Alternative holidays

Fill in the gaps using the words from the list. There are three extra words that you do not need to use.

Staying in hotels and (1) _____ has been a traditional part of travel since the beginning of (2) _____ tourism. But nowadays, many tourists want a more intimate experience. For this reason, they are choosing to '(3) _____ native'. This often means staying in the kinds of places that (4) _____ people inhabit.

In big cities, you can try staying with the friend of a friend. You may (5) _____ up sleeping on the couch or floor, but the (6) _____ outweigh the discomfort. The biggest plus is that you'll be staying with a local and (7) _____ the city from a local perspective. Another option is house-swapping. Several websites (8) _____ you to connect with people who want to trade living situations. It's usual to (9) _____emails about favourite places in the city before the swap, meaning you can have a truly local experience. (10) _____of course, you can only do this if you don't mind (11) _____ strangers staying in your house.

For the more (12) _____, staying in a native structure in an African village or a hut (13) _____ the water in Vietnam or Thailand can be a real thrill. These might not even (14) _____ plumbing or electricity, and that is part of the charm. The experience of dealing (15) _____ oil lamps and carrying water really gives you a sense of (16) _____ the people live.

No (17) _____ how unadventurous you feel, you might want to consider crossing hotels (18) _____ your list. Getting to know the local way of life is the (19) _____ valuable part of travel. And what better way is there to do this than staying where the local people (20) _____ live?

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