



Off We Go!

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Should I stay or should I go? Are you a rolling stone, or a home bird who would prefer never to leave their own nest, especially at Christmas? This time we present some comments connected to travelling over the festive season.

Some say that taking a step away from the usual Christmas day at home and going away can allow you to re-focus and remember what this time of year is truly all about. Take a look at these people's opinions and decide who is more convincing for you.

I'm fond of travelling, but because of my constant work I cannot travel whenever I want. I need to wait for the Christmas holidays and then off we go! Last year I visited Venice which was a perfect choice. Avoiding over-stuffed sights, I spent a few nights in the city, slowly exploring its hidden corners, eating at neighbourhood restaurants and shopping in small, independent stores. During that time, I could walk through St Mark's without landing a selfie stick in the eye. And if you get super-lucky, you can see snow. One more thing, if you suffer from winter depression, you can always choose some places with a warmer, sunnier climate to get some family winter sun. I wholeheartedly recommend going on a winter break.

– Mark

Staying at home over Christmas or Easter is not my cup of tea. All those meetings with nosy aunts and inquisitive relatives rob me of my sleep. In order to escape from the clutches of my family, I always pack my bag and go where the mood takes me. Together with my friend, who is also an action seeker, we choose fabulous places to go. We like to feel the atmosphere of Christmas, but not necessarily staying at home. Kraków, for instance in December looks like a Christmas card. The Old Town's medieval main square is all cobblestoned; you can admire horse-and-carriage rides, and Christmas markets seducing you into trying dumplings and pork knuckles. That is a perfect match.

– Renata

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rolling stone | osoba, która dużo podróżuje i nie może usiedzieć w jednym miejscu przez dłuższy czas

home bird | həʊm bɜ:d / bɜ:rd | domator

festive | świąteczny

to allow sb to do sth | pozwolić komuś na zrobienie czegoś

to re-focus | ponownie się skupić

convincing | przekonujący

to be fond of sth | bardzo coś lubić

Venice | 'venɪs | Wenecja

over-stuffed | przeładowany

sight | widok

a few | kilka

hidden | ukryty

corner | kąt

neighbourhood | sąsiadujący

without sth | bez czegoś

selfie stick | kijek do robienia zdjęć selfie

wholeheartedly | həʊl 'hɑ:tɪdli / 'hæʃ'hɑ:tɪdli

| z całego serca, gorąco

not sb's cup of tea | nie czyjaś bajka

nosy | wścibski

inquisitive | ɪn'kwɪzətɪv | dociekliwy

relative | krewny

to rob sb of one's sleep | pozbawiać kogoś snu

in order to | aby, żeby

clutch | tu: uścisk, chwyt

fabulous | 'fæbjələs | bajeczny

medieval | ,medi:vl / ,mɪd'i:vl | średniowieczny

cobblestoned | wybrukowany

to seduce sb into doing sth | skusić kogoś do zrobienia czegoś

dumpling | pieróg

pork knuckle | golonka

(to make) a perfect match | doskonale do siebie pasować