

Brighton reviews - 3I

Greta

Just a word to describe this experience : absolutely amazing !

I was pleasantly delighted about this study-holiday because I had the opportunity to improve my English and to speak with mother language people .

My favourite day was when my classmates and I visited Rottingdean; the landscape was breathtaking and relaxing at the same time with the sight of the sea, the wide and wild fields where you could run and a big windmill which was situated on the top of a hill .

The only thing that I didn't like was the lack of interaction with the host family as I expected more involvement because I wanted to practise my English.

I hope to have the chance to go to Brighton again in my near future.

Martina

It was the first time I had had an experience like this; I had never been to England, I had never been hosted by a family, I had never flown and what's more never been away from home for such a long time, but it has been something really great!

I can't even describe the feeling of excitement that I had when I was at the airport: I was petrified by what was going to happen to me but then I saw the breathtaking view from the airplane porthole and...I was mesmerized by the world seen from above.

As I said I had never been to England and even if the city tour of London disappointed me (too little time spent there), I'm anyway happy because I feel like having seen the real England, with its incredible ordered lawns, the cliffs, the houses, just like in the movies, Everything was as I imagined it, and even better than expected. I love Brighton because it is the best city I have ever visited; it has got cosy suburbs and a busy and vibrant center where you can find anything you are looking for.

What I liked the most were the afternoon tours. I absolutely loved all the places where we went but the one that impressed me was Rottingdean: no words can describe it. The village is picturesque and the best attraction is the windmill on top of a hill surrounded by a stunning view over the bay. We were lucky to see it at the closing of the day, touched by the orange rays of the sun making a contrast with the bright green of the fields around. I couldn't help but running like a child without thinking, dazzled by the great beauty of the scenery, the gleaming water of the sea above and the horizon, both stirring the deepest emotions and a sense of mystery.

I hope to go back to England very soon.

Federica

This trip to England marked my first plunge into the British culture.

Brighton was really beautiful: Churchill Square, our meeting point, was always full of people and surrounded by shops where we spent our pounds to buy souvenirs. I felt at home because lots of people were red haired..... like me ☐

Near this square there was the school we attended in the morning; our teacher, Kevin, was friendly and encouraged us to speak English without the help of our mother tongue.

My host family was a very hard working family and we met them only in the morning, but every time we talked to them they were always kind and friendly; our room was clean and comfortable.

With The Seven Sisters Cliffs and The Windmill in Rottingdean we had a “taste” of what the English landscape looks like.

The thing I appreciated the most was the public transport service: the buses were clean and always on time, there were USB sockets and free Wi-fi connection, the passengers were polite and silent. Completely different from the Italian system! Taking the bus to go back home was relaxing!

What I liked the least was the day in London, too little time, and maybe, I think, badly organized; the activity at Court Of Justice was interesting but I would have preferred to spend some time around the city. Anyway one more reason to go back soon. Overall it was a great experience!

Francesca

This year our school scheduled a study- trip to Brighton. During the week spent there we were hosted by a family. I wasn't as lucky as my other school mates because my English mother was a middle-aged woman who worked all time and didn't stay home with us; she just prepared our lunch and dinner and so I couldn't speak English much with her, contrary to my expectations.

We were taught to be responsible: we had to get up and leave home on time and take the right bus not to be late for school. By the way, the English public transport is much different from the Italian one: punctual, clean equipped with free WI-FI connection. In addition to that, taking the bus everyday meant seeing awesome landscapes such as cliffs and typical English little villages.

I loved Brighton: a modern and exciting city full of people, students in particular, and places to see, and very welcoming to foreign students; wherever we went, someone stopped to talk with us. I also enjoyed spending a beautiful week with my classmates and having the chance to get to know other people of my school.

I was disappointed by the organisation of the afternoon activities: both in Brighton and London we didn't visit anything in particular and we just went around the various places (maybe because the entrance tickets to museums and attractions were extremely expensive). Also we didn't have any free time to explore London on our own, to see it from another perspective.

I can absolutely say it has been a beautiful experience, even if I expected it to be different.

Valeria

Study-week to Brighton: a gorgeous way to improve the English language and visit new places!!! Everything was fantastic: the planned activities, the school and its staff, and above all the family. I have been really lucky because my English mother was helpful and keen on our needs.

The house was absolutely cosy; Brighton and its surroundings are what any traveller would like to see. I'll certainly go back, I can't wait!

Raffaella

The trip to Brighton was perfect and also my host family because they were good and lovely .

In my opinion the program was not exciting especially when we went to London because we couldn't visit the most important places because of lack of time and I found the tour senseless. We went only to the Court of Justice for the planned workshop. Anyway it was a beautiful experience.

Federica

On 1st October 2017, my classmates and I went to Brighton. I was hosted by a British family together with my friend Matilde.

I found our stay useful, and we talked a lot with "our family".

I didn't like the trip to London because there was too little free time to visit this city.

On the whole I enjoyed the place, the school, the family, but I didn't enjoy the program of the week.

Francesca

Last October I went on a study trip to Brighton with my class. In two or three people we were welcomed by our host families. I was very lucky because my English mother was pleasant and friendly. Fantastic!

Despite the outing to London (too short to see everything this city offers) I think that this trip has been well organized: the activities were nice, also the mornings at Castle school.

Brighton is a lively city. It is small, but full of nice things to visit. It is also an important seaside resort. It was a wonderful experience for me, mostly because thanks to it I could improve my English.

Rebecca

I had a lot of fun in Brighton with my classmates! I was very lucky because my family was great: the food was absolutely delicious and my host family was friendly.

Also, our guide Joy was great fun!

I think that this has been a very useful week, because I tried to talk to everyone on the bus and in the city, so I tried to improve my English with a lot of people.

I hope to spend another week abroad with my classmates!

Carlotta

This year our school has organized a study-week to Brighton, England.

We stayed in a family. I was with my three classmates in a beautiful home where we spoke a lot of English and we had a close relationship with our family; they were very kind and friendly people.

Brighton is a beautiful city, where there are many things to visit, like the Brighton Pier, where you can do lots of activities around.

In Brighton, I liked very much the Lanes, a really interesting area to explore with a wide range of shops and places to eat. I loved the handcraft shops and the different kinds of restaurants.

What I didn't like was the day in London. Too little time was devoted to sightseeing because we were booked a workshop at the Court of Justice. I appreciated the activity but it finished late and there was no time left to visit London.

Moreover also our daily free time was limited.

Overall, it was a nice experience as we learned a lot of things about Brighton and practised the English language, thanks to the classes we attended in the morning.

Fabrizio

One aspect that I didn't really enjoy was my staying with the family we were assigned to. They were super sweet and kind, but they didn't mind much at us and they didn't spend much time talking with us either; so they weren't really useful to let us practise our English. Anyway we had plenty of chances to improve the language therefore that wasn't a big problem.

Our guide Joey is worth to be mentioned. He was incredibly funny, he was always ready to chat with us and he proved a great local guide after all. Moreover, I really liked his southern accent and I think I've learnt something more on pronunciation thanks to him.

Matilde De Conto

On 1st October I flew to Brighton on a study week with my classmates. Personally I found Brighton a lovely city because it is beautiful, full of shops and people. We were split in twos and threes and stayed in a family. I was with Federica. As to the accommodation, we weren't as lucky as our other classmates: the house was always in a mess, dirty and very small, but the family was very nice. The couple had also a baby. We talked much with them and this helped me a lot.

I had fun in the city with my friends but I didn't like going back home within 6 o'clock. I also didn't like the trip to London because I expected to visit the city more rather than doing the workshop at the Court of Justice, that I found useless.

After all I liked the experience and I want to return there.

Roberto

On the first week of October, I went to Brighton, UK, on a study trip. My classmates and I were hosted by families living there, and we were in groups of two, three or four people. I was with my classmates, Emanuele and Fabrizio (there are just three males in our class), and we were hosted by a lady, named Tracey. In our very same house, we met other young people coming from China and Thailand. A multicultural environment!

Every day we went to an English school for foreign people, from 9am to 12.30am, then we used to eat either our packed-lunch or go to some fast-food restaurant (like McDonald's or KFC), until 1.15/1.30 pm. Then we all met in the main square (Churchill Square) and we went to visit some places with our Italian teachers.

During those eight days, what I enjoyed the most was when (on the first day) we went around Brighton, through the famous "lanes" (small and narrow streets, where there are a lot of jewelry shops) and to the Brighton Palace Pier, a long wharf on the coast of Brighton.

What I didn't like at all were the evenings, because we had to go back home within 6pm and then we weren't allowed to go anywhere else because of safety reasons. So we had dinner at home and relaxed in our rooms chatting or doing our homework.

However, I had a really wonderful time and I'd like to thank my parents first and then my teachers because they gave me the opportunity to live such an exciting experience.

Alessia

Personally, I really enjoyed this study-week because I visited some of England's famous and typical places such as London, the most striking one, Brighton, Lewes, Rottingdean and the cliffs of Seven sisters. Apart from London, of course, I think Brighton is a fabulous city because here you can find a lot of different and interesting attractions for everybody (children, adults and elderly people) and many things to do.

I really loved visiting the coast and Brighton Pier: when we went there it was a very windy day, but it was great fun; we enjoyed ourselves because the wind was so strong that we were hardly able to walk and the seagulls, which were flying above us, seemed floating in the air. I also liked doing shopping and hanging out with my classmates during our free time; Brighton city center is full of beautiful shops, but there are also amazing monuments and famous buildings to admire such as the Royal Pavilion and the Brighton Museum & Art Gallery.

In my opinion this trip was really useful to improve our English skills, in particular the oral ones, speaking and listening, because we had to stay with English families and chat with them all the time; it was also useful from a cultural point of view because we got in touch with different people, customs and habits. I'm a bit sorry, however, because when we went to London we didn't have so much time to visit the city as I expected; I think it had been

roughly organised, so everything had to be done in a hurry. To sum up the experience is positive.

Greta

The time I spent in Brighton was a wonderful experience. The thing I preferred was the landscape, and the place where I lived.

My host family was made up of two lovely elderly people, they cooked well, and we often talked with them to improve our English. The school was also great, but my course was very challenging.

The only negative aspect was the excursion to London: one day is not enough to visit a city like that one. We saw very little and in a hurry too, because of the workshop at the Court of Justice.

The Lanes were the most attractive part of Brighton, instead: they were full of any kind of shops and stuff as well as people coming from all over the world browsing everywhere.

Another thing I really liked was the Brighton Pier, full of lights, carousels and seagulls. Finally I can say that I really enjoyed that week, and I can't wait to share another experience with my classmates!

Elisabetta

My staying in Brighton has been an amazing experience not just because of what I've seen and visited, but also for my education.

The city is dynamic and lively, opened to students from all over the world, with a University, Museums and historical sites such as the Royal Pavillion.

I've loved my English landlady, Cristine and her husbands and their fluffy cats. They are so precious people and I wish them all the best for their fantastic trips around Europe!

From what is up to me, maybe the classrooms of Castle School should be larger for safety reasons, but that is England after all! Anyway, I had a pleasant time; maybe a bit more free time in the afternoon and in London would have been appreciated.

Thanks to have given us the chance to see beautiful places, such as the Seven Sisters Cliffs and the Brighton Lanes!

Silvia

Last October I joined a study week to Brighton with my class and our English teacher.

I stayed in an English family, very very kind and polite and I had a jolly good time speaking English with them.

I enjoyed visiting Brighton, which is a beautiful city, and I loved the pier even if it was a windy day. I was just a bit disappointed by the trip to London, because in my opinion it was too short and we had to rush, in order to be on time for our workshop at the Court of Justice. It was a beautiful experience and I hope to repeat it in the near future!

Giorgia

I pretty much enjoyed my stay in Brighton. The family, who hosted a friend of mine and me, was very kind and extrovert and it was quite easy to talk with them.

One day my class and I went to London. I expected an exciting and really interesting visit of the city. Instead I was disappointed by the famous Big Ben: the clock wasn't as tall as I imagined and surrounded by scaffolding; the Houses of Parliament weren't as huge as I had seen on Google.

I didn't like the workshop in the afternoon; I would have rather preferred a walk down Piccadilly Circus and a visit at the famous London Dungeon (but the ticket was very expensive). Anyway I can boast of having seen Trafalgar Square walking past it quickly to get to the underground station in order not to miss the train.

Anastasia

The syllabus of the third year of Liceo Linguistico offers a study week in England and so last October we went to Brighton. We stayed in a family and we were lucky because our English mother was kind and friendly. We even appreciated their food!

I attended classes at the Castle School of Brighton and my teacher was so friendly. I learnt a lot of vocabulary concerning business English and I think that it will be useful in my future.

We also visited some places near Brighton: my favourite village was Rottingdean with its black windmill. We also spent a day in London; fortunately it wasn't my first time there, because we visited little or nothing because of the workshop at the Court of Justice.

I can say that my experience was positive, but unfortunately some of my friends were disappointed both by their families and the English food and this made me sad.

Emanuele

This experience was very educational. We lived the English culture: we stayed in an English family, we ate English food, we took British means of transport. We also improved our English during the morning lessons and spoke with English people. One day we visited London, it was wonderful and I liked also "Seven sisters", the famous cliffs.

Beatrice

The experience in Brighton was super; I enjoyed the English lessons, the teacher was friendly and really nice.

Even if my house was quite far from the city, it was lovely and always clean.

Some photos...



Brighton Pier



The Windmill - Rottingdean



The Royal Pavilion

Seven Sisters

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And here we are...



In London City