



# Travel and holidays

Lesson code: M8GS-L5LA-MD8N

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## 1 Travel essentials

Work in pairs. Which of the items below would you take with you on a camping, beach or sightseeing holiday?

a backpack  
a kite  
a snorkel

a beach towel  
a penknife  
a torch

a first-aid kit  
a plug adapter  
flip-flops

a guidebook  
a sleeping bag  
sun cream

A camping holiday: \_\_\_\_\_

A beach holiday: \_\_\_\_\_

A sightseeing trip: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Synonyms for 'trip/journey'

Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right:

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| 1. a voyage      | a journey on a ship for pleasure   |
| 2. a trek        | a journey or trip for pleasure in which you visit different places         |
| 3. a cruise      | a long journey, especially by ship   |
| 4. a tour        | a long walk in the mountains or countryside                                |
| 5. an expedition | a trip/visit for pleasure or education which usually lasts less than a day |
| 6. an outing     | an organised journey by a group of people for a particular purpose         |

Now complete the sentences with words from above:

- We are going on an \_\_\_\_\_ to Mount Everest next year.
- Travis was exhausted after the \_\_\_\_\_ in the forest.
- James and Maria spent their honeymoon on a Caribbean \_\_\_\_\_.
- Dianne's children are going on a school \_\_\_\_\_ to the British Museum.
- Columbus' most famous \_\_\_\_\_ took place in 1492 when he discovered the Americas.
- Mario took us on a guided \_\_\_\_\_ of Rome.



### 3 Travel collocations

Complete the collocations. Use a dictionary where necessary.

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|----------------|---------------|--|
| 1. pitch       | a few phrases | → to learn some phrases while on holiday         |
| 2. get         | a holiday     | → to end a holiday earlier than planned          |
| 3. exchange    | a sun tan     | → to become darker because of the sun            |
| 4. pick up     | a tent        | → to put up/fix a tent                           |
| 5. get         | jet lag       | → to feel tired after a long journey by plane    |
| 6. cut short   | money         | → to change money from one currency into another |
| 7. suffer from | ripped-off    | → to pay too much for something                  |

Choose three collocations each and give a true sentence about yourself for each phrase.

### 4 Adjectives

In pairs, study the sentences and complete the definitions below with the underlined adjectives.

- Paul always brings back tacky souvenirs from his trips abroad.
- It's much cheaper to travel with a no-frills airline.
- I don't like package holidays. I prefer to discover things by myself.
- On my way to Miami, I had a brief stopover in Lisbon.
- The view from the hotel room was absolutely breathtaking.
- Jamaica has a thriving tourism industry. The country's economy depends on it.
- It was a bumpy ride to the mountain resort. We really needed an off-road vehicle.
- If you search online, you can find some hotels with decent prices.

- \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.): acceptable, not too expensive
- \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.): of cheap quality
- \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.): developing, successful
- \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.): short
- \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.): not smooth
- \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.): basic, without extras
- \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.): with everything arranged by the travel company
- \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.): extremely beautiful



## 5 Talking point

**In pairs or groups, discuss any of the following questions:**

1. Do you like package holidays or do you prefer to go 'off the beaten track'? Why?
2. Do you try to pick up the local language when you are on holiday?
3. Describe a memorable holiday or trip. Try to use words from this lesson.



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1. expedition
2. trek
3. cruise
4. outing
5. voyage
6. tour

### 3 Travel collocations

1. pitch a tent → to put up/fix a tent
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### 4 Adjectives

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|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. decent | 2. tacky     | 3. thriving | 4. brief        |
| 5. bumpy  | 6. no-frills | 7. package  | 8. breathtaking |

