Travel and holidays Idioms

Complete each idiom in **bold** with an appropriate word from A, B or C. Each idiom is explained in *italics* after each sentence.

1. We stayed in a wonderful hotel just **a** _____ **throw** from the beach. (*very near to*)
   A. **rock's** B. **stone's** C. **pebble's**

2. The motorway is the quickest way of getting from Paris to Marseilles, but many drivers prefer to take the slower _____ **route**. (*a road that goes through an area of natural beauty, such as mountains, countryside, etc*)
   A. **pretty** B. **picturesque** C. **scenic**

3. He's always going on holiday to interesting and exciting places. He's such a **globe-**_____. (*somebody who travels a lot*)
   A. **runner** B. **hopper** C. **trotter**

4. Thanks to _____ budget airlines, it is now possible to get a cheap flight to most European destinations. (*very cheap*)
   A. **cut-price** B. **cut-throat** C. **cut-and-run**

5. The hotel used to be the best one on the island, but since a new manager took over last year it's **gone to the** _____. (*declined in quality: it was good, but now it's bad*)
   A. **pigs** B. **dogs** C. **cats**

6. This hotel is dirty and uncomfortable. It's a real _____! (*a dirty, uncomfortable and, usually, cheap hotel*)
   A. **doghouse** B. **fleapit** C. **henhouse**

7. If you miss the last bus, you should take a taxi back to the hotel: don't try to _____ **a lift**. (*hitch-hike*)
   A. **thumb** B. **finger** C. **hand**

8. I don't like staying in busy resorts. I prefer to go somewhere that's **off the** _____ **track**. (*away from popular areas*)
   A. **beaten** B. **well-walked** C. **tramped**

9. The resort was **in the middle of** _____, so there was nothing interesting to see or do. (*isolated from any towns, villages, etc*)
   A. **everywhere** B. **somewhere** C. **nowhere**

10. The brochure said that our hotel was in a peaceful location. It really meant that the hotel was **in the** _____ **of beyond**. (*very remote, a long way from other buildings, people, etc*)
    A. **front** B. **middle** C. **back**

11. Local restaurants are very cheap, so you won't _____ **the bank** by eating out every night. (*spend a lot of money*)
    A. **rob** B. **bankrupt** C. **break**

12. I travel a lot on business, so I seem to spend most of my life **living out of a** _____. (*to be away from home a lot*)
    A. **bag** B. **suitcase** C. **rucksack**

13. The barman tried to _____**-change** me: the drink cost £2, I gave him £5 and he only gave me £2 back. (*to cheat someone by not giving him the correct money in change*)
    A. **small** B. **short** C. **little**

14. I hadn't been anywhere for years, and then suddenly I got _____ **feet** and decided to do some travelling. (*a desire to travel and see different places*)
    A. **itchy** B. **scratchy** C. **tickly**

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15. I always try to **travel** _____ when I go on holiday. I usually just take a very small suitcase and nothing else. (*to take very little luggage with you when you travel*)
A. **light** B. **gentle** C. **easy**

16. When I arrive in a foreign city, I can't wait to _____ **the sights**. (*to go sightseeing*)
A. **run** B. **play** C. **do**

17. One of the biggest problems anyone faces when they travel abroad is **culture** _____. (*confusion or anxiety that travellers experience when visiting a different country*)
A. **surprise** B. **shock** C. **daze**

18. Some tourists are never happy. They like to **pick** _____ in everything. (*complain, usually about small, unimportant things*)
A. **gaps** B. **cracks** C. **holes**

19. The Lighthouse Hotel in Sri Lanka is **out of this** _____. (*very good*)
A. **world** B. **planet** C. **earth**

20. The staff at the hotel I stayed in went **out of their** _____ to make sure I had a pleasant stay. (*did everything possible*)
A. **heads** B. **way** C. **jobs**

21. Applying for a visa often involves dealing with a lot of _____ **tape**. (*bureaucracy*)
A. **blue** B. **white** C. **red**

22. Don't eat in that restaurant. It looks nice from the outside, but it's a real **tourist** _____. (*a place that is in a good location to attract tourists, but is overpriced and generally provides poor service*)
A. **pit** B. **trap** C. **trick**

23. When you're on holiday and want a good meal, it's a good idea to choose a restaurant that's popular with the _____. (*the people who live in a place that you are visiting*)
A. **natives** B. **savages** C. **originals**

24. Last year we went on a _____-**stop tour** of Europe: we did seven capital cities in seven days! (*visiting a lot of places in a short period of time*)
A. **flute** B. **whistle** C. **recorder**

25. My flight from London to Singapore **went round the** _____: we stopped over in Dubai, Karachi, Colombo and Kuala Lumpur. (*to go to a lot of places before reaching your destination*)
A. **houses** B. **buildings** C. **apartments**

26. We arrived in Singapore at **an unearthly** _____. (*very late at night / very early in the morning*)
A. **moment** B. **minute** C. **hour**

27. Don't go into that bar. It's a _____ **joint**. (*a place where men go to try to meet women*)
A. **pick-up** B. **put-down** C. **chat-up**

28. Tonight's the last night of our holiday. Let's go out and **paint the town** _____! (*go out and have a good time*)
A. **pink** B. **purple** C. **red**

29. Several people recommended the hotel to me, but unfortunately it **fell** _____ **of my expectations**. (*not as good as you expected*)
A. **short** B. **small** C. **flat**

30. When you choose a holiday from a brochure, you should always **read between the** _____: for example, if it describes your resort as 'lively', it usually means 'noisy'. (*to guess something that is not expressed directly*)
A. **words** B. **paragraphs** C. **lines**

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