

# EXTREME TRAVEL!

You are going to read a webpage on which four people have reviewed their holiday experiences. For questions 1-15 choose from the reviewers (A-D). The reviewers may be chosen more than once.



Which reviewer mentions...

planning to go back to the place they visited?	1.
doing something they had been wanting to try for a while?	2.
not being allowed to do something?	3.
wishing they'd been able to do other things on the trip?	4.
feeling concerned about an aspect of someone's leadership?	5.
that their review is incomplete?	6.
that they will never forget this trip?	7.
not having been adequately advised on what to expect on the trip?	8.
having a positive experience of their holiday accommodation?	9.
not having sufficient skills to do something?	10.
traveling a very long way on the trip?	11.
being impressed by someone's expertise?	12.
becoming unwell on holiday?	13.
reading about the trip before traveling?	14.
traveling through a variety of landscapes?	15.

## ONLINE TODAY: Four travelers review their holiday experiences

**A Jacek Costa Rica Wildlife Expedition** Never again! In the whole three months I was there, it must have poured every single day. It isn't much fun wearing soaking clothes all day, and especially not when you're trying to get to sleep. I know that the world "rainforest" should have given me a clue, but I felt that the holiday literature did not give an adequate warning of what to expect. As a result, many of us (including me!) arrived without all the right gear or equipment for a jungle expedition, and the attitude of the tour leader was pretty unsympathetic. What's more, her rather relaxed attitude to safety did little for my peace of mind. Much of the wildlife there is deadly poisonous, but we were given very little advice on how to protect ourselves. I used to lie awake in my tiny tent all night, petrified of spiders and convinced I'd got all kinds of infectious diseases. All in all, I would rate the trip as two stars - the forests were beautiful, but the organization was poor.

**B Lucy Moroccan Off-road Safari** The Safari is more than a holiday! - it's an experience that will stay with me for a lifetime. The tour began in Marrakech, where my family and I met our guide, Azeff, and were given the keys to our specially-built off-road vehicle. We traveled across dunes and rocks from dawn to dusk, enjoying some very generous local hospitality at night. The desert was simply breathtaking, although the contrast between the scorching daytime temperatures and nighttime frost did take some getting used to. After a few days, we were glad to feel a light breeze in the mountains, although we did have a bit of a hiccup on the second day when Dad managed to get us completely stuck in a gorge! Fortunately, as well as being a wonderfully informative guide, Azeff turned out to be a brilliant mechanic too, and - much to our astonishment - soon had us out of the river. Despite our little accident, we all enjoyed ourselves hugely. The ever-changing scenery was spectacular, and the local expertise was invaluable. I would wholeheartedly recommend this trip to anyone looking for something a bit "different".

**C Yara Trek Kilimanjaro** Like many amateurs, I'd heard the descriptions of "gentle slopes" and "mild climate" on the travel programs and romantically assumed that climbing Kilimanjaro would be all about the great views. I soon found out that it would also require higher levels of strength and ability than I possessed. Kilimanjaro may have temperate weather at its base, but as we got closer to the top of the volcano we encountered huge, forbidding glaciers, and my breath froze on my face. Disappointingly for me, I never made it to the summit. I suffered dizziness as a result of climbing at such high altitudes, and my expedition leader refused to let me climb any further. At the time, I was extremely upset and even angry about this, and felt like I'd wasted my money. But the tour company offered me half price off a return climb next year, which is pretty generous of them. So watch this space - I'll let you know how it goes!

**D Andrea Storm Chasers USA** I'd been saving for this holiday for the last five years, and it didn't disappoint. We saw giant hailstones almost the size of golf balls and stood in the downpour of three big thunderstorms. But the best experience came on the last day, actually when we were heading back to the airport. I'd seen tornadoes on TV before, but nothing really compares to the sheer thrill - and terror - you experience when you feel one blow past, ripping up fences and building just meters away from you. I'd rate this holiday as four stars - the tour guides were great, and the extreme weather itself was beyond brilliant. But I did get a bit fed up with the mini-van, especially when it was hot and humid outside. It would have been nice to get out more, instead of just going from one uncomfortable motel to another. We covered huge stretches of country every day, with no chance to fit in any "normal" holiday activities like sightseeing or shopping.