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A = Anna, J = Jake

A: Hello, Mr Bevan. I'm Anna, your tour guide.

J: Hi. Please, call me Jake.

A: OK, Jake. Nice to meet you. How was the flight? Are you very tired?

J: No, I'm fine.

A: Great. Let's go to the car park, then. Is it your first time here?

J: Yeah. I was in Europe when I was a student, but somehow I never got here.

A: And your final destination is London, is that right?

J: Yes, I'm going to give a talk at a conference in Oxford.

A: So work, not pleasure?

J: Yes – well, maybe some pleasure, too. I have a friend – well, an ex-girlfriend, really, who I was with when I was a student. She's British – she lives in Oxford – and we're planning to meet up.

A: That's nice! OK, so now I'm going to tell you a bit about our tour today. We're going to drive to the centre – it takes about forty-five minutes – and then we're going to start at the Colosseum.

J: Great. I've always wanted to see it.

A: And then we're going to visit the Forum. After that, we're going to see the Pantheon – one of the oldest buildings in the city.

J: Wow.

A: So, then we are very near the *Via del Corso*, where all the best shops are. Would you like to maybe do some shopping?

J: Well, I'd like to see the shops, but I'm probably not going to buy anything.

A: Maybe a little present – a present for your friend in Oxford?

J: Well, maybe.

A: And then I'm sure you're going to be hungry, so I'm going to take you to a really nice restaurant for lunch. We can have pizza, or a good carbonara, a gelato – an ice cream, that is. Our typical dishes, but I promise you, very different from Italian food in America.

J: Sounds great. And then back to the airport, I guess?

A: That's right. We need to allow time for that.

J: Yes, I don't want to miss my flight.

A: Don't worry. We do this tour every day – and nobody has ever missed their flight.

J: Is it going to be very hot today?

A: No, not too hot. It's going to be nice: about twenty-two degrees.

J: Perfect. It's going to be a fantastic day.

A: Here we are. If you can just wait a minute while I pay for the parking. Oh, Mr Bevan – Jake – is this yours?

J: My passport! Thanks, Anna. Typical me. I always lose things when I'm travelling.