

Complete the sentences with a word or a phrase from the lists.

⊕ brehtaking /ˈbreɪtʃtɪkɪŋ/ iconic /aɪˈkɒnɪk/
imposing /ɪmˈpəʊzɪŋ/ lively /ˈlaɪvli/
off the beaten track /ɒf ðə ˈbi:tən ˈtræk/ picturesque /ˈpɪktʃəˈresk/
remote /rɪˈməʊt/ unspoilt /ʌnˈspɔɪlt/

- 1 The view is absolutely brehtaking. (= impressive, spectacular)
 - 2 It's a really _____ area at night. (= full of life and energy)
 - 3 We found a tiny café in the back streets of Venice, right _____. (= away from where people normally go)
 - 4 We went to a very _____ little fishing village yesterday. (= pretty, especially in a way that looks old-fashioned)
 - 5 It's a lovely city, almost completely _____ by tourism. (= beautiful because it has not been changed)
 - 6 The site of the temple is extremely _____ – you can only get there on foot and it takes four hours. (= far away from places where other people live)
 - 7 The enormous statue at the entrance to the palace is very _____. (= large and impressive to look at)
 - 8 The Leaning Tower of Pisa is one of Italy's most _____ sights. (= acting as a symbol of the place)
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☐ dull /dʌl/ overcrowded /ˌəʊvə'kraʊdɪd/ overrated /ˌəʊvə'reɪtɪd/
pricey /'praɪsi/ run-down /ˌrʌn 'daʊn/ soulless /'səʊləs/
spoilt /spɔɪlt/ tacky /'tæki/ touristy /'tɔʊrɪsti/
unimposing /ˌʌnɪm'pəʊzɪŋ/

- 9 I think that restaurant's _____. (= with a better reputation than it really deserves)
- 10 The museum's pretty _____, but the café's good. (= boring)
- 11 The shops are quite _____, but we bought some nice things. (= designed to attract a lot of tourists)
- 12 The seafront has been _____ by all the new hotels. (= changed for the worse)
- 13 The hotel pool is always _____. (= with too many people)
- 14 The souvenirs were all plastic Eiffel Towers and key rings, really _____ stuff. (= cheap, badly made, and / or lacking in taste)
- 15 The main square is quite smart. But the buildings behind are very _____. (= in bad condition)
- 16 The old town has a lot of character, but the modern part of the city is mainly _____ office blocks. (= with no attractive or interesting qualities)
- 17 The hotel breakfast was a bit _____, but it was worth it. (= expensive)
- 18 The hotel entrance is _____, but the lobby inside is spectacular. (= unimpressive)