

Peter and Kimberley in Europe 2011

Scotland & England

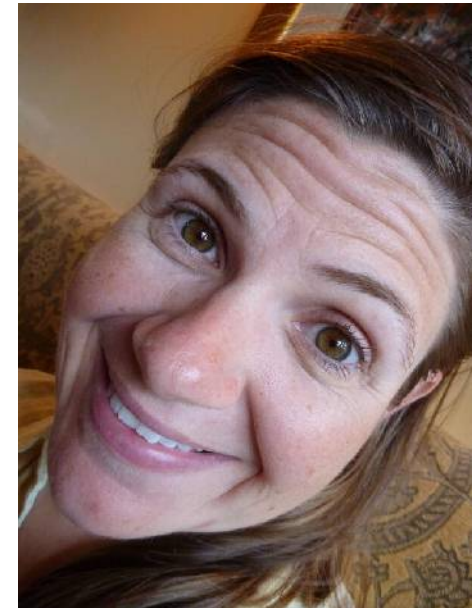


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The coolest thing about travelling in the UK is that the attractions are all things you've heard of.



Where will we go today?





Edinburgh



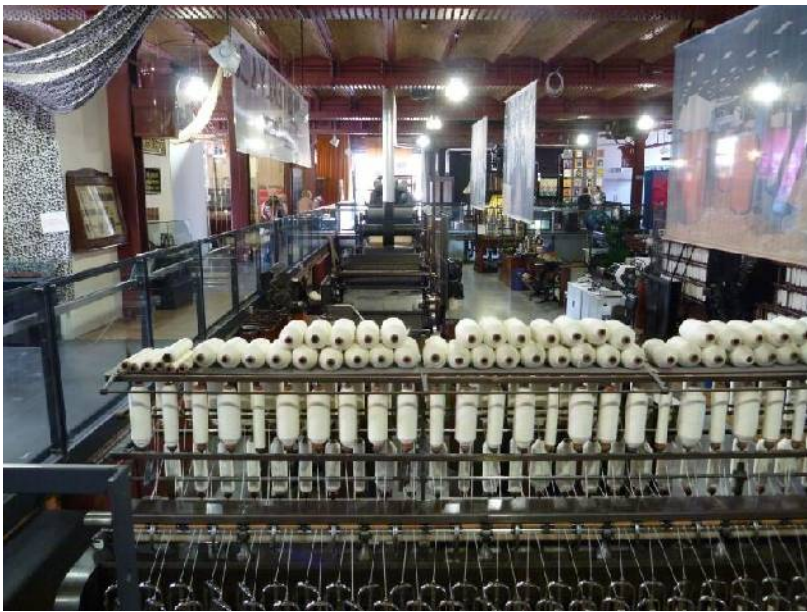
Glasgow



The Highlands



Loch Ness



Manchester



St Ives

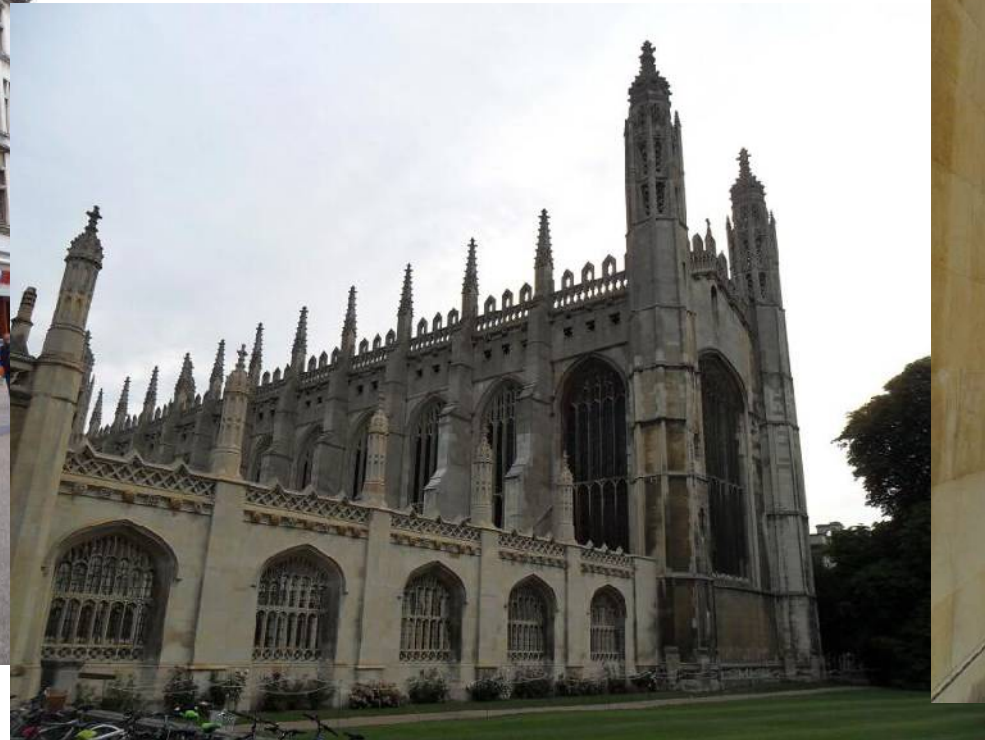


Coventry



Eden Project, Cornwall

Oxford and Cambridge



(Kimi: For all the prestige and the snobby attitudes here, I couldn't help thinking that come exam time these students would still be just as stressed as mine are!)

Sites entrenched in legend (or history, depending on your point of view)



Tintagel Castle,
birthplace of King Arthur



THE lake where Excalibur was
cast after Arthur's death
(and, strange enough, never found)

And that (very) old favourite.... Stonehenge!



(Alright, we admit we didn't get any closer than the public road. But would you pay \$11 just to be on the other side of a fence? Even fee-payers aren't allowed in the circle or near the stones!)

Plus there's an equally impressive list of sites we didn't have time for:

Stirling

(battlefields of William Wallace a.k.a. Braveheart)

Nottingham

(of Robin Hood fame)

Winchester and Stratford-Upon-Avon

(homes of Jane Austen and Shakespeare)

Wales

(country that produces Doctor Who, amongst other things....)

Maybe next time?

Although technically they live in the same country, the Scots and the Poms do some things differently.

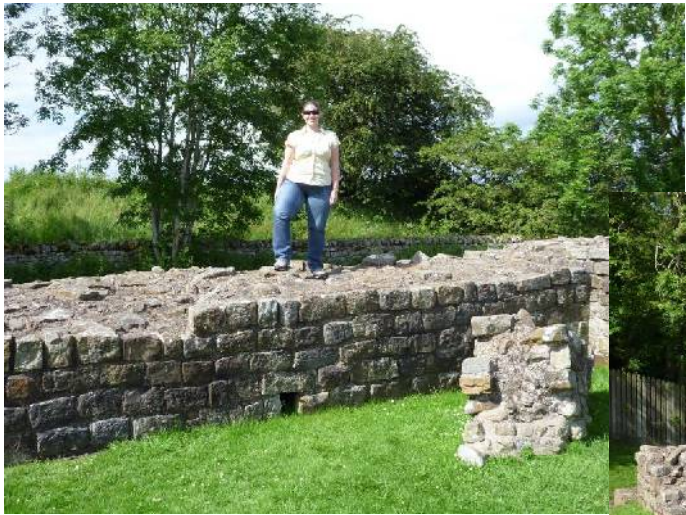


This very noisy pipes and drums band appeared from nowhere and marched through Inverness



Cambridge's Kings College takes a different approach to noise (and unauthorised marching!)

And the division of the two can be traced back through time here, at Hadrian's Wall.



History lesson: After the Romans conquered England (and most of Europe) they marched into Scotland, but the local tribes fought back with more gusto than their neighbours.

Emperor Hadrian gave up on them and instead built this wall between England and Scotland in 122AD, marking the boundary of the Roman Empire.

But in between all the name-dropping of historic sites, we also had plenty of fun and saw some unforgettable landscapes.

What incredible countryside!

A day at Edinburgh's Royal Highland Show





Fun and games at the excellent
FREE Highland Folk Museum









At the end of the UK trip it was back to good old Germany, where Kimi was granted her temporary residence visa.

Tourists have a 3 month maximum stay so if things hadn't worked out the honeymooners might have spent the rest of the trip on separate continents!

But luckily the German authorities were very kind to us so....

The image features the flag of Norway, which consists of a red field with a blue Scandinavian cross outlined in white. The cross is positioned in the upper-left quadrant of the flag. In the lower-right quadrant, the text "BRING ON NORWAY!!!" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black drop shadow.

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