

**Travel and holidays**

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Complete the sentences with the correct word from the box.

along among around back beneath beyond through within

1. Luke saw his friends the crowd of tourists outside the castle.
2. I went for a tour the city and was impressed by how beautiful it was.
3. In Rome there are kilometres of tunnels the city.
4. It was getting late so we decided to head to the campsite.
5. It was really relaxing taking a walk the river.
6. In the distance, the mountain range, there is a huge lake.
7. Our guide led us the caves and showed us their interesting features.
8. Many important events have happened the walls of this palace.

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Choose the alternative for each sentence which is NOT correct.

1. We went on a *travel* / *trip* / *journey* to the jungle.
2. I enjoyed the beautiful *view* / *scenery* / *outlook* from the top of the hill.
3. The family *boarded* / *got on* / *embarked* the bus and it left almost immediately.
4. Giorgio packed his two *bags* / *luggage* / *suitcases* and took the early train.
5. The train *fare* / *fee* / *ticket* was much more expensive than Anna expected.
6. On the way to Scotland we sat in the front *coach* / *carriage* / *cabin* of the train.
7. A river *voyage* / *trip* / *cruise* is the best way to go sightseeing.
8. We decided to take a *charter* / *programmed* / *scheduled* flight to Spain.

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In pairs, ask and answer the following questions.

1. Where do you usually go on holiday?
2. Do you usually go to places where there are lots of tourists, or do you go to less well-known places?
3. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of exploring less well-known places when travelling?

Exam task

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For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 A represent B indicate C refer D mention

Example answer: C

Off the beaten track

The expression 'getting off the beaten track' is used to (0) to the experience of avoiding famous tourist attractions and choosing instead to explore less well-known places when travelling.

For many people the whole (1) of travel is to visit cities such as Paris or Venice that have a great (2) as places of beauty and historic importance. Furthermore, they are not particularly (3) by the crowds that are usually found in such locations. But for others who have more of a (4) of adventure, a good holiday must (5) unfamiliar experiences, even taking some risks.

Travelling off the beaten track may be done by some students who don't (6) to a rigid plan, but make decisions about what to do depending on how they feel. Other travellers prefer to spend money on guided tours to unusual locations. Such tours are designed to (7) their particular needs, and all the arrangements are made for them. However people choose to get off the beaten track, the hope is always the same: to have a special, often unique (8) of a different culture.

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| 1 | A worth | B point | C aim | D profit |
| 2 | A favour | B approval | C reputation | D opinion |
| 3 | A bothered | B interrupted | C offended | D disturbed |
| 4 | A feeling | B impression | C mood | D sense |
| 5 | A possess | B consist | C involve | D concern |
| 6 | A fix | B stick | C fasten | D attach |
| 7 | A please | B fit | C agree | D meet |
| 8 | A experience | B understanding | C awareness | D knowledge |



Exam tips

- Read through the whole text first.
- Look at the words before and after each gap.
- Try each word (A, B, C and D) in the gap and decide which is correct. If you are not sure, choose the word that you think best fits the gap.