

Travel and tourism

Nowadays more and more people are travelling abroad to spend their holidays in foreign countries. Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Last year, there were millions of international tourist arrivals across the globe. Whether they were students on their (1) years looking for overseas adventure, stressed-out workers hoping to (2) away for a weekend, or retirees wishing to relax in an exotic location – clearly none of them thought they could find the same experience at home. The question is (3) foreign travel brings more advantages or disadvantages.

An obvious positive point is that going abroad sometimes helps people to expand their knowledge of the world. If they are (4) -minded, they can learn about new cultures and hopefully gain a more accurate understanding about their (5) of life. In addition, there is the economic benefit of tourism to countries which have few other resources. It can provide an income to many people within the industry.

Having said this, some people simply go to a foreign (6) surrounded by high walls and therefore learn little about their holiday (7) Another issue is that (8) of tourists often spoil the 'unspoilt' places they visit. The most recent example of this is Antarctica, where last year cruise ships took thousands of visitors to view the disappearing icebergs and wildlife. Vegetation, nesting penguins and resting walrus are vulnerable when humans (9)

Certainly a trip to a foreign country is attractive, but it may be worth (10) one's own country first. By doing so, (11) travellers can support their own economy, cut down on fuel use and find out about their own national (12)

1 Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space.

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| 1 A break | B space | C gap | D pause |
| 2 A get | B deal | C organize | D escape |
| 3 A which | B how | C although | D whether |
| 4 A open | B wide | C large | D free |
| 5 A form | B means | C way | D belief |
| 6 A reserve | B sanctuary | C resort | D shelter |
| 7 A departure | B direction | C destination | D situation |
| 8 A hordes | B sets | C series | D crews |
| 9 A influence | B impact | C enter | D intrude |
| 10 A trekking | B tracking | C exploring | D locating |
| 11 A domestic | B internal | C border | D insular |
| 12 A background | B upbringing | C heritage | D formation |

2 Complete the dialogues by writing an appropriate word from the box in each space.

Booking hotel rooms for a family

available	double	charge	twin	access
unit	facilities	reservation	contact	ensuite

Caller: Hi, I was wondering if you have anything (1) available for June 30th? We're looking for two rooms, one with a (2) bed, the other should be a (3) room – I mean something with two single beds for the children.

Receptionist: Let's see. Yes, we have a family (4), and that comes with an (5) bathroom and some basic cooking (6)

Caller: Great. Um, how about (7) to the Internet?

Receptionist: You can connect from your room. There's a small (8), \$5 per 30 minutes.

Caller: OK, well I'd like to make a (9), please. My name's Jack Raymond.

Receptionist: OK Mr Raymond, can I have a (10) phone number, please?

Booking a room for a large business meeting

reception	whiteboard	participants	screen	book	suite
conference	maximum	refreshments	equipment	arrangements	

Caller: Good morning. I'd like to (11) a room in your hotel for a business (12) we're having on the 2nd of October, if that's possible.

Receptionist: Well, I'm afraid the largest (13) we have is already being used for a wedding (14), but the Cambridge room is also fairly large. How many (15) would attend?

Caller: It would be a (16) of twelve.

Receptionist: That would work. Were you also wanting to hire any (17) to help with the meeting?

Caller: I'll be giving a presentation so I guess a (18) will be necessary.

Receptionist: Right. I'll make the (19) for that to be brought along. Anything else you need?

Caller: Possibly a (20) and pens. Hopefully we'll be brainstorming some good ideas.

Receptionist: Now, how about (21) ? We usually serve coffee at 10am and then ...

Making enquiries about local tourism

wildlife	trip	harbour	playground	library	canoe
exhibition	activities	cruise	guide	museum	sunscreen

Caller: Hi, we're planning our (22) for the school holidays and I think we'll be staying in Westport for a few days. Could you tell me what local (23) there are?

Receptionist: Certainly. Em, hiring a (24) or kayak is very popular. You can hire your own, or a (25) can take you out on the river and show you around, all the way to the (26) where you'll see all the fishing boats come in. On the river you'll see lots of local (27) – native birds, fish, dragonflies, that sort of thing. Or, you could go on a (28) around some of the local islands – that's very relaxing as you don't have to do anything! Just take lots of (29) and plenty of bottled water.

Caller: That all sounds great. What's in the town itself? Do you have an outdoor (30) for kids?

Receptionist: Yes we do. Your children might also be interested in our small (31) – it has a fascinating (32) of photos and household objects that show how the first people here used to live. We've also got a good (33) with a large children's section, too, if they enjoy reading.

3 Complete each sentence with a form of the word in CAPITALS.

- As a significant *tourist*..... attraction, the old city must be preserved. TOUR
- I'm afraid I'm calling to make a about my room. COMPLAIN
- The main problem was that the was delayed for hours. FLY
- Will there be any events happening at that time? CULTURE
- I'd recommend that you get before you leave. INSURE
- Do you have any special regarding food? REQUIRE
- For many people, a holiday is simply not AFFORD
- of the coastline can take many days. EXPLORE
- Beijing is a destination which is gaining with foreign visitors. POPULAR
- There will be a one-hour of traditional dance. PERFORM
- One benefit of tourism is that it can be beneficial to a number of local business. ECONOMY
- The construction of so many hotels has had an impact on the local ecosystem. INVADE