modernist houses.
- Watch a classic film or a latest blockbuster in the Barn Cinema.
- Discover the ancient yew tree.
- Check what events are happening on the estate at the Visitor Centre.
- Find the ancient frescos and altar in the Church Tower and Chapel.
- Ramble the footpaths of its 880 acres.
- Enjoy a drink or a sumptuous lunch at the 14th century White Hart with its crackling fire in winter and patio seating in summer.



Guided visit to Plymouth: Britain's Ocean City



Let's discover Plymouth, a vibrant waterfront city, with many attractions and activities to enjoy; a city surrounded by England's most glorious countryside, with a rich maritime heritage. Located on the coast of Devon, about 190 miles (310 km) south-west of London, it is situated between the mouths of the rivers Plym to the east and Tamar to the west, where they join Plymouth Sound.

Plymouth's history goes back to the Bronze Age and it continued to grow as a trading post for the Roman Empire. 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. Throughout the Industrial Revolution, Plymouth grew as a commercial shipping port, handling imports and passengers from the Americans. Today the city is home to around 250,000 people and its economy is still strongly influenced by shipbuilding.

The Barbican

The Barbican is an essential part of your visit to Plymouth. It was the early settlement port. You'll go through an ancient doorway that takes you back in time to Drake's Plymouth. Where Drake and Raleigh once weighed anchor, today there are modern specialist shops, restaurants and cafés, all in a picturesque harbour setting.

The Mayflower Museum

The Pilgrim Fathers set sail from Plymouth on the Mayflower on 6 September 1620, eventually landing and settling in present-day Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The Mayflower Museum explores the story of the Mayflower and the Pilgrim Fathers with information and hands-on displays, including dress-up and role play, a model of the Mayflower built by Devonport Dockyard apprentices in 1969 and a list of all the Pilgrims and their hometowns.

When you visit the museum, you will enjoy learning more about this important moment in Plymouth's shared history with America.



While visiting the museum, try to find out the following information:

1. When did the Mayflower start its historic journey?
2. How many people travelled on it?
3. Where did they come mainly from?
4. Whereabouts did they arrive in the New World?
5. What did they seek there?



Smeaton's Tower Lighthouse

On Plymouth Hoe, you can stand where Sir Francis Drake played bowls as the Spanish Armada approached, and climb its steps.

How many steps did he climb?

This lighthouse was originally built on the Eddystone reef in 1759, but was taken down in the early 1880s when it was discovered that the sea was undermining the rock it was standing on. Approximately two thirds of the structure were moved stone by stone to its current resting place on the Hoe.



Describe what you liked most during your visit to Plymouth:

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Storytelling and drama workshop

After lunch, you will walk to Totnes Methodist Church and Community Centre where you will have fun developing your speaking skills while performing a sketch or a short play in front of your friends.

Describe what you did during the workshop:

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Describe your plans for your last afternoon in Totnes:

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Farewell

As an old English proverb says, *all good things must come to an end* so, it's time to enjoy your last day in The U.K. Describe what you did...

... during your last lesson at the language school:

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... at lunch time at the school:

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...at Bristol airport:

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Shopping time!

List the items you bought and the money you spent on them, paste one of your tickets or wrappers.



My best memories

The trip is over and now it is time to think about what you liked most...

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... about your trip mates and teachers:

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During the flight back home, read the clues and complete the crossword below.
 Let`s check how much you can remember and how fast you are. Have fun!



Down

1. Important prehistoric monument which is the remains of a ring of standing stones set within earthworks.
2. A castle situated in an isolated part of Devon. White Lady is one of its ghosts.
3. Country that includes the island of Great Britain (Scotland, Wales, England) and the north-eastern part of the island of Ireland, and many smaller islands.
5. Famous writer born in Stratford-upon-Avon.
7. Food you take to work, to school, or on a trip and eat as your lunch.
8. Who was the mythical founder of Britain?
11. Building built in 1553 on the ruins of the medieval priory. Nowadays used for meetings and other ceremonial events.

Across

4. A family that takes on the responsibility of allowing a student from another country to stay at their home for a few days, weeks ...
6. It's a very famous department store in London.
9. A new calendar to replace the old Julian Calendar.
10. Time magazine declared it the capital of New Age Chic.
12. A vibrant waterfront city with many attractions and activities to enjoy, on the coast of Devon.
13. Day celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday in the month of November. The first grand feast was organized to thank God for his favours.
14. Merchant ship which left Plymouth to start a new life on the other side of the Atlantic, in the New World.
15. One of the people who travelled by boat from England and created the first permanent settlement in New England in 1620.



