Vocabulary The power of tourism

V insight Compound nouns: travel

1 Complete the sentences with the words below.

■ guide ■ transport ■ trap ■ resort ■ park ■ package ■ destination

1 France is the world's number one travel _____.
2 The whole of Yellowstone National _____ in the US is actually a giant supervolcano.
3 San Francisco's cable cars are part of the city's public _____ system.
4 _____ holidays are less popular now that people can book flights and accommodation online.
5 A tour _____'s salary often isn't very high, but it's obviously a great job for those who love travel.
6 People don't think of Barcelona as a beach _____, but there are seven beaches on its coastline.
7 It's a good idea to visit some of the other pyramids in Egypt, as Giza is a bit of a tourist _____.

V Travel

2 Match verbs 1–7 to nouns a–g.

1 take part in	a the sun
2 escape	b the sights
3 take	c the beaten track
4 soak up	d people
5 get off	e time out
6 see	f the crowds
7 get to know	g guided tours

3 Complete the adverts with the phrases in exercise 2.

A _____! Our guide shows you great places to eat which only the locals know about.

B _____ of the city with one of our downloadable audio tours!

C Tired of cold, grey winter? _____ on one of our package holidays to the Canary Islands!

D Too much work? Why not _____ and spend a day in one of our luxury health spas?

E _____ one of our _____, with expert local guides.

F Come to the beach barbecue at 8.00 tonight and _____ staying in different hotels.

G Hire one of our 4×4 jeeps, and _____. Discover hidden parts of the island!

V Types of holiday

4 Match types of holiday 1–8 to descriptions a–h.

1 a self-catering holiday
2 a working holiday
3 a house swap
4 a backpacking holiday
5 a city break
6 a coach tour
7 a honeymoon
8 an adventure holiday

a When you see the most famous sights of a place in a couple of days.
b When you do jobs, often to help local people.
c When a couple celebrate having just got married.
d When you do all the cooking for yourself.
e When you go to many different places by bus.
f When people live in each others' homes.
g When you explore new places and do unusual and exciting things, such as a safari.
h When you travel to many places, carrying all your things on your back.

5 Complete the TV review with the words below.

■ self-catering ■ tour guide ■ coach tour ■ get off the beaten track ■ got to know ■ National Park ■ escape the crowds ■ beach resort ■ soak up the sun ■ adventure holiday ■ package holiday

Last night's TV

In last night's *Holiday Show*, Mariella took the money-saving option of a [1] _____ to Kalamaki, on the Greek island of Zakynthos. Mariella stayed in [2] _____ accommodation and showed us that cooking Greek style is quick and fun. And as Kalamaki is a [3] _____, she had plenty of opportunities to [4] _____ between lunch and dinner! The main beach was pretty full, but she only needed a short walk to [5] _____.

Sean Turner had most of the excitement. His [6] _____ took him to the Galapagos Islands, which are now an Ecuadorian [7] _____. Most of the islands look truly wild, and it's easy to [8] _____, though you can only go to some places in organized groups, with a [9] _____.

Danny saw most of France on a week's [10] _____. He found there was too much time spent on the road, but said he certainly [11] _____ his fellow holidaymakers really well!

6 CHALLENGE! Make a list of the holidays you've been on. Say what kind of holidays they were, what you did on them and what you enjoyed most.

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Reading Unforgettable getaways

1 Look at the four holidays below and decide which you would most like to go on. Then read the magazine article. Have you changed your mind?

1 an excursion to a winter park in Norway
2 a cycle ride from Rotterdam to Vienna
3 a trip to the temple of Angkor Wat in Cambodia
4 a trek through the Grand Canyon

2 In which description do people ...

1 say that things seem to be from a children's story? A , B
2 talk about very big buildings? ..... , ...
3 travel by river? ..... , ...
4 say they got a good night's rest? ..... , ...
5 travel by animal? ..... , ...
6 travel by bicycle? ..... , ...
7 see the sun go up or down? ..... , ...
8 look at the night sky? ..... , ...
9 talk about the cost of the holiday? ..... , ...

3 Answer the questions.

1 When does the Winter Park open?
.....
2 Why is it easier to cycle along the side of rivers?
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3 Why doesn't the Riverside Ride have much environmental impact?
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4 How was Angkor Wat built as quickly as it was?
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5 Why is it a good idea to get to Angkor Wat early?
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6 What do people on the Grand Canyon holiday do in the evenings?
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4 Study the highlighted words in the holiday descriptions. Then match them to definitions 1–7.

1 flat boats that go along rivers, especially where the water moves very fast .....
2 a person owned by another person and made to work for them .....
3 shining brightly and then less brightly, like stars .....
4 how fast you do something .....
5 quite cold .....
6 the parts of a tree that are in the ground .....
7 very sentimental and romantic .....

5 CHALLENGE! Write a paragraph saying which of the holidays you would like to go on, and why.

Unforgettable getaways

We asked you to send us your stories about holiday trips that were truly unforgettable. Here are some of our favourites.

A Hunderfossen Winter Park – Norway

We went here on our half-term holiday, and it was by far the best thing I've ever done! We had to wait until after sunset for the park to open, and as we were getting near, we could see the lights of the log cabins twinkling in the white snow, with the stars twinkling in the black sky above them. You travel around by horse-drawn sleigh, past the huge Fairytale Palace and I did feel like I was in a fairytale! If this all sounds a bit soppy, then how about some ice-climbing, ice-bowling, snow-rafting, or driving around on snowmobiles (they have special ones that kids can drive)? We spent a night in the ice hotel, and although it's pretty chilly (about –5°C), they have really warm sleeping bags, and I had one of the best nights of sleep ever. It was a fantastic experience!

Paula, 15

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B Riverside Ride, Rotterdam to Vienna

I did this ride with student friends from university. It sounds like a cycling marathon for sporty types, but that wasn't us! We'd discovered a really important secret ... the roads that follow rivers are usually pretty flat and easy to cycle on! We followed the Rhine and Danube most of the way (with just one short boat ride!), and there are cycle tracks and quiet country roads that wind along the riverside and keep you off the beaten track. We stayed in B&Bs and it wasn't very expensive. The views were amazing, especially the fairytale castles overlooking the river. There were plenty of sights to see, but it was mostly about taking time out and going at a nice slow pace through a landscape full of history and natural beauty. It's also a good way to get to know people well, as we chatted most of the time we were cycling. Finally, you won't find a holiday with less environmental impact!

Dan, 23

C Angkor Wat – Cambodia

I spent my gap year backpacking around Asia. I loved Cambodia, and the most unforgettable experience was Angkor Wat, which is an amazing ruined temple. It's officially the eighth wonder of the world, and it's on the Cambodian national flag! It's unbelievably enormous – more than one square kilometre in size. It took forty years to build, but a modern engineer said it would take about 300 years to build today, probably because you couldn't use thousands of unpaid slave workers! I'd recommend getting there early to escape the crowds. I cycled there and arrived just as the sun was rising – it was awesome! I love the fact that nature is taking back parts of the temple, with huge tree roots growing up through them.

Jenny, 19

D Grand Canyon – USA

If you don't think the Grand Canyon is the most unforgettable thing you've ever seen, then you haven't been there! I'd never thought of it as a family holiday, but it certainly is. We did a trek and bike camping holiday, with a guide who set up camp every night, cooked and organized games. We camped right on the edge of the Grand Canyon. The next day the adults headed down the fourteen-kilometre trail into the canyon on foot, and our fourteen-year-old son decided to go by mule! We slept well that night, after we'd spent a couple of hours lying on our backs looking up at the stars! We also went through the Bryce Canyon National Park, which has incredible rock formations, and then went down the canyon on rafts along the Colorado River! It wasn't cheap, but it's a memory we'll have for life. *Richard, 42*

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