

# We had a ball in the Mall and the Royal Arts:

Rated: ★★★★★ stars

## My highlights of the trip:

For me the main highlights of the trip was the Mall Gallery and walking around Green Park and St James Park. I really enjoyed admiring, sketching and taking photos of the architecture of London's buildings, lampposts and hidden details, as well as looking at the different styles of artwork found in the Mall Gallery.

## The Mall Gallery:

I enjoyed the Mall Gallery. I was interested in the range of styles and the different mediums used in the pieces of art on display. It was fascinating how different paints, newspaper, pencils, fine lined pens and sculpture were used by the artists to create their pieces. There was a large range of themes of artwork to see, from the city streets, to nature, to everyday objects, plants, flowers as well as animals and sea creatures. I also enjoyed the mix of realism and fun animated and simplified work as there was always something new to see and a different take on something in the world. The seahorse and Tabby caught my eye. I also enjoyed the range of colours and shades used in each artwork, some were more bright and fluorescent and others had more dull colours however they were all interesting to look at and were inspiring.

Looking at the artwork in the Mall Gallery, I felt curious as to what I would see in each piece of artwork. I was amazed at some of the paintings which looked like they were photographs that had been stuck on paper, but were actual paintings with incredible detail. The more you looked at the art work, the more you would see in the picture, as the levels of detail in some of the works was brilliant and kept my eyes looking at every inch of the work. Every time I looked at the artwork, something seen

I would spot that I hadn't before.



## The RA Museum:

In the Royal Arts museum we explored the exhibition entitled: Entangled Pasts. Behind every piece of detailed work was a deep meaningful story. As I walked around the exhibit it was clear that it was much more serious and intense than the Mall Gallery in both the atmosphere and in the artwork. This being said, many of the artworks captured my attention, such as the 'Whale Falls', 'Watson and the Shark', 'Middle Passage' and 'Justice for All'



If I could afford one piece of artwork from the RA I would choose "Justice for All" . I enjoyed the power that the piece gave off with the straight confident arms and the sharp golden sword. The statue represented equality through the dress and globe used as the head, showing that Justice should be available to everyone. I also enjoyed the combination of colours from the Patterns on the dress and the turquoise arms, the artwork was quite iconic with the scales of justice in one hand the sword of judgement in the other. The piece was based on the Statue of Liberty and in the Old Bailey.

If I could afford one piece from the Mall Gallery, I would be torn between the following pieces;- Tabby, which was a fine line drawing of a Tabby cat. I really love cats and the cat shares my name. I think the picture captures a cat essence. The Cat and Blossom, which looked like a Japanese block print and the blossom looked pretty. I would love to go to Japan to see the blossom and it has a cat in it.

