

Complete the sentences with a word or a phrase from the lists.

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**breathtaking** /breθteɪkɪŋ/   **iconic** /aɪ'kɒnɪk/  
**imposing** /ɪm'paʊzɪŋ/   **lively** /'laɪvli/  
**off the beaten track** /oʊf əbi:tən 'træk/   **picturesque** /pɪktʃʊ'resk/  
**remote** /rɪ'moʊt/   **unspoilt** /ʌn'spoɪlt/

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- 1 The view is absolutely *breathtaking*. (= impressive, spectacular)
- 2 It's a really \_\_\_\_\_ area at night. (= full of life and energy)
- 3 We found a tiny café in the back streets of Venice, right \_\_\_\_\_. (= away from where people normally go)
- 4 We went to a very \_\_\_\_\_ little fishing village yesterday. (= pretty, especially in a way that looks old-fashioned)
- 5 It's a lovely city, almost completely \_\_\_\_\_ by tourism. (= beautiful because it has not been changed)
- 6 The site of the temple is extremely \_\_\_\_\_ – you can only get there on foot and it takes four hours. (= far away from places where other people live)
- 7 The enormous statue at the entrance to the palace is very \_\_\_\_\_. (= large and impressive to look at)
- 8 The Leaning Tower of Pisa is one of Italy's most \_\_\_\_\_ sights. (= acting as a symbol of the place)

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**dull** /dʌl/   **overcrowded** /'oʊvər'kraʊdɪd/   **overrated** /'oʊvə'reɪtɪd/  
**pricey** /'praɪzɪ/   **run-down** /'rʌn 'daʊn/   **soulless** /'soʊləs/  
**spoilt** /spɔɪlt/   **tacky** /'tækɪ/   **touristy** /'tuərɪstɪ/  
**unimposing** /ʌnɪm'paʊzɪŋ/

- 9 I think that restaurant's \_\_\_\_\_. (= with a better reputation than it really deserves)
- 10 The museum's pretty \_\_\_\_\_, but the café's good. (= boring)
- 11 The shops are quite \_\_\_\_\_, but we bought some nice things. (= designed to attract a lot of tourists)
- 12 The seafront has been \_\_\_\_\_ by all the new hotels. (= changed for the worse)
- 13 The hotel pool is always \_\_\_\_\_. (= with too many people)
- 14 The souvenirs were all plastic Eiffel Towers and key rings, really \_\_\_\_\_ stuff. (= cheap, badly made, and / or lacking in taste)
- 15 The main square is quite smart. But the buildings behind are very \_\_\_\_\_. (= in bad condition)
- 16 The old town has a lot of character, but the modern part of the city is mainly \_\_\_\_\_ office blocks. (= with no attractive or interesting qualities)
- 17 The hotel breakfast was a bit \_\_\_\_\_, but it was worth it. (= expensive)
- 18 The hotel entrance is \_\_\_\_\_, but the lobby inside is spectacular. (= unimpressive)