

SPEAKING

Let's talk about travel and tourism!

LEVEL

Upper-Intermediate
(B2)

NUMBER

EN_B2_1014S

LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can discuss why we travel in the first place.
- I can talk about future travel plans.





Warm-up

Read the quotations below.

What is each author's message about travelling?

Who do you identify more strongly with?

1

“

**Not all those who wander
are lost. - J.R.R. Tolkien**

”

2

“

**Travel for the sake of
education as well as
pleasure. - Maya Angelou**

”



Why do you travel?

Rank the reasons in **order of relevance** (1-7) for you.

To escape from a stressful job or even a break up, travel is the perfect remedy.

For relaxing and rejuvenating. Everyone needs a break; it's healthy!

To open our minds and learn about another culture or a different way of life.

To celebrate. Maybe a birthday, anniversary or even getting married.

It makes us appreciate our existing lives, homes and 'normality'.

To strengthen the relationships with the people we choose to travel with.

Just so we can have an adventure. Humans crave new challenges!

Then, **compare** your rankings as a class. How similar or different are you all?



What's an example from your own life?

Choose two cards. **Discuss** with your class.

A trip that showed you
a **different way of life**

A holiday you went on
to **celebrate** something

A trip that
**strengthened your
relationship** with
someone

A holiday where you
were able **to totally
relax**

What do you think?

Read the short conversation. **Answer** the questions.



Jean-Paul

Travelling may be good for the soul, but it's certainly not good for our bank accounts!

You don't need to spend lots of money to have a good time. Last year, I holidayed at home in Italy and loved it.



Isabella

Who do you identify more with, Jean-Paul or Isabella?

Have you ever holidayed in your own country?

If not, would you consider trying it?

What are some other ways to travel more affordably?



Where do you get travel inspiration from?

Discuss as a class.

- 1 Searching online or from social media
- 2 Speaking to friends and family
- 3 Watching travel documentaries
- 4 Thinking of places in films, TV series or books





Talking about travel plans

1. **Interview** a partner in breakout rooms.
2. **Share one thing you learned** about your partner with the class.

1



What are your travel plans for this year?

2



Why do you want to visit those places?

3



What are you planning on seeing and doing while you're there?



Real-life language



Wanderlust has taken over me!

Me too. Travelling is so addictive!

Wanderlust is a word used in English to describe **a strong desire to travel.**

Why do you think people suffer from **wanderlust**? Do you?



A holiday of a lifetime

**What's one country
you've always
dreamed of visiting?**

Why does it appeal to you?





Talking about solo travel

Ask and **answer the questions** together as a class.



Have you ever travelled alone?

What are some of the benefits of travelling alone?

What are some of the challenges of travelling alone?

If you travelled alone (again), where would you go and why?



What kind of person are you?

Choose a phrase to **complete the question** and **ask a classmate**.

Are you someone who...

... always gets to the airport early
or who arrives last minute?

... plans everything they will do on a trip
or who just goes with the flow?

...takes it easy on holiday
or tries to see and do everything?

... always packs too much clothing
or never enough?

...posts on social media while away
or who does a digital detox?

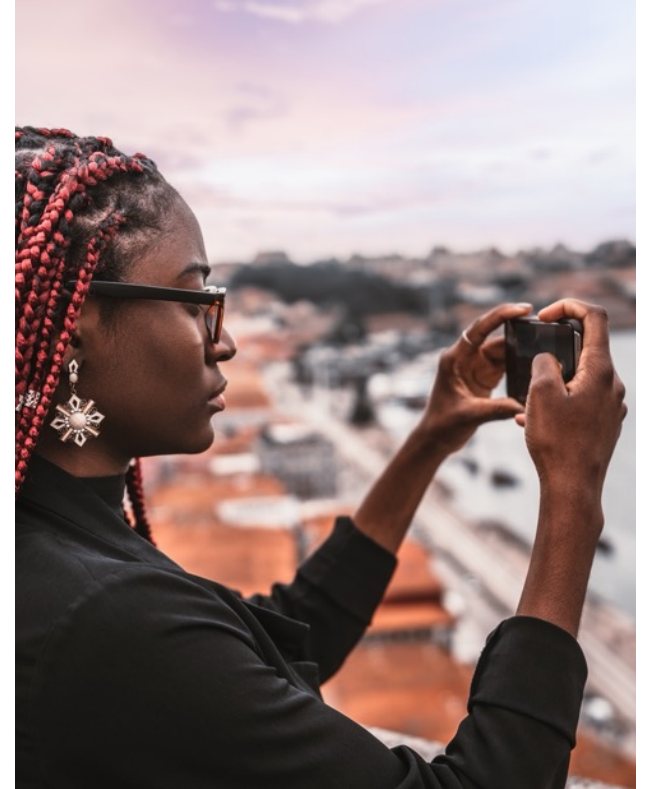
...sticks to typical tourist attractions
or goes more off the beaten track?



Final thoughts

For you, what qualities does the perfect travel companion have?

Would you say you are easy to travel with or not? Why?





End of the lesson

Idiom

to get away from it all

Meaning: to have a short holiday in a place where you can relax (informal)

Example: I can't wait to get away from it all while I'm in Canada next week.



Additional practice



Where should they travel to?

1. **Make some suggestions** based on **their reasons** for travelling.
2. **Listen** to everyone's ideas. Can you all **agree** on **one idea** for each person?



A **student** from Thailand who wants to experience a totally different way of life

A **middle-aged couple** from Mexico looking to celebrate their recent wedding

An **elderly couple** from Germany who want to escape the cold German winter

A **young professional** from Australia who really needs a break from her 9 to 5



Finding a holiday deal

Read the tips. Then, **ask** and **answer** the questions.



Cheng

**You should
always book
your flights
on a Tuesday!**

**And make
sure you're
browsing
privately, too!**



Jade

What are some
other ways to find a
cheap flight or
hotel?

Have you ever
found a super cheap
holiday deal?

How did you find
the deal and where
was it to?

Would you say these
tips and tricks
always work?



Big question



**What's it like
being a tourist in
your country?**

**What are your tips for what to
see and do there?**





Summary

Reasons why we travel

- *to escape from a stressful job; to relax and rejuvenate; to open our minds; a different way of life;*
- *to celebrate something; to strengthen a relationship; to have an adventure*



Vocabulary

to escape from a stressful job

to relax and rejuvenate

to open our minds (to something)

a different way of life

to celebrate

to strengthen a relationship

to have an adventure



Notes

