

Legoland Trip 2005

The day started off very cloudy though the sun did try a break through the clouds a couple of times in the morning. Coaches were all on time at selected pickup points as families arrived for our trip to Legoland. Once on the coach and everyone were accounted for, we were on our way. It wasn't long though until the heaven's opened and the rain started. The mood on our coach was in good spirits, it may have been raining outside but inside the coach there was sunshine!

The journey was not bad at all, and after departing from Islington at 9.30am we arrived at Legoland around 11.15am. We handed out information packs including tickets, and refreshments during our journey. Once at Legoland I went to the guest service to meet with our contact who then enter all three coaches to give those with a disability and their carers a exit pass stamp – this allowing them to 'jump the queue'.



Once everyone sorted themselves out, everyone enter Legoland, though still pouring down with rain, everyone seemed happy to have got there in good time and were ready to go and enjoy the sights and rides. During the day, the rain did let up a bit for a short while so more people were able to go on the rides. My children decided to take me on a ride – not knowing it was a roller coaster myself and partner agreed. We came off the ride with shaky knees!! There was an entertainment tent 'The Laughter Show' where many families went to watch. It was funny, and looking around everyone seemed to have enjoyed it, and it was a good way of sheltering from the rain!

Time was upon us and we all headed back to the coach for our 5pm departure. Everyone turned up on time and we left Legoland and headed back to Islington.

< Jill Howard, Gill Lea-Wilson, Maya and Jack

Though the weather lets us down on the day, I felt very proud of all our autistic passengers – they all coped extremely well.

I would like to thank all staff and volunteers who help make the day possible.

Tanya Camilleri

Extracts from your feedback on the trip

- 95% Enjoyed the day
- 94% of you found the exit pass system helpful.
- 95% Travelled by coach
- 94% of parents and carers found the day enjoyable
- 98% of parents and carers rated the assistance and help offered by Autism London's staff as good to excellent.
- 99% would like the opportunity to attend a daytrip next year

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