3 GRAMMAR choosing between comparatives and superlatives

a Write sentences with the information from the survey. Use the comparative or the superlative.

Where to go?

We reveal the results from our reader survey of three popular holiday destinations.

	Bangkok (Thailand)	Dubai (UAE)	Vienna (Austria)
It's expensive	★	★★★	★★
It's crowded	★★★	★★	★
It's easy to get to	★★	★★	★★★
It's exciting	★★★	★★	★★
It's hot	★★	★★★	★
It's relaxing	★	★★	★★★

1 Bangkok / expensive / Dubai
Dubai is more expensive than Bangkok.

2 Bangkok / crowded of the three destinations
_____

3 Vienna / easy to get to / Bangkok
_____

4 Bangkok / exciting / Dubai
_____

5 Dubai / hot / Vienna
_____

6 Vienna / relaxing of the three destinations
_____

b Complete the sentences with one word.

1 Petrol isn't as expensive in the USA *as* _____ it is in the UK.
2 My father drives more slowly _____ my mother.
3 This is _____ cheapest petrol station in the city.
4 Let's go by train. It's _____ comfortable than the coach.
5 This is the _____ day of my life – everything has gone wrong!
6 I think trains are _____ dangerous than cars. There are fewer accidents.
7 It's _____ to go by Tube than by bus. Buses are much slower.
8 Singapore is the _____ expensive city in the world.
9 You're at the Sheraton? We're staying at the same hotel _____ you.
10 Why don't we go hitchhiking? It's the _____ expensive way to travel.

c Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word in brackets. Write 3–5 words. Contractions are two words, e.g. *isn't*.

1 My flat is bigger than my boyfriend's. (big)
My boyfriend's flat *isn't as big as* _____ mine.
2 You don't walk as fast as me. (than)
I _____ you.
3 I've never been to a more interesting city than Istanbul. (most)
Istanbul is _____ I've been to.
4 My job isn't as interesting as yours. (less)
My job _____ yours.
5 I've never eaten a better pizza. (the)
This is _____ I've ever eaten.
6 The train is more expensive than the bus. (as)
The bus _____ the train.
7 We've got the same car. (as)
Your car _____ mine.
8 I've never slept in such an uncomfortable bed before. (least)
That's _____ I've ever slept in.

4 PRONUNCIATION linking

a 3.2 Listen and complete the sentences.

1 It's the *most dangerous* _____ thing I've ever done.
2 It's _____ going by train than by bus.
3 The _____ place to visit is the museum.
4 Flying is a lot _____ than going by ferry.
5 There's an _____ that goes up the hill.
6 It's the _____ I've been here.

b 3.2 Listen again and repeat the sentences. Listen carefully to the linked words. Copy the rhythm.

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