

A day out in Bordeaux

In January 2016, we went to Bordeaux to see a theatre play: *The Hound of The Baskervilles* and visit the botanic garden.

We left school at 8 o'clock. Once in Bordeaux, we first stopped at the botanic garden and had a short visit.



The main entrance to the botanic garden and the fishpond.

We also had a look at Toussaint Louverture memorial, the leader of the Haitian independence movement. This statue was donated to the city of Bordeaux by the Republic of Haiti in 2005. Its riverside location is heavy with significance, forming an important step on the road to Bordeaux coming to terms with its slave trade past. Indeed, it is located opposite the quay from which ships set sail between 1672 and 1837, on their triangular slave trade voyages that resulted in 150,000 Africans being deported to the Americas.



They would leave from Bordeaux loaded with foodstuffs, cloth, arms and trinkets which, upon arrival on the eastern coast of Africa six to eight weeks later would be exchanged for slaves.

Upon arrival, the surviving slaves would be sold or auctioned off and set to work on the plantations. Meanwhile, the ships would sail back to Bordeaux

carrying sugar, cocoa, tobacco, cotton and other produce, making a substantial contribution to the city's wealth.



Then, we went to the city centre and had a picnic on the left bank quays, one of the most magnificent waterfronts in the world thanks to beautiful 18th century façades lining the river and numerous listed historic buildings.

After lunch, we walked to the Trianon theatre and watched the play.

A few pictures of the play and of the theatre:



Coline: The play was very interesting. It was acted by simple and good actors with a lot of humour and talent. The room was so little and we were right in front of the actors. Sometimes they went into the audience to play. It was very funny.

Hugo: The play was good, funny and the actors played well but it was quite difficult and sometimes a bit long.



Anthony: The play was very good, the actors joking with the spectators. The dialogue were easy to understand but sometimes it lacked action.

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE'S

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

A SHERLOCK HOLMES ADVENTURE



STEPHANE
OTERO
as
Sherlock
Holmes

CAMILLE
LECOINTRE
as
Laura

DOMINIC
GOULD
as
Dr. Watson

SERGE
O'SULLIVAN
as
Stapleton

Adaptation : Andrew Loudon
Mise en scène : Lucille O'Flanagan
Production : Thomas Le Cam

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