

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 /'ʃælɪ/ 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.

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

- self-catering holiday
- camping at a beach resort
- staying in an inn or a guest house
- skiing holiday, staying in a chalet
- trekking holiday, camping in the mountains
- cruise
- sightseeing holiday, staying in a hotel in a historic city
- touring holiday, in a hire car



26.4 Complete these sentences with expressions from 25.3.

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