

A

Types of holidays



adventure holiday



skiing holiday



family holiday



beach holiday



go on a cruise



city break

B

Online booking

Many people book their holiday **accommodation**¹ on the Internet. To **book online**², you need to search for your **destination**³ and the dates when you plan to travel. You can look for hotels or **B&Bs**⁴. Often websites have low prices, especially in winter. It is helpful to read the online **reviews**⁵ before you book the accommodation. A popular option for a **weekend break**⁶ is to rent an apartment in an interesting city. But if you want to make life easy, you might like a **package holiday**, which includes the flight, hotel room and sometimes meals.

¹ a place where you stay² to make a reservation using the Internet³ a place where you plan to travel⁴ bed and breakfast: a small hotel where breakfast is included in the price⁵ a description of a hotel, restaurant, etc., written by people who've been there⁶ a short holiday during a weekend

C

Renting a private apartment

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Reply Forward

To Irene Sanders x

From Oliver Weiss x

CC BCC

11:02 AM (2 hours ago)

Subject Re: Apartment with mountain view

Dear Irene,

We have arrived at your apartment. We **picked up**¹ the keys from the neighbours without any problems. We like the apartment a lot, but we have a few questions. We can't find the **wi-fi password**². Could you send it to us? Also, the **listing**³ said that there was an **iron**⁴ in the kitchen, but we can't see it. Can you let us know where it is? Finally, it's very cold and we can't find the instructions for the **central heating**⁵. Where do we **switch it on**⁶?

Where's the **nearest** supermarket? And can you **recommend**⁷ a **nearby**⁸ restaurant for dinner? Somewhere cheap would be great!

All the best,
Oliver and Jo

¹ collect² a secret group of letters and numbers, for connecting to wireless Internet³ written description of something to buy or rent⁴ a small machine that makes clothes smooth and flat⁵ a system that keeps a building warm⁶ make it start working⁷ say something is good⁸ not far

Exercises

46.1 Match the holiday types on the left with their descriptions on the right.

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| 1 a cruise | ☒ | a a holiday where there are activities for children as well as adults |
| 2 beach holiday | ☐ | b a winter holiday in the mountains |
| 3 skiing holiday | ☐ | c a holiday where you sleep on a boat and travel from one place to another |
| 4 adventure holiday | ☐ | d a short holiday where you visit a city |
| 5 family holiday | ☐ | e a holiday where you stay near the sea |
| 6 city break | ☐ | f an unusual, exciting holiday, possibly with some danger, e.g. rock climbing or walking in the jungle |

46.2 Complete the dialogues with words from B.

RUTH: Shall we book somewhere for our ¹ *weekend* break?

HARRY: What about this hotel? It has great ² online. Five stars!

RUTH: I'd prefer somewhere a bit smaller, with breakfast included.

HARRY: OK, here's a nice ³ in the countryside.

HANS: Have you found any ⁴ yet?

PAULA: Yes, I've booked a four-star hotel in the city centre.

HANS: Was it very expensive?

PAULA: No, it was part of a ⁵, so the hotel was included in the price.

46.3 Circle the words from B and C to complete each sentence.

- Many travellers prefer to book / take their holiday online, rather than on the phone.
- Spain is a popular holiday *accommodation* / *destination* among British holiday-makers.
- If you book a package *holiday* / *weekend break*, you don't have to book flights separately.
- The apartment *listing* / *password* doesn't say if it has wi-fi or not. We'll have to email them.
- The *central heating* / *iron* is broken and Sara's clothes are all creased.
- The house has *listing* / *central heating*, so it is warm all through the winter months.

46.4 Look at C opposite. Correct the mistakes.

- When you arrive, you can pick ~~out~~ the keys from the reception desk. *up*
- I recommence renting a car, as public transport is not very good.
- The nearer train station is a five minute walk away.
- The wi-fi passport is written on a piece of paper next to the computer.
- I like staying in this area. There are quite a few nice cafés nearly.
- To switch out the air conditioning, press this button.

46.5 Over to you

Answer these questions. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.

- What type of holiday from A do you prefer?
- Do you read hotel reviews before you book online?
- Where do you like to stay when you travel: in a hotel, in a B&B or in a private apartment?