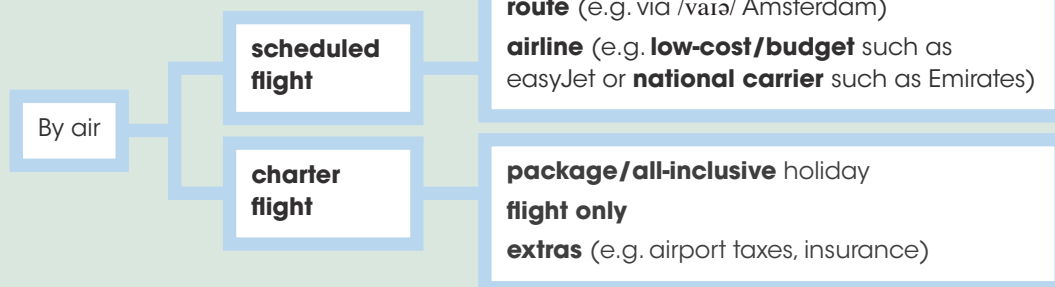


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Travel and accommodation

A Booking travel and holidays

Here are some choices you may make when booking travel or holidays.



A **scheduled flight** is a normal, regular flight; a **charter flight** is a special flight taking a group of people, usually to the same holiday destination. Some airline tickets may have **restrictions** (e.g. you can only travel on certain days). Such tickets can offer good **value for money** but, if you cancel, they are **non-refundable**¹ or you may have to pay a **cancellation fee**. Some tickets allow a **stopover**². A **package** holiday normally includes accommodation and **transfers**, e.g. a coach or a **shuttle bus** to and from your hotel. An **all-inclusive** holiday includes your flight, accommodation and all meals, drinks and snacks in the hotel.



¹ you can't get your money back ² you may stay somewhere overnight before continuing to your destination



Sea travel is normally on a **ferry**, and the journey is called a **crossing**, but you can have a holiday on the sea if you **go on a cruise**. For some people, a luxury cruise is the **holiday of a lifetime**¹. You may decide to book a **berth** in a **shared cabin**², or to have a single or double cabin. For more money, you can often get a **deluxe** cabin, perhaps on the **upper deck**³. Cruises often go to **exotic**⁴ islands where you can **get away from it all**⁵.

¹ one you will always remember ² a bed in a cabin with other people ³ the higher part of the ship, which is often bigger and more comfortable ⁴ unusual or exciting ⁵ escape your daily life and routines

Train travel allows you to relax as you travel and look at the countryside through the windows of your **carriage**. Railways link major towns but you may have to **change trains**¹ if you are not able to get a **through train**².



¹ get off one train and on to another ² or **direct train**, one which takes you directly to your destination



Car hire is another way of **getting around**¹. When you book it, you may have to choose whether you want **unlimited mileage**². There may also be **extras** to pay, such as accident insurance. If you hire a car, it gives you the freedom to **come and go as you please**³.

¹ travelling to different places; *informal* ² /'maɪlɪdʒ/ you can travel as many miles as you like for the same price ³ go where you want when you want

B Accommodation when travelling

Some people like **camping**¹ while others prefer hotels. Or you can have a **self-catering**² holiday, such as staying in an apartment or **chalet**³. You can also choose to stay in a **guest house**⁴ or an **inn**⁵. Some types of accommodation offer **half board**⁶ or **full board**⁷.

¹ sleeping in a tent or a caravan ² where you do your own cooking ³ /'ʃæleɪ/ small cottage or cabin specially built for holiday-makers ⁴ small, relatively cheap hotel ⁵ similar to a pub, but also offering accommodation; sometimes in an attractive old building ⁶ usually breakfast and one other meal ⁷ all meals

Exercises

26.1 Use vocabulary from A opposite to express these sentences more briefly.

- 1 It was a regular flight which the airline runs every day.
It was a scheduled flight.
- 2 I hate those special flights where everyone is booked to the same holiday destination.
- 3 The ticket allowed us to spend up to three nights in Singapore on the journey from London to Sydney.
- 4 You can get a bed on the ferry in a little room with three other beds.
- 5 Our seats were in the part of the train that was nearest to the engine.
- 6 The bus or taxi to your hotel is included in the cost of the holiday.
- 7 It was a cheap fare, but there were some things you were not allowed to do.
- 8 The ticket is relatively cheap, but you can't get your money back if you have to cancel.
- 9 The price of the holiday includes the flight, hotel and all your food and drink.

26.2 Match the words on the left with their collocations on the right.

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|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 holiday | <input type="checkbox"/> | a catering |
| 2 full | <input type="checkbox"/> | b for money |
| 3 self- | <input type="checkbox"/> | c mileage |
| 4 unlimited | <input type="checkbox"/> | d bus |
| 5 exotic | <input type="checkbox"/> | e of a lifetime |
| 6 value | <input type="checkbox"/> | f board |
| 7 shuttle | <input type="checkbox"/> | g train |
| 8 through | <input type="checkbox"/> | h airline |
| 9 low-cost | <input type="checkbox"/> | i class |
| 10 economy | <input type="checkbox"/> | j island |



26.3 Which expressions in the box do you associate with each of the holidays below? Use a dictionary if necessary. Each expression may go with more than one type of holiday.

to rough it	to keep on the move	to just drift along
an exhilarating experience	to sleep under the stars	a cosy atmosphere
to be out in the wilds	a real learning experience	to come and go as you please
to lounge around	to be your own boss	to spend a fortune on entrance fees

- 1 self-catering holiday
- 2 camping at a beach resort
- 3 staying in an inn or a guest house
- 4 skiing holiday, staying in a chalet
- 5 trekking holiday, camping in the mountains
- 6 cruise
- 7 sightseeing holiday, staying in a hotel in a historic city
- 8 touring holiday, in a hire car



26.4 Complete these sentences with expressions from 25.3.

- 1 It was a lovely cruise; we just all day.
- 2 I prefer self-catering because I like to
- 3 Camping is OK if you don't mind
- 4 Skiing is always such
- 5 Sightseeing's great but it's easy
- 6 The guided tour of the ancient ruins was
- 7 Inns and guest houses usually have quite
- 8 I'd hate to stay in just one place on my holiday – I much prefer

A Describing tourist destinations

DESTINATION: SURINAME

If you're the type of traveller who wants to **escape the crowds**¹, **get off the beaten track**² and **get back to nature**³, take a closer look at Suriname. Suriname's **tourist sector**⁴ is relatively modest and the emphasis is on what makes the country different for the **discerning**⁵ traveller. Other Caribbean nations may **boast**⁶ better sand, sea and sun, but because of that, you won't find **hordes**⁷ of people in Suriname. What you will find is a **wealth of**⁸ wildlife with a huge range of **flora and fauna**⁹. More than 12% of the country is given over to **national parks**¹⁰ and **nature reserves**¹¹ and large **tracts**¹² of the country are covered by **virgin**¹³ rainforest. So, if you are **seeking something out of the ordinary**¹⁴, click [here](#) for more information.



- ¹ go where there are not many people ² go to places tourists don't normally go, somewhere different/unusual
³ live a natural, rural style of life ⁴ tourist industry; *formal* ⁵ showing good judgement, especially about style and quality ⁶ this use of *boast* is for listing the good qualities of a place; *formal* ⁷ crowds, in a negative sense
⁸ large amount of; *formal* ⁹ plants and animals; a fixed phrase (Latin) ¹⁰ areas of a country that are protected by the government because of their natural beauty or because they have a special history ¹¹ areas of land protected in order to keep safe the animals and plants that live there, often because they are rare ¹² areas of land; collocates with *large, vast, huge* ¹³ original and natural ¹⁴ looking for something different (*seek* is rather formal)

B Travel advertisements

Unwind¹ in Ubuda, recharge² in Positano, all from under £800.

Taste of the bush³
All travel in air-conditioned 4x4⁴ vehicles

Waterfront⁵ villas, self-catering, sleep up to six. Stunning⁶ locations, unbeatable⁷ prices.
Phone now!

Awe-inspiring⁸ national parks
Rambles, hikes and treks⁹
Unrivalled¹⁰ programme
Send for our brochure.

Enjoy the scenic¹¹ wonders of a tropical paradise¹².
Ecotourism¹³ at its best.

Savour¹⁴ the renowned landscapes in our heartland¹⁵.

- ¹ /ʌn'waɪnd/ relax, reduce your general level of stress ² get back your energy (like recharging a battery)
³ wild, areas covered in grass, bushes or trees (especially in Africa and Australia) ⁴ pronounced *four by four*; vehicles with driving power on all four wheels ⁵ on the edge of the sea or of a river ⁶ extremely beautiful
⁷ no other company can offer cheaper ones for the same service ⁸ it fills you with a sense of the power and beauty of what you are looking at ⁹ these words represent a scale of length and difficulty: a **ramble** is a long, pleasant walk, not too demanding; a **hike** is more demanding, suggesting more difficult terrain; a **trek** is usually of several days over wild country ¹⁰ no other holiday programme can match this ¹¹ having views of the attractive, natural things in the countryside ¹² a perfect place or situation (often collocated with *tropical* when describing somewhere hot and sunny) ¹³ the business of organising holidays in a way which helps local people and does not damage the environment ¹⁴ enjoy or taste (often used in advertisements)
¹⁵ the inland areas furthest away from the sea or from borders with other countries

Exercises

27.1 Complete the expressions and collocations in these sentences, using words from A.

- 1 Malaysia some of the loveliest beaches in Asia.
- 2 The tourism is very important to the economies of many developing countries.
- 3 It is vital that tourism should not damage the flora and of beautiful areas of this spectacular landscape.
- 4 Most tourists like to feel free to off the track.
- 5 Most people don't like to travel to places where there will be of other tourists.
- 6 People who spend all their time in big cities often like to back to when they go away for a holiday.
- 7 If you're something out of the, why not try a snowboarding holiday? It's certainly different!
- 8 When I travel, I always try to the crowds and find somewhere quiet.
- 9 There are vast of unspoilt land in the north of the country, with rainforests and a of wildlife.
- 10 The country has fabulous national and nature where you can camp or stay in basic accommodation.



27.2 Use words from B opposite to fill the gaps, based on the words given in brackets.

- 1 This company is excellent and their prices are (RIVAL)
- 2 The beauty of the coastline is unforgettable. (SCENE)
- 3 There are some absolutely beaches in the north. (STUN)
- 4 I think SunTravel Vacations is when it comes to value-for-money holidays. (BEAT)
- 5 The mountains were so Some were over 5,000 metres high. (AWE)
- 6 We rented a villa. It was nice to be so near the beach. (WATER)
- 7 I just want somewhere quiet and relaxing to for a week. (WIND)
- 8 Everyone needs to their batteries now and again. (CHARGE)

27.3 Answer the questions.

- 1 Order these words from the most physically demanding to the least physically demanding: ramble, trek, hike.
- 2 What verb might you find in travel advertisements meaning enjoy?
- 3 What adjective can be used with *traveller* to mean one who knows exactly what he or she wants in terms of quality and style?
- 4 Where would you find the bush?
- 5 How do you say this and what does it mean: 4x4?
- 6 If somewhere was described as a 'paradise', would that be positive or negative?

27.4

Over to you

Think about holidays you have had. How would you describe them? Then think about your perfect holiday. What words from this unit can you use to describe it?