

# TRAVEL, HOLIDAYS

## 1. Give various reasons for travelling. What means of transport can you use?

These days travelling is a common part of many people's lives. People travel for various reasons in both their everyday lives and during holidays, for fun or from necessity: to do shopping, to see a doctor, to commute to work or to school, to go on business, to visit relatives or friends. However, what is most frequently meant by travel is tourism.

Means of transport – see the topic Cars, Transport

## 2. Travelling in private / with travel agencies

When going on holiday, some people travel alone or with their families/friends while others prefer booking a tour with a travel agency (= package holiday). They can choose from many kinds of trips and stays – e.g. tours of various countries, recreational stays in mountain or seaside resorts, and stays with sports or educational programmes (riding horses, dancing, yoga, learning foreign languages ...).

The travel agency and their guide take care of almost everything. When you travel in private, there are a lot of things to arrange. However, you usually learn more about the country and its people.

## 3. Accommodation and board

When travelling, you can also choose from various kinds of accommodation and board. Among the most popular are hotels/motels and guest houses. People who prefer cheaper options stay in youth hostels, campsites (in a caravan or in a tent), or even in the open air.

You can pay for accommodation including breakfast, for half or full board. However, the cheapest option is to make your meals by yourselves.

## 4. You and travelling.

- Do you like travelling? Why? /Why not?

(The positives of travelling: You can see interesting places, meet new people, eat something unusual and see the way of life in various countries. Practising foreign languages is an important reason to go abroad too. /

The negatives of travelling: It might be quite expensive, it is not as comfortable as staying at home, not everybody likes meeting new people, some tourist destinations are crowded, travelling may also be dangerous and it is often bad for environment).

- Do you prefer travelling around the Czech Republic or travelling abroad?

(Do you have any favourite places in this country/ countries you've been to several times? Which places in the Czech Republic would you like to see some day/ do you have any dream countries to visit – why?)

- Which do you like better – spending time in the countryside or in a town? What are your favourite holiday activities?

(In the countryside: hiking, rock climbing, mountaineering, biking, going down a river, rowing, swimming, diving, playing ball games on a beach, adrenaline sports etc. / in a town: shopping, trying unusual food, sightseeing – visiting lookout towers, museums + galleries, churches, palaces, castles + chateaus, catacombs, town walls + gates etc.)

- Do you prefer travelling in private or with a travel agency? Who with? (family, friends, girlfriend/boyfriend, alone)
- What kind of accommodation and board do you usually choose on holiday?
- Which means of transport do you like best? Speak about going to school, around a town/city, going on holiday.