

Britain-by-the-Sea

Brits are a nation of holiday travellers. In fact, foreign holidays are so popular in the UK that a flight from London to Spain's Costa del Sol is _____ than a train from London to Newcastle. Given that Britain is surrounded by sea, why is it that we would rather fly thousands of miles away than holiday on ____ own coast? It's not just our unpredictable weather. Coastal resorts like Blackpool, Bournemouth or Brighton haven't kept up with (идти в ногу с) what's cool and modern. The English seaside town likes to think of _____ as a mini Las Vegas with its main streets lined with arcades, with flashing lights, pumping music, and stuffed with one-armed bandits and video games waiting to take your change. Kids dream of being left there with lots of cash and avoid the obligatory trip to the beach which is mum and dad's idea of a fun day out. They also want to get some thrill in a small and noisy amusement park with roller coasters, dodgems (small electric cars) and water slides.

On arrival at the beach, you may be surprised to find that the soft golden sand of your dreams is actually dirty and unpleasant to lie down on. The suspiciously brown water is too cold to bathe in it anything more than your big toe. This uniquely English scene _____ with the beach hut. Many seaside towns still boast to have a row of _____ colourful, single family huts. If you want to rent one for two weeks then be prepared to pay anything from £100 to £900 for an original Victorian hut at the best _____.

The main culinary attraction of the English seaside is naturally fish chips, best enjoyed in a sit-down restaurant with plastic tablecloth laminated menus. This deep fried fish served with brown strips of greasy _____ can't be experienced properly unless covered with salt and vinegar. For desert how about a deep fried Mars Bar?

After this delicious cholesterol meal it's time to burn _____ and relax on a walk along the pier. Here you will find little kiosks selling postcard quality souvenirs and beach toys. Some English piers are big enough accommodate theatres, which perform year-round pantomime revue shows, with the type of humour nobody under 65 seems to find funny.

Not all seaside resorts in Britain _____ as bad as described above, but many of them are. Is it any surprise then that most British people decide Spain with ____ sun and sand is much _____?

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Bethany

Bethany, the surfer who lost an arm Bethany Hamilton was the _____ girl surfer of her age when she lost an arm in a shark attack. She was only thirteen years old and _____ in Hawaii when a tiger shark attacked her and tore off her left arm. It _____ so fast she didn't even scream.

But Bethany was determined to get back on a surf board as soon as possible. As soon as she left hospital, she _____ practising her surfing exercises on the beach.

Everyone _____ to see her surfing so soon after her accident. Incredibly, she finished 5th at the National Surfing Championships. 'The first time I went back into the sea I _____ so happy I cried,' she said. 'It was _____ than I thought. But obviously it's much more difficult than with both arms, and I have to accept I'll probably never be world champion, which used to be my dream.' - Since then Bethany _____ a contract with Rip Curl, and has written a book about her experiences which has been made into a film. 'I always dream of the sea,' she says. 'When you surf a wave, it's like walking on water, and when you're in the air, it's like flying.'

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