

COMMUNICATION

Let's hit the beach!

LEVEL

Upper-Intermediate
(B2)

NUMBER

EN_B2_1011X

LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can recognise and recall a variety of words related to travel.
- I can talk about a past holiday in detail.



Warm-up

**When was the
last time you
went on holiday?**

**Where did you visit and who
did you go with?**





Types of holiday

Match the holiday with the **correct** picture.

1



2



3



4



5



6



a city break

b backpacking

c cruise

d all-inclusive holiday

e beach getaway

f going off the beaten track



Rank in order of preference

Compare your ranking with a partner **in breakout rooms**. Are you similar or not?

- 1 A city break to New York City
- 2 An all-inclusive beach getaway to the Maldives
- 3 A cruise around the Caribbean
- 4 Backpacking around Brazil, Peru, Chile and Bolivia
- 5 Going off the beaten track in Vietnam and Thailand





Find someone who...

Then, **ask** the person a **follow-up question** about the topic.



...went on
a **city break**
last year

...has never been
on a **cruise**, but would
like to

...went on
a **beach getaway**
recently

...has been
backpacking



This year's *hottest* travel spots!

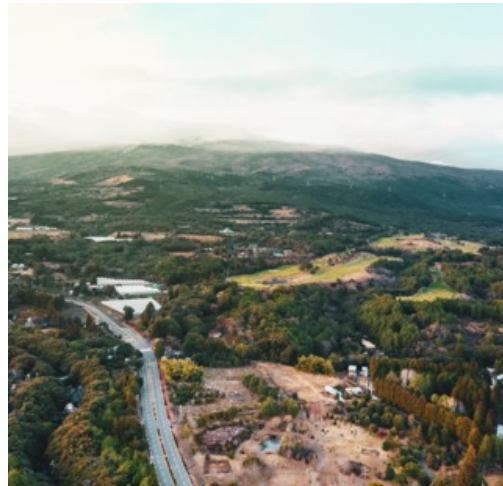
You're going to **read an article** with this title.

First, **look at the photos**. Can you guess which **three destinations** are featured?

1



2



3



This year's **hottest**
travel spots!



Be careful! **Hottest** isn't referring to temperature in this context. It's another way of saying **trendiest**.

Read the article

Note down what makes **each destination special** in **one** or **two sentences**.

This year's *hottest* travel spots!



Belgrade, Serbia

Serbia's capital is the ideal choice for an alternative city break. Go for a stroll through the **picturesque** Old Town or sip a perfectly-brewed coffee by the Danube river. Get a taste of the city's **unique** nightlife, believed to be the best in the Balkans, and dance the night away on the city's floating riverboat clubs.



Jeju Island, South Korea

South Korea has gained a reputation for its **mouth-watering** food and its even faster pace of life. Swap the **bustling** capital, Seoul, for the **tranquil** shores of Jeju Island for the ultimate beach getaway. Climb its dormant volcano, hike one of its countless trails or kick back on the **stunning**, white sands of Gwakji Beach.



Montevideo, Uruguay

Often overlooked by those backpacking through South America, Uruguay and its capital are home to a culinary scene as **diverse** as its architecture. Be sure to try a *chivito*, the country's national beef and bacon sandwich, before sampling the **remarkable** collection at Uruguay's National Museum for visual arts.



Were any of your guesses from the photos correct?



Match the correct summary with the destination

- 1 A paradise for active types and beach bums
- 2 A dream for foodies and culture vultures
- 3 Hit the dancefloor in this lesser-known capital

A

Belgrade

B

Jeju Island

C

Montevideo





Which destination appeals to you most and why?

Ask and **answer** with a partner. Use the **boxes** to help you.

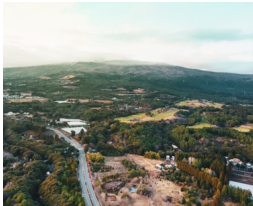
1



Belgrade, Serbia

My top choice would have to be...

2



Jeju Island, South Korea

... seems like my kind of place, mainly because...

3



Montevideo, Uruguay

If I had to choose, I'd probably go for..., namely because...



Describing a destination

Match the word in blue with the **correct definition**.

1 Go for a stroll through the **picturesque** Old Town.

2 Get a taste of Belgrade's **unique** nightlife.

3 Kick back on the **stunning**, white sands of Gwakji Beach.

4 Montevideo is home to a culinary scene that's as **diverse** as its architecture.

5 Sample the **remarkable** collection at the National Museum of Visual Arts.

a only one of its kind or special in some way

b pretty, especially in an old-fashioned way

c including many different types of people or things

d unusual or surprising in a way that makes people notice

e extremely beautiful or attractive

More vocabulary

Escape the
bustling city.



Try some **mouth-watering** food.



Head to Jeju's
tranquil shores.



Is a **bustling** place
busy or empty?

Is **mouth-watering**
food extremely tasty
or disgusting?

How loud is a
tranquil place?



What's your ideal holiday?

Fill in the gaps using the vocabulary.



George

I'm a big foodie, so anywhere with plenty of restaurants or indoor markets with lots of _____ new food to try!

I can never sit still, so you'll probably find me hiking or skiing and, of course, admiring the _____ mountain scenery.



Kira



Rachel and Ada

Life is hectic with two kids, so usually we go somewhere more on the _____ side to relax, like a lake or national park!

I tend to go more off the beaten track, so I can really experience what makes a country _____. No tourist traps!



Ahmed

tranquil

unique

stunning

mouth-watering

Who are you most similar to?

Ask and **answer** with a partner. **Give examples** from your own life.



George: the foodie



Kira: the active type



Rachel and Ada:
the tranquil types



Ahmed: the off the
beaten track type

*So, whose ideal holiday is
most similar to yours?*

*Rachel and Ada's is pretty similar to
mine. Generally, I prefer more tranquil
places. Last year, I went to...*

- try lots of mouth-watering food
- admire plenty of stunning scenery
- go somewhere more on the tranquil side
- experience what makes a country unique



Role-play

Choose a scenario from below. **Role-play** it with a partner.

- 1 You are at a party. Everyone is using English as the common language. Someone sitting next to you asks you if you've been on holiday recently.
- 2 You are at a conference and are making small talk with an interesting person you just met. They say they love travelling and just returned from a trip.
- 3 You are at a work social event and are new to the team. You want to get to know a colleague better, so ask about the last time they went on holiday.





End of the lesson

Idiom

let your hair down

Meaning: to relax and enjoy yourself, especially in a lively way (informal)

Example: I can't wait to let my hair down while I'm on holiday next week.



Additional practice



Fill in the gaps

1 At an _____ hotel, breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

2 I loved the _____ I took last year around the Indian Ocean.

3 Going off the beaten _____ allows you to discover what life is really like in a particular country.

4 When he was 18, Martin went _____ around South-East Asia.

5 Rome is the perfect destination for a short city _____ in Europe.

6 I'm not a big fan of beach _____. I can never sit still doing nothing all day!

cruise
track
getaways
all-inclusive
break
backpacking



Interview a classmate

1. **Think about** the **most enjoyable holiday** you've ever been on.
2. **Use the questions** below to help you **make notes**.
3. **Interview** a classmate about their holiday.



Where did you go and when?

How would you describe the place?

What kind of holiday was it?

What made the holiday so enjoyable?



Write a short description

Describe a place in **your own country** like the destinations on slide 8.



Escape the **bustling** capital, Seoul, and head to the **tranquil** shores of tropical Jeju Island.

Uruguay's capital is home to a culinary scene that's as **diverse** as its architecture.

- bustling
- mouth-watering
- tranquil
- picturesque
- stunning
- unique
- remarkable
- diverse



Answer key

P. 4: 1. c, 2. e, 3. b, 4. d, 5. a, 6. f

P. 10: 1. B, 2. C, 3. A

P. 12: 1. b, 2. a, 3. e, 4. c, 5. d

P. 14: 1. mouth-watering

2. stunning

3. tranquil

4. unique

P. 20: 1. all-inclusive

2. cruise

3. track

4. backpacking

5. break

6. getaways



Summary

Types of holiday

- *city break; backpacking; cruise; all-inclusive holiday; beach getaway; going off the beaten track*
- *I went on an **all-inclusive holiday** to Mexico last year. It was great value for money!*
- *We took a month-long **cruise** around the Mediterranean last summer. The scenery was gorgeous!*

Describing a destination

- *picturesque; unique; stunning; diverse; remarkable; bustling; mouth-watering; tranquil*
- *Head to the **tranquil** shores of Jeju Island and relax on one of the island's **stunning**, white beaches.*
- *I love **bustling** cities like New York City or São Paulo. They're both so **diverse** yet completely **unique**.*



Vocabulary

city break

backpacking

all-inclusive holiday

beach getaway

going off the beaten track

picturesque

unique

stunning

diverse

remarkable

bustling

mouth-watering

tranquil

