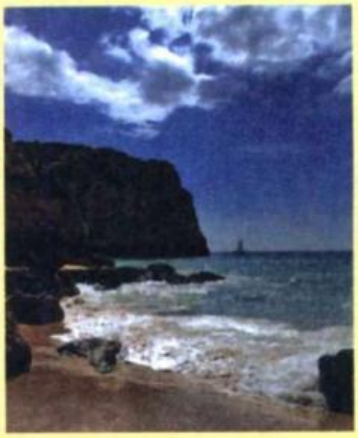
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CITY BREAKS IN PRAGUE

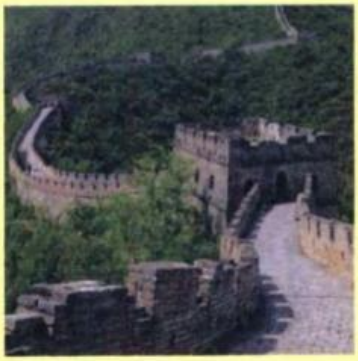
Prague is a **stunning** city, and this **thriving** capital of the Czech Republic makes a romantic and **vibrant** city-break destination. A stroll through Prague's streets is a **delight**: its architecture is **remarkably diverse**. Charles Bridge and the Astronomical Clock have both **undergone restoration**, but the city was amazingly untouched by the Second World War.

UNWIND ON THE ALGARVE



The **resorts** on the Algarve, with their golden sandy beaches, are a great place to relax. **Laze around** on the golden sandy beaches, enjoy the atmosphere of traditional fishing villages like Alvor, or just **wander round** Albufeira's old town, which still **retains** its wonderful **charm**.

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK ON THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA



Our China **trek** offers a **unique** experience for the **adventurous** traveller who wants to **get away from it all**. Apart from the spectacular scenery, you will have the rare opportunity to camp in a **remote** part of rural China and experience local life in its most **unspoilt** state.

GLOSSARY

stunning	extremely attractive or impressive	**laze around/about**	relax and do very little
thriving	growing and developing, and very successful SYN **flourishing**	**wander around/ round**	walk slowly without a real purpose or direction
vibrant	full of life and energy; exciting	**retain** *formal*	keep sth
delight	sth that gives sb great pleasure **delightful** *adj*	**charm**	a pleasant or attractive quality or feature **charming** *adj*
remarkably	in an unusual or surprising way **remarkable** *adj*	**off the beaten track**	far away from other people and houses SYN **remote**
diverse	very different from each other, and of various kinds	**trek**	a long hard walk, often in the mountains
undergo	experience a process of change	**unique**	being the only one of its kind
restoration	the work of repairing old buildings, paintings, etc. **restore** *v*	**adventurous**	liking to try new things **adventure** *n*
unwind *inf*	relax, especially after working hard SYN **take it easy**	**get away from it all**	go somewhere different to have a rest or holiday
resort	a place which is known as a holiday destination: ***a beach/ski resort***	**unspoiled** (ALSO **unspoilt**)	(of a place) beautiful because it has not been changed or built on

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 Complete the dialogues.

1 Is the town centre quite different now? ~ Yes, it has _____ major changes.
2 Is it still a thriving place? ~ Yes, it's _____.
3 Is the restaurant quite cheap? ~ Yes, it's _____ good value.
4 There's nowhere like Cuenca. ~ That's true. It's _____.
5 The village hasn't changed at all. ~ No, it's completely _____.
6 I've heard the villa is miles from anywhere. ~ Yes, it's very _____.
7 Have you been there before? ~ Yes, it's a very popular beach _____.
8 Is it a really enjoyable place? ~ Yes, an absolute _____.

2 Replace the underlined word(s) with a single word that keeps the same meaning.

1 He's running a <u>flourishing</u> clothes business. _____
2 Just look at that <u>beautiful</u> view of the mountains. _____
3 My son's interests are very <u>varied</u>. _____
4 That particular building is <u>the only one in existence</u>. _____
5 The villa was really <u>off the beaten track</u>. _____
6 The old town is a <u>surprising and unusual</u> place. _____
7 We just want to <u>relax and do very little</u>. _____
8 The old buildings in the centre need to be <u>repaired</u>. _____

3 Complete the text.

Great Expectations ...

After a hard time at work, I was looking forward to taking it **(1)** _____ for a couple of weeks on a Greek island. The villa was by the sea and off the **(2)** _____. At least, that's what I had understood from the holiday brochure, but the reality was somewhat different. The villa was undergoing **(3)** _____, so I had to stay in a nearby beach **(4)** _____, where most people were trying to do the same as me: **(5)** _____ around on the beach during the day, and then **(6)** _____ round the streets in the evening. Sadly, the place turned out to be **(7)** _____ noisy and unpleasant, so my idea of getting **(8)** _____ all just didn't happen.

4 Replace words in the text with words from the box so that the meaning stays the same.

unwind **thriving** **diverse** **vibrant** **stunning** **restore** **remarkable** **wander** **retain**

Lisbon is surrounded by seven hills, and from most of them you have beautiful views of this unusual and surprising city, which has managed to keep so much of its varied architecture and cultural heritage. But it is also a modern, flourishing European capital, and in recent years the city has managed to repair many of the old buildings. For tourists, one of the most popular parts is the *Alfama* where you can casually walk around and enjoy the charms of the old town. The *Chiado* district is famous for shops and restaurants, but for really exciting nightlife, head for the *Bairro Alto*. Then, after all that, you can relax on the nearby beaches of *Cascais* and *Estoril*: wonderful places to visit.

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

5 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

What do you want from a holiday?
Do you want to go somewhere vibrant and exciting? _____
Do you want to laze around on a beach and unwind? _____
Do you want to go somewhere off the beaten track and get away from it all? _____
Do you want a holiday with adventure? _____
Do you like to wander around interesting towns and villages? _____

TEST YOURSELF

LIVEWORKSHEETS