

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. **Stunning**⁶ locations, **unbeatable**⁷ prices.
Phone now!

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

Enjoy the **scenic**¹¹
wonders of a
tropical **paradise**¹².
Ecotourism¹³
at its best.

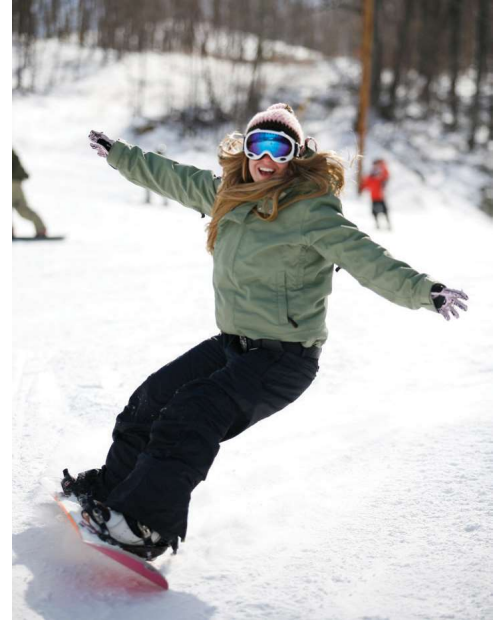
Savour¹⁴
the renowned landscapes in
our **heartland**¹⁵.

- 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?