



# EUROPE 2023



4 months | 6 countries | 8 house swaps | 10 journey legs

## Lay Day

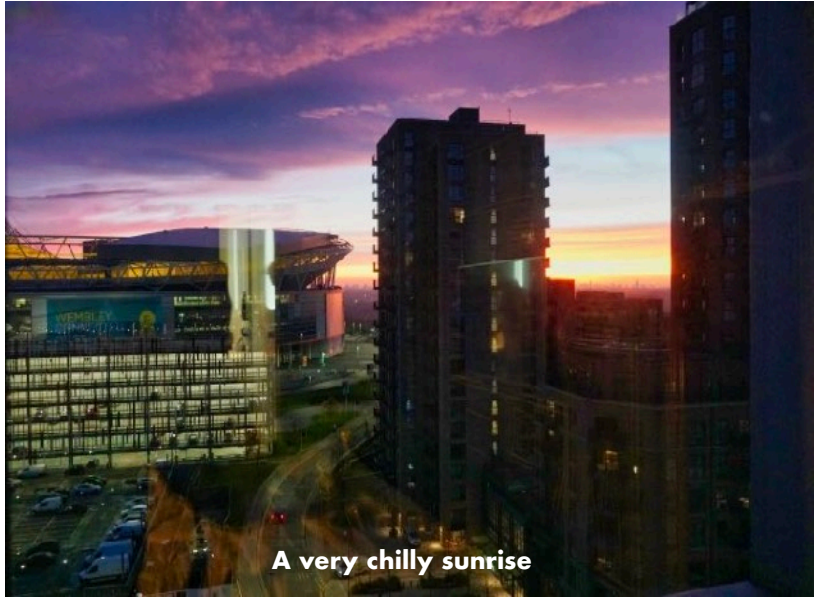
The freezing weather continued today. It is supposed to only get worse with the MET Office predicting snow to fall in many areas of the British Isles. It's already snowing in Poland, Netherlands and Austria. As a result, we decided to rug up and take a long stroll around the local area instead of venturing into the London central business district for some sight seeing. After all, we have been to see many of the major tourist attractions and iconic landmarks over the years.

The Wembley Park area, in which our hotel is located, has recently been completely redeveloped with wide streets, a new rail station and a huge three storey designer outlet centre, plus many apartment high-rises. With Black Friday sales in full swing the pavements were buzzing with people. Heather and I could not stop smiling at the long lines of people, with money to burn, standing in the cold waiting outside some of the shops.

We found a wide array of restaurants to satisfy our appetites both in the development complex and out on the main road.



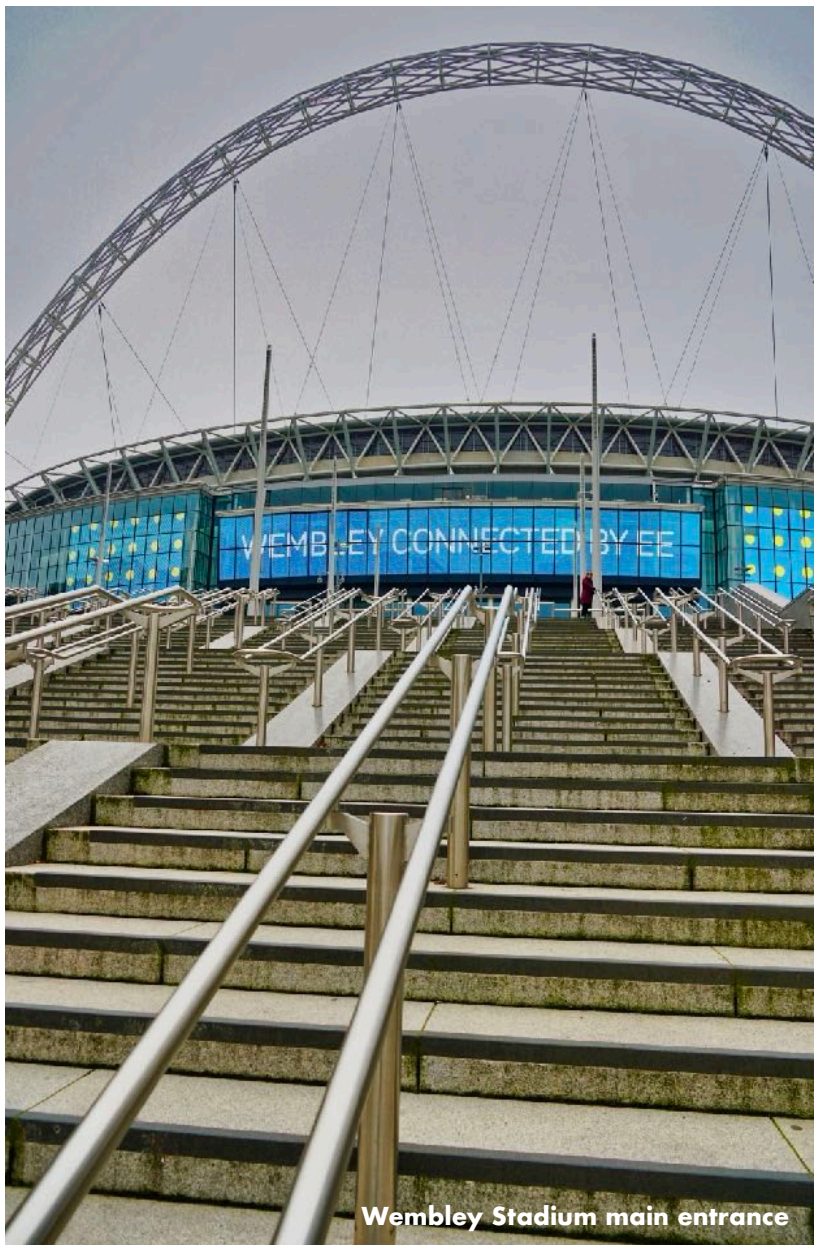




A very chilly sunrise



Our hotel next door to Wembley



Wembley Stadium main entrance



Lines of shoppers everywhere