My Ideal Holiday



Match the underlined expressions to their definitions

1. culture vulture	8. see how the mood takes sb .....
2. feel right at home	9. a culture shock .....
3. At the crack of dawn	10. to travel light .....
4. have everything planned up	11. watch your back .....
5. savour the local delicacies	12. travel on a shoestring .....
6. off the beaten track	13. get the travel bug .....
7. catch some rays	14. sit and watch the world go by .....
	15. live it up .....

1. Be addicted to travelling 2. Spend lots of money, travel in luxury 3. Sunbathe 4. Travel without much stuff 5. Early in the morning	6. Enjoy local food 7. Relax, not do anything 8. Feel very comfortable 9. Feel uncomfortable in a new place 10. Be careful 11. Someone who likes museum, art galleries	12. Have a strict plan 13. Not spend much money while travelling 14. Make decisions depending on how you're feeling 15. A place without many tourists

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Read the texts and decide which person you are most similar to.



Nick

This summer I went on a cruise around the Caribbean. I've got expensive tastes so I always **live it up**, 5-star hotels, casinos and limousines. It's important for me to **catch some rays** when I'm on holiday, I like to come home with a nice suntan. I don't really like **having everything planned out** on holiday, I prefer **to see how the mood takes me** and make decisions as I go.



Anna and Jon

We don't like going to really touristy places so we always choose somewhere which is **off the beaten track**. Some places have been a bit of **a culture shock** and in others we really had to **watch our backs**, but we're very adventurous. We normally go backpacking or hitchhiking so we have **to travel light**, we only pack the essentials. We don't have much money so we always **travel on a shoestring**; we normally stay in hostels or sleep on peoples' sofas. We've definitely **got the travel bug**; if we're not travelling then we're planning the next trip.



Matt

I'm a real **culture vulture**; I **feel right at home** in a museum, gallery or historical building. When I go on holiday I like to **get up at the crack of dawn** and really make the most of the time by going to as many places as possible. I always find time to **savour the local delicacies** or **sit and watch the world go by** in a fancy café with a good coffee and a guide book.

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Complete the sentences (1-14) with the expressions (a-n)

1. My friends always _____ they hitchhike and couch surf everywhere.
2. We had to get up _____ to catch the 4am sleeper train.
3. My parents are real _____ they love museums, ancient ruins and art galleries.
4. I'll meet up with you guys later. I'm gonna chill by the pool and _____ for a bit.
5. My uncle always _____ when he goes on holiday, 5-star hotels, private beaches, pool parties, you name it.
6. The best and cheapest restaurants are _____ away from the touristy areas.
7. You have to _____ when you're travelling alone; there are a lot of dangerous people out there.
8. When I went to India it was a real _____ for the first few days, you get used to it after a while though.
9. I always try to _____, people always pack so much stuff they don't need.
10. I _____ in Stockholm, the people are so friendly and they all speak English!
11. I don't like planning my holidays meticulously, I'd rather just _____.
12. I've definitely _____, I've only been home for a week and I'm already planning my next trip.
13. There's nothing I like more than to sip a coffee in a nice Italian piazza and _____.

a. Get the travel bug
b. Culture vulture
c. Catch some rays
d. Sit and watch the world go by
e. See how the mood takes me
f. Travel on a shoe string
g. Live it up
h. A culture shock
i. Feel right at home
j. Watch your back
k. Travel light
l. At the crack of dawn
m. Off the beaten track

Discussion

1. Do you **travel light**? If so, how do you decide what to pack?
2. You have to **watch your back** when you're travelling alone; there are a lot of dangerous people out there. Do you agree?
3. Which place that you've visited was the biggest **culture shock**? Where did you **feel right at home**? Why?
4. Do you usually have to **get up at the crack of dawn** to catch a flight when you go on holiday? How does that make you feel?
5. Do you normally **travel on a shoestring** or **live it up**? How can you save money while travelling? Would you consider hitchhiking or couchsurfing?
6. Have you **got the travel bug**? Where do you want to visit next?
7. Do you like to **have everything planned out** or **see how the mood takes you** when you're travelling?
8. What's the perfect place to **sit and watch the world go by** for you?
9. How important is it for you to **catch some rays** when you're on holiday?
10. How do you choose a holiday destination? Are you a **culture vulture**?

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