

- 1 Are you interested in travelling to places off the beaten track? Why/Why not?
- 2 Read the anecdotes about travelling off the beaten track and choose the best alternatives.

Experiences off the beaten track

A Lowland adventure

An overnight bus ride from Buenos Aires, followed by ¹*five/five of the* hours in a jeep on a dirt road took us into ²*some the/some of the* lowland Argentine swamps, the Iberá Wetlands. We'd read about this place in a dog-eared guidebook. There were capybaras, ³*these/the* huge hamster-like creatures, roaming about. ⁴*A few/A few of* wild monkeys came down to see what we were up to as well. There were ⁵*hundreds of/hundreds* fireflies at night, which lit up the open fields like street lamps in a city. ⁶*Almost all the/Almost the* animals we saw were completely unworried by humans. We boarded in ⁷*rather off/rather a* basic room in a private house, but it only added to the authenticity of the whole experience.



B A night in the open



It was ⁸*quite a/quite* challenge, being a city dweller heading off to a remote outdoor camp. We did ⁹*one of those/one those* experiences where you head into the forest and have to survive ¹⁰*the next 24/the 24* hours solo. I think the idea was to get to know yourself better. We were allowed to take a few things, like matches, warm clothes and one small muesli bar. I had to construct a shelter out of large sticks and a mattress out of twigs and leaves. As it got dark, I settled in for ¹¹*one of the/one of those* longest nights of my life. I hardly slept at all, tossing and turning with every owl hoot and rustle. The next morning I was reunited with ¹²*all the/all* other campers. It's funny that ¹³*most of the/most the* people on that camp reported the night-out experience as the highlight of their trip, even though to me it felt ¹⁴*exactly the/exactly* opposite at the time.