

**Read the text 'InterRail across Europe' and answer accordingly.**

## **InterRail across Europe**

### **What is it?**

InterRail is a rail pass that lets youngsters of under 26 years old travel around Europe by train in 2nd class. If you are over 26 you can also choose to travel 1st class.

The ticket also offers special fares or reductions on certain ferry companies. The flexibility of the pass means you can visit anywhere in Europe.

InterRail is an essential stepping stone in the life of any youngster who wants to discover Europe for himself and enjoy a unique experience.

### **How does it work?**

You can travel across 30 countries in Europe with the InterRail Global Pass (InterRail Global) for:

- 5 days in 10;
- 10 days in 22;
- 15 consecutive days;
- 22 consecutive days;
- 1 complete month.

### **Conditions**

In order to purchase an InterRail Ticket, you need to have lived in a European country for the last 6 months.

The ticket can be bought up to two months prior to beginning your journey.

The ticket is personal and inalienable and in order to be valid, it must be presented in conjunction with your ID or Passport.

### **Advantages**

An InterRail journey is a **UNIQUE** and **UNFORGETTABLE** experience that lets you:

- travel throughout Europe;
- plan your journey and the individual steps, freely.
- meet new friends;
- share cultures;

gain a spirit of adventure and camaraderie and discover new sights.

### **Safety**

Whenever you travel abroad, you must always take some measures to ensure your safety. Your documents and valuables should be in an inside pocket, money belt or neck-purse that you carry with you at all times and are hidden under your clothing. It is always best to avoid being robbed in the first place, so take care not to wear expensive clothes, show your cameras or talk on Cell phones that may call attention to you.

Nowadays it may even be a good idea to scan your most valuable documents and keep them on a web mail address where you can reach them in case of emergency and thus avoid complications.

### **Clothes and stuff**

It is essential to take comfy clothing and preferable without any great monetary value, just in case. You do not have to take a lot of stuff since you can always wash what you need. The bare essentials are:

Underwear, t-shirts, shorts, jacket

Comfy shoes/sandals

### Water-proof

Do not forget to take a small backpack when you go to visit the towns for carrying small items like cameras, mineral water, some snacks, maps, documents and money.

### Where to stay?

Generally, there are just two possibilities:

**Camp sites**, with the big advantage of being cheap.

**Youth Hostels**, while not as cheap as the campsites, they are more comfortable and accommodating. If you want to book a Youth Hostel, you will need to know how many days you are going to be spending in the place.

There is, of course, the other possibility of catching night trains and sleeping on board in the compartments or bunks if you don't mind spending the extra. The main advantage is that as well as not paying for somewhere to stay; you do not lose time travelling by day and not noticing you have changed country.

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### 1. Choose the correct option.

InterRail is a pass...

- a) to travel across Europe by train.
- b) to fly across Europe.
- c) to drive across Europe.

### 2. Choose the correct option.

The InterRail pass is for...

- a) people under 26 years old.
- b) people over 26 years old.
- c) everyone not matter their age.

### 3. Choose the correct option.

This pass...

- a) allows you to travel anywhere in Europe.
- b) only allows you to travel to some countries in Europe.
- c) allows you to visit countries outside Europe.

**4. Choose the correct option.**

The InterRail ticket...

- a) offers you discounts and special prices in restaurants.
- b) offers you discounts and special prices in cultural events.
- c) offers you discounts and special prices on some ferry companies.

**5. Choose the correct option.**

InterRail can be...

- a) a unique and unpleasant experience.
- b) an important but dangerous experience.
- c) an exciting and enriching experience.

**6. Find evidence for the following statements.**

- a) With an InterRail ticket teenagers can travel through Europe by train.
- b) The pass offers some discounts and special prices on other companies.
- c) It's a free pass around all Europe, which means you can go everywhere you like.

**7. Find evidence for the following statements.**

- a) An InterRail is an important step for a teenager who desires to explore Europe and have the time of his life.
- b) You are given the opportunity to visit thirty countries across Europe.
- c) In order to buy the ticket you need to be a European resident no less than half a year.

**8. Decide if the following sentences are true [T] or false [F].**

- a) The InterRail pass is not appropriate for adults.
- b) This experience will allow people to travel around the entire world.
- c) With an InterRail pass we can travel for an entire month.
- d) We can buy the ticket a couple of months in advance.

**9.** Decide if the following sentences are true [T] or false [F].

- a) We can give our ticket to someone else if we don't want to travel anymore.
- b) Since we're traveling, we should take the most beautiful and expensive clothes we've got.
- c) It's prudent to scan our documents before we travel and save them in an email account.
- d) If we want to save money we can always sleep on board of the train.

**10.** Decide if the following sentences are true [T] or false [F].

- a) We should take a lot of clothing because we may need it.
- b) There's no need to take any safety measures because it's totally safe.
- c) We can stay at a camp site if we don't have a lot of money to spend.
- d) Youth hostels are a possibility but more expensive than the camp site.

**11.** What is an InterRail?

**12.** For how long can you travel with an InterRail ticket?

**13.** Name two advantages of going on an InterRail.

**14.** What safety measures should everyone take when travelling?

**15.** What type of clothes is essential when you're going on an InterRail?

**16.** What are the available possibilities of accommodation?

**17.** What is the condition to purchase an InterRail ticket?

**18.** Why is it important not to forget to take a small backpack?

**19.** What advantages does the ticket itself offer to the traveller?

**20.** What document has to be shown with the ticket? Why?