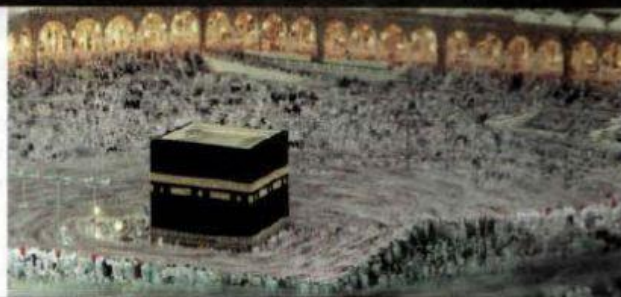


The world's biggest attraction?

The Hajj is the Islamic pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca. There are an estimated 1.3 billion Muslims in the world, and during the Hajj, the city of Mecca must cope with as many as 4 million pilgrims.



Language spot

Talking about reason

1 Match the questions in A with the answers in B.

A	B
1 Can I ask you a few questions?	a For a week or so.
2 Where are you travelling to?	b OK, thanks.
3 What is the purpose of your visit?	c Certainly.
4 Why are you visiting London?	d Yes, we want to go to Scotland.
5 How long are you planning to stay?	e For a study tour.
6 What's the reason for your trip?	f Bangkok.
7 Why don't you check?	g It's my brother's wedding.
8 Do you have any other reasons to be here?	h Business.

2 Which of the questions are asking about reason?

3 Link these sentences with *to*, *for*, *because*, *because of*, or *in case*. Check your answers with the listening script on p. 129.

- We're doing a passenger survey _____ help with tourism planning.
- I've got an open return _____ they ask me to stay on.
- We had to fly to Madrid _____ there were no direct flights available.
- We are going to London _____ a study tour for four weeks.
- We are here _____ we want to know about the culture, and not only _____ the famous sights.

4 Which sentence refers to a reason that *might* happen?

5 Complete these sentences spoken by other travellers at the airport.

- We're going to Amsterdam _____ visit my sister who's just had a baby.
- We're just waiting for our connecting flight. It's been delayed _____ technical difficulties.
- They say the flight may be delayed, so I think I'll phone the hotel _____ we're late.
- We're going to Rome _____ we want to see the Coliseum.
- I'm going back to my old university _____ a special reunion. I've just bought a video camera _____ take a film of everyone.

6 Use the information in the chart in Listening 3 to role-play the four dialogues with a partner.

» Go to **Grammar reference** p. 121

Pronunciation

1 Listen to the underlined part of each country. Are they the same?

Russia China Germany

2 Say the name of each country. Pay attention to the pronunciation of the part underlined.

3 Listen to the part of these words in **bold**, then write the word in the correct column.

brochure	destination	package
change	English	passenger
chart	Egypt	pilgrimage
check-in	expression	religious
cultural	language	

Russia /ʃ/ China /tʃ/ Germany /dʒ/

4 Practise saying the words from each column.