

## So Many Things to Do and So Little Time

One week was just not enough, but Marie had packed in an exciting agenda of attractions and entertainment during her brief stay in London. When she and her friends first planned to visit London, one week seemed long enough for this tourism mecca. However, once they arrived, everything was so much better than the guide-books and websites had described that their itinerary quickly expanded. Sure, it had rained, but the rain just added to the atmosphere. As she posted pictures and comments about her adventures, even more ideas and suggestions for things to do and see kept pouring in.

The adventure began as they boarded a flight from Toronto for Heathrow Airport. After getting their bags, clearing customs, and taking an express train to Paddington Station, they were in the heart of London. They had agreed to find a bed and breakfast (B&B) to use as a “home base” and meet there each night to discuss the different activities of the day and plan for the next. Finding a B&B was easy compared with fighting the urge to sleep.

For her first day, Marie decided to take a nonstop tour aboard one of London’s famous double-decker tour buses to get a feel for the city. A side benefit of the tour was being able to stay awake by riding on the top in the open air. The tour gave Marie an overall view of London and some ideas for scheduling her time. After a fish and chips dinner, she returned to her B&B for a good night’s sleep.

Day two began with a typical English breakfast: eggs, sausage, bacon, juice, toast, butter, jelly, and coffee. Marie decided to spend this day learning more about the



*Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses Museum in Xian, China, a popular heritage attraction.*

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