

32 Holidays

A Places to stay and types of holiday

campsite: a place where you can **pitch a tent** or park a **caravan**

self-catering flat/apartment: a flat which you rent; you cook for yourself

guesthouse: accommodation like a hotel but cheaper and with fewer services

youth hostel: cheap accommodation, mainly for young people, with, perhaps, ten or more people sleeping in **bunk beds** in one room

package holiday: a holiday in which you pay for travel, accommodation and food (even occasionally **excursions**) in advance

cruise: a holiday spent touring (or **cruising**) on a boat, stopping off to go sightseeing at different ports

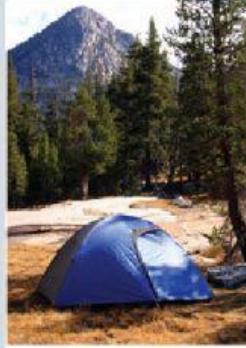
an adventure holiday: a holiday involving unusual, exciting and possibly dangerous activities - suitable for **adventurous** people

B Holiday messages

Dear Zara

Having a wonderful holiday. It's so nice to **get away**¹. We're staying at an amazing campsite up in the mountains. It's very **remote**² and we had to drive up an unbelievably **winding**³ road to get here. But once we made it, the views over the **surrounding**⁴ countryside made the **terrifying**⁵ drive worthwhile. I'm sending a photo of our camping spot.

Love, Sami



¹ go somewhere different

² far from other places

³ with lots of bends, not at all straight ⁴ all around

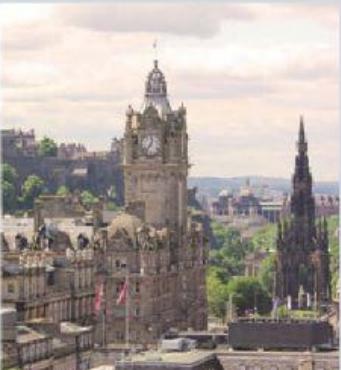
⁵ very frightening

Dear Nico

This is turning out to be probably the most **memorable**¹ holiday I've ever had. The town is absolutely **fascinating**² with lots of very **impressive**³ buildings. Our hotel is **delightful**⁴ - if a little **inconvenient**⁵ from the transport point of view - and the food in this area is **exceptional**⁶. These are some of the old buildings in the town.

Wish you were here too!

Francesca



¹ one that will always be remembered (*a memorable holiday* is a strong collocation) ² extremely interesting ³ grand, making an impact

⁴ charming ⁵ hard to get to ⁶ unusually good

C Holiday brochures

These are often written in quite exaggerated language. Here are some typical adjectives with nouns that they collocate with.

breath-taking views / scenery / pistes (ski slopes) [breath-taking (like **stunning**) suggests that something is so magnificent that it takes your breath away]

exclusive access / club / shops [only the most special people can use the facilities]

exhilarating feeling / ride / walk [makes you feel excited and full of energy]

exotic beauty / charm / location [unusual and more exciting than your everyday reality]

glamorous surroundings / film star / hotel [especially exciting and attractive]

luxurious cruise ship / accommodation / lifestyle [provides great comfort]

picturesque streets / villages / cottage [very pretty; attractive to look at - **as pretty as a picture**]

unspoilt charm / village / woodland [still in a beautiful and natural state]

unique opportunity / charm / facilities [so special it does not exist anywhere else]

Exercises

32.1 Complete this table. Use a dictionary to help you, if necessary.

adjective	noun	verb
fascinating	<i>fascination</i>	
delightful		
exhilarating		
glamorous		
luxurious		

32.2 Fill in the gaps in this holiday message with appropriate adjectives from the opposite page.

Hi,
Am having a wonderful holiday here. The town here is very old and quite 1 *fascinating*. The guidebook says it is remarkable for its 2 charm and it is right! It is surrounded by magnificent mountains and yesterday I went for an 3 climb. Even though it isn't too expensive, the hotel is quite 4 and the view from my balcony is 5
Wish you were here!
Love, P

32.3 Complete these sentences with a word from the opposite page.

- 1 At the youth hostel Anya insisted on sleeping in the top *bunk*
- 2 As soon as we got to the campsite we our tent.
- 3 Visitors to our hotel have access to our own private beach.
- 4 It's often cheaper to go on a holiday, where everything is paid for in advance.
- 5 I'd love to hire a boat and spend a month round the Mediterranean, wouldn't you?
- 6 I wouldn't recommend that hotel. It's extremely ; it's seven miles to the nearest beach and ten miles to the town.
- 7 Our trip to South Africa was undoubtedly the most holiday I've ever had.
- 8 A narrow road led up the mountain to the cottage we'd rented.

32.4 Which of the adjectives from C could describe each of these?

- 1 a club which only a select group of members can go to *an exclusive club*
- 2 a hotel with very expensive facilities and very attentive staff
- 3 a village with very pretty buildings and lots of flowers
- 4 a view from the top of a mountain over a magnificent landscape
- 5 the opportunity to go on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday
- 6 a walk along a windswept beach

32.5 Over to you

Answer these questions. Write sentences.

- 1 Which of the holiday places and types of holiday in A have you or your friends experienced?
- 2 Which would you prefer and why - a holiday in the centre of a historic city or one in a remote village with spectacular surrounding countryside?
- 3 What's the most memorable holiday you've ever had?
- 4 Which would you say is the most impressive city you've visited?
- 5 What would you say is the most fascinating place you've been to?
- 6 Have you ever had a holiday experience you'd describe as terrifying?