

UK Tour - Day 2 - Abridged Version

Wakey! Wakey! Rise and Shine!

I know it is incredibly early, but we have an early flight to catch. With a 9+ hour flight and 8 hours difference in the time zones, if we don't leave early we won't arrive in the UK before bedtime.

[There is a little 'Poetic Licence' in this part of the trip. In practice most flights to the UK are scheduled to be overnight, leaving in the evening and arriving at Heathrow the following morning. One normally gets very little sleep on the flight and then has the whole day to get through before bedtime. This amounts to about 30 hours with hardly any sleep! I wouldn't want you to go through that on this Tour!]

Today is all about getting from Vancouver to our hotel in London. It's not very exciting for experienced travellers, but hopefully it will be of interest to anyone who is less well travelled.

The real fun of the tour of the UK begins in earnest on Day 3. Keep your enthusiasm up, we'll soon be there.

So back to today. The hotel won't be serving breakfast this early, so you will probably have to wait until we board the plane to get some food.

You walked round the airport last night so you should be able to find your way to the check-in desk, get your large suitcase checked-in, collect your boarding passes, go through security and meet us all in the boarding lounge.

Don't forget to see below for your directions and Treasure Hunt - Day 2

Here we are in the Boarding Lounge, our flight has been called, we have checked in at the desk and have started to board the plane. This trip we are travelling Business Class, so enjoy the flight and don't forget to drink plenty of water to keep well hydrated. This really helps to stop you feeling jet-lagged tomorrow. Click below:-

Flight from Vancouver Airport to London Heathrow

<https://youtu.be/Vz9np265Frg>

Great landing and the good news was we didn't get 'stacked' over the airport. We must have arrived right on time and fitted in with our scheduled landing slot. Now would be a good time to wind your watches forward 8 hours to fit in with the new time Zone, if you haven't done so already.

If anyone is interested in looking at the complex aircraft movements over Heathrow Airport in the course of one day, this is a very interesting video :-

Aircraft Flight Patterns over Heathrow Airport

<https://youtu.be/HAW9NjcBWUY>

Now we have to make our way to Passport Control. Queues here (lineups to the Canadians) can be quite long depending on how many other planes arrive at the same time. If you have a British Passport there is a fast-track, scan your passport yourself, option.

Got through there OK and it's on to pick up your suitcases from the luggage conveyor. Luggage is usually there by the time you have gotten through Passport control.

We now need to get over to Terminal 5 to catch the Heathrow Express train to Paddington Station.

Oh look, there it is, let's get onboard. Click this link. [Treasure Hunt continues]

Heathrow Express Train - Terminal 5 to London Paddington Station

<https://youtu.be/U0s-eG1R8fg>

If anyone is interested in a more detailed journey which includes views of the scenery as the train goes along (starting after 18.40 minutes), then click on this link. [This isn't part of the Treasure Hunt]

<https://youtu.be/yy4wWM5Oinw>

Just keep walking to the taxi rank and we will take a cab to our hotel. It should only take about 10 minutes.

Tonight we are staying at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, Park Lane. For a short overview of the amenities, click the link below:-

Sheraton Grand Hotel

<https://youtu.be/hCj1KDL0Tcw>

To see all of the facilities that are available, click below:-

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/longr-sheraton-grand-london-park-lane/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

Shame it is already bedtime. Although it is only about 5.00pm Vancouver time I suggest you go straight to bed. You had a very early start to the day and it is better to adapt straight away to the new time zone. We will be staying at this hotel for a couple of nights so there will be plenty of time to enjoy the facilities tomorrow.

Sleep well everybody!

Day 2 - Treasure Hunt

- 1). What plane are we flying on today?
- 2). What brand is the toothpaste in the Amenity Kit?
- 3). What beers are on offer in the menu?
- 4). How far is it to London, in Kilometres?
- 5). Which runway do we cross just before arriving at the main runway where we take off?
- 6). We have just flown over Kamloops, which is the next town we fly over on our route?
- 7). What Starter are we brought to eat? Was it tasty?
- 8). After we have travelled 2006 miles, what is the Outside Air Temperature (in degrees Centigrade)?
- 9). What is the Best Before date on the Yoghurt served for breakfast? I shouldn't eat it if I were you!

We have arrived safely at Heathrow. The Treasure Hunt begins again when we board the Heathrow Express.

- 10). Which London station does the Heathrow Express run to?
- 11). What type of seats are we sitting in?
- 12). There is a sign for Migrants from which country?
- 13). What newspapers/magazines are available for you to grab?
- 14). You have decided to look for which Epic Guide to watch on your journey?
- 15). Where will you find a taxi?
- 16). The quickest Sport on Two Wheels Just what?

This is the end of the Hunt for Day 2.

The answers to this Treasurer Hunt can be found on krlbc.com under Day 2.