

Visiting The National Gallery

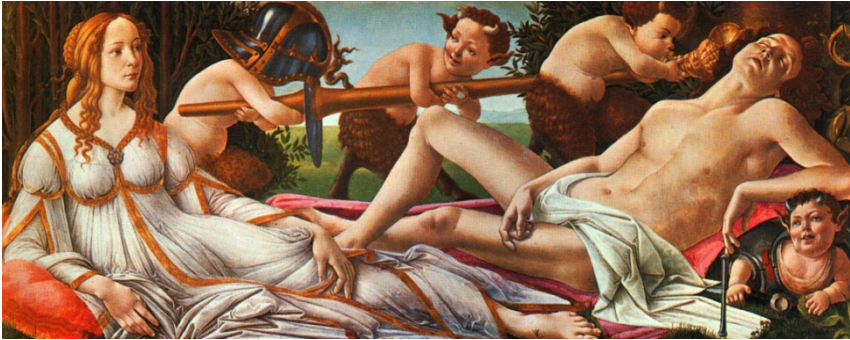
The National Gallery is located in Trafalgar Square, which is one of the biggest squares in London. In the middle of the square stands a monument that celebrates Lord Nelson, the British admiral who, in 1805, won the Battle of Trafalgar in which he was mortally wounded.



Trafalgar Square, the geographical heart of London.

In the background you can see The National Gallery.

Like many London's museums, the National Gallery is free and you can see a lot of paintings from different artists and from different periods. About 20 rooms show Italian paintings. We saw and talked about "The Virgin of the rocks" by Leonardo Da Vinci and "Venus and Mars" by Botticelli.



"Venus and Mars" by Botticelli (1483)



"The Virgin of the Rocks" by Leonardo

We also enjoyed the Flemish painters. I especially liked the famous Jan Van Eyck's painting called "The Arnolfini portrait", which is about a marriage scene, but the best thing is the mirror that reflects husband and wife.



"The Arnolfini Portrait" by Jan Van Eyck (1434)



Van Gogh and Monet from the National Portrait Gallery, next door

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