

West Indian Society Paris Tour Report

Objective of Tour:

The venue for our tour is in Paris. We, the West Indian Society, have been invited by one of the students at the University of London Institute in Paris to contribute at one of their events. One aspect of the event is a display of the different cultures that reside at the university.

This university focuses on French culture, language and literature and as a result the diversity of cultures is minimal compared to that of Imperial College which focuses on a larger subject area. Hence, our presence there will be a significant contribution toward their event.

At this event, we intend to perform a dance routine as well as verbally inform our hosts about Caribbean culture and Caribbean life in London. While on tour, we hope to strengthen or relationship and contacts at ULIP so that future members of both universities can exchange resources for future events in London/Paris.

The difference in having this event in Paris compared with London, is that London is a very diverse city and the Caribbean culture can be observed in most places. This implies that many students will already be aware of what we have to offer which is not the case at ULIP. We will be arriving in Paris after noon on Saturday 28th February and departing the following day at noon.

Date of arrival in Paris: 28th February 2009

Date of Departure from Paris: 01 March 2009

Aim of tour: To display Caribbean culture at the University of London Institute in Paris.

Outcome of the Paris Tour

The Caribbean cultural event at ULIP was *cancelled* due to poor organisation on their part. This was because the cultural night was booked on the same weekend as the university's open day.

We were only advised of this cancellation 2 weeks before we were scheduled to depart from London. Since tickets, visas and hotel accommodation for this trip were already bought, the society could not cancel the trip.

As a result the original objective of our tour to Paris was not fulfilled.