

LISTENING SCRIPT

Exercise 3.

The food in Turkey is very good, especially the fish and the *mezze*, and I like to try traditional dishes when I'm on holiday. And there are lots of traditional dishes in the different parts of the country.

I went to Morocco last year for the first time for three years. In the past, I went more often. It's a beautiful country, but the main reason was that my grandmother lives there.

When I was a child, we went to Italy quite often and stayed in a hotel by the sea. But two years ago I went to study. I'm an art student and with so many famous painters, Italy's a fantastic country to study Art History.

The weather in Thailand is fantastic! At least on the islands and parts of the coast, and that's great for me, because my favorite type of holiday is just being on the beach, and swimming in the sea.

The first time I went to Russia, I visited the famous art galleries in St Petersburg. But this year I went to Moscow on a language exchange and stayed with a host family. My Russian is much better now!

A lot of people don't know that Spain has lots of mountains. It's not just a place to go for a beach holiday, or to eat traditional food or go to museums. It's one of the best places in Europe for mountain climbing. I went there about five years ago.

Exercise 4

I like all kinds of holidays. Usually, I go on long beach holidays with my friends, and two years ago we went on an adventure holiday. Another time we went on a sailing holiday. But last year we had less time, so we decided to go on a short city break. It was more expensive than a beach holiday, but we had a wonderful time.

We went to Paris. We couldn't afford a hotel so we thought about staying with a host family, but then we decided to stay in a small guesthouse. It was very comfortable, but it was a long way from the city centre. We chose it because it was cheap. And the public transport in Paris is good, so we moved around very easily.

On the first day we went to the center and visited the Louvre museum. We waited for over an hour to buy tickets and there were lots of people, but we really enjoyed looking at all the famous paintings. We wanted to visit the Pompidou Centre too, but we didn't have time because there's so much to see in the Louvre. In the evening, we thought about going to the Eiffel Tower, but we were too tired! So we went there – and to the Pompidou Centre – on the second day. And in the evening we went to a typical restaurant as we wanted to try some traditional French food. It wasn't very expensive and I liked the food. It was delicious! And the service was very good too.

On the final day, we went on a day trip to visit the Palace of Versailles, near Paris. We thought about hiring a car, but as it was too expensive, we went by train. It was quicker than the bus. The palace is very famous and it's quite beautiful. There are wonderful gardens where we walked and relaxed in the sunshine and rode bicycles around the fountains.

Our holiday was a very short, city break so on the fourth day we travelled home. For me, this was a very different holiday, but it was one of the best holidays I've had because I visited so many famous places for the first time. Paris is an expensive city, and like most big cities it isn't very clean, but it is a great place for a city break.