TRAVEL

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."

Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430), theologian and philosopher

1. Travel Discussion

1. What do you think of when you hear the word "travel"?
2. Do you enjoy travelling? Why or why not? What are the benefits of travelling?
3. When was the last time you went on holiday/vacation? Can you describe it?
4. Where would you like to go to on your next holiday/vacation?
5. What are the best places you have been to?
6. Where is the worst place you have been on holiday/vacation?
7. Where would you recommend a foreign tourist visit in your country?
8. Would you prefer to have a trip in your own country or in a foreign country? Why?

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2. Travel Vocabulary

- **city break** (noun) – *a holiday/vacation to a city, usually a short trip.*
- **all-inclusive holiday (BrE) / vacation (AmE)** (noun) – *a holiday/vacation on a resort that includes all food and drink.*
- **to backpack** (verb), **backpacking** (noun) – *a style of independent travel usually involving multiple destinations and low budget accommodation.*
- **off the beaten path / track** (phrase) – *describes a tourist destination where not many people/tourists go.*
- **souvenir** (noun) – *an object to remind someone of a place, person or event.*
- **bucket list** (noun) – *a list of things a person would like to accomplish in their lifetime.*

Using the vocabulary words above, complete the following sentences (remember to use the correct form of the word, e.g. verb conjugation or plural noun)

1. We had a lovely **city break** to Prague last summer.
2. North Korea is truly **off the beaten track**.
3. Hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu is at the top of my **bucket list**.
4. Peter always buys fridge magnets as a **souvenir** of his holidays.
5. Tanya has always dreamed of **backpacking** around the world.
6. The only problem with **all-inclusive holidays** is that you feel like you're losing money if you leave the hotel to try one of the local restaurants.

Travel vocabulary comprehension questions

1. Where would you like to go for a city break?
2. Have you ever been on an all-inclusive holiday? How was it? What are the pros and cons of this kind of trip?
3. Would you like to go backpacking? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever been off the beaten track? Where did you go?
5. Do you bring souvenirs back from holiday? Do you have any favourites?
6. Which countries are on your bucket list? Why? What do you want to see there?

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3. Video: The Point of Travel

You are going to watch a video by The School Of Life called "The Point Of Travel".

Watch the video here: https://yourenglishpal.com/blog/esl-conversation-lesson-plan-travel/

Watch the video and answer the following questions:

Multiple choice

1. What kind of journey is everyone on?

   a) an inner journey *b) an outer journey* *c) a bus journey*

2. All locations contain qualities that support what?

   a) a change in scenery *b) a change of lifestyle* ***c) a change inside a person***

3. From a psychological point of view, what kind of destination are the 200-million-year-old stones in Utah?

   a) a natural destination ***b) an inner destination*** *c) a photogenic destination*

4. What did pilgrims commune with if there was something wrong with them?

   a) relics *b) saints* *c) family members*

Sentence completion

5. St Appolonia is the patron saint of **teeth**.
6. St Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of **marital problems**.
7. People believe St Donatus can offer help against **fires and explosions**.
8. In an ideal world, **travel agents** would be manned by psychotherapists.

Short answer

9. What might anxious people go and see on the west coast of Ireland? **Waves**
10. People who are concerned with being admired and famous should go and see what in Detroit? **Ruins**
11. These days, people go away travelling without fully knowing what? **What's wrong with us**
12. Travel can help us grow into what? **Better versions of ourselves**

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4. Travel Conversation Questions

1. Are you a traveller or a tourist? What's the difference?
2. What are some of the different types of holidays or vacations that people like to go on? (e.g., beach holidays, skiing holidays, etc)
3. Where are the best places to go for a romantic getaway?
4. When you travel somewhere, do you like to plan everything or 'go with the flow'?
5. Have you ever travelled solo? If not, would you like to travel solo?
6. Why do some people travel solo? What are the advantages and disadvantages of solo travel?
7. Would you like to travel for a year or two? If so, which destinations would you choose and why?
8. Are there any countries you would definitely not want to visit? Why?

5. Travel Writing Task

Write an email to a friend describing your last holiday/vacation (real or fictional). Try to use some of the vocabulary you learned earlier in this class. In your answer, you could include some of the following topics:

- A description of the place you went to.
- What you did (places, activities, food, etc.)
- Why you had a good time or a bad time (or both).

Alternative exam question

These days, it is becoming more and more common for people to take a career break and go travelling for a year. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this?

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