So You've Been to All the Thrift Shops...

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Coming out of a deep sleep at six a.m. on the morning I found my nephews sleeping in my bed, I felt as if I had been transported to a different world. I had finally arrived in London, where I would spend the next two weeks exploring the city's vibrant and diverse culture.

London is a city that shamelessly embraces its history and modernity. The ancient streets and buildings are interspersed with contemporary art and design, creating a unique blend of old and new. As I walked through the city, I was struck by the variety of sounds and sights that filled my senses. The smell of freshly made coffee wafted from the local cafes, and the sound of traffic filled the streets, creating a lively atmosphere.

One of the most impressive things about London is its architecture. The city is home to some of the world's most iconic buildings, including the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, and the London Eye. Each building has its own unique history and story, and I found myself constantly stopping to admire the architecture and learn more about the city's past.

During my trip, I also discovered the city's rich history of art and music. The British Museum, the Tate Modern, and the National Gallery are just a few of the many museums that house some of the world's most famous artworks. I spent countless hours exploring these museums, marveling at the beauty and sophistication of the art on display.

London is also a city that values its traditions and cultural events. The city hosts a variety of festivals throughout the year, including the Notting Hill Carnival, the London Marathon, and the Chelsea Flower Show. I was fortunate to attend the Notting Hill Carnival, where I was able to experience the vibrant and colorful atmosphere of the event.

As I reflect on my trip, I realize that London is a city that truly has something for everyone. From its rich history and culture to its modern art and music scene, London is a city that continues to draw visitors from all over the world. I am grateful for the opportunity to have experienced this incredible city and look forward to returning in the future.
Day Trip to Ensenada

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Our Mexican automobile insurance was valid from 10 a.m. Monday to 11 a.m. Tuesday, so we had to travel to Ensenada Monday morning and spend the night in Tijuana. On Tuesday morning we would have to return to Tijuana and cross the border to Ensenada to continue our trip to Mexico. Our rented Reman's car was a two-door, a very attractive sport car, and we were eager to explore its capabilities.

On the way to Tijuana, we found that the border was very busy. We had to wait for several hours before we could cross into Mexico. Once we arrived in Tijuana, we found that there were many different places to eat and shop. We decided to visit a few of the popular restaurants and shops.

On our way to Ensenada, we passed through many beautiful countryside landscapes. We were able to see many different types of vegetation and wildlife. We also saw several small towns and villages along the way.

In Ensenada, we found that there were many different activities to do. We decided to visit the Ensenada Marina and explore the different types of boats available. We also decided to visit the Ensenada Zoo and see the different types of animals.

Overall, our day trip to Ensenada was a very enjoyable experience. We were able to see many different types of landscapes and activities. We would definitely recommend this trip to anyone who is interested in exploring the beauty of Mexico.