

Reading exercise

Read the article and complete with phrases A - H.

- A. I'll take three
- B. It's too much sun
- C. You don't seem to care about prices
- D. We absolutely must go
- E. You aren't as prepared as you should be
- F. You aren't normally adventurous at home
- G. You'll never ever use
- H. You're suddenly super-sociable

We only do them on holiday

We all have them. Strange little rituals that have become an important part of any holiday, and if you don't do them, it somehow doesn't feel quite right...

Go on an airport shopping spree

This could be because you like a bargain. It could also be because you get to the airport and realize that you packed at the last minute and ¹ Whatever the reason, the hour before your flight is usually spent buying more travel adaptors, sweets, another pair of headphones, and unnecessary clothes.

Pay too much for hotel extras

You never eat macadamia nuts at home. But when you find them in a little jar beside the minibar, you have to eat them. Whether it's a tiny but ridiculously expensive tub of Pringles, or an overpriced and mediocre cocktail at the bar, you don't seem to have a problem paying far too much for little extras at your hotel. It may be because you're tired after the journey, or just because you're on holiday, but suddenly ².

Steal things (sort of)

Of course you don't take bathrobes or towels, but after being charged so much for those macadamia nuts, you try to get your revenge on the hotel by taking little things – espresso capsules, shampoo, shower gel...sometimes even a sewing kit, that ³.

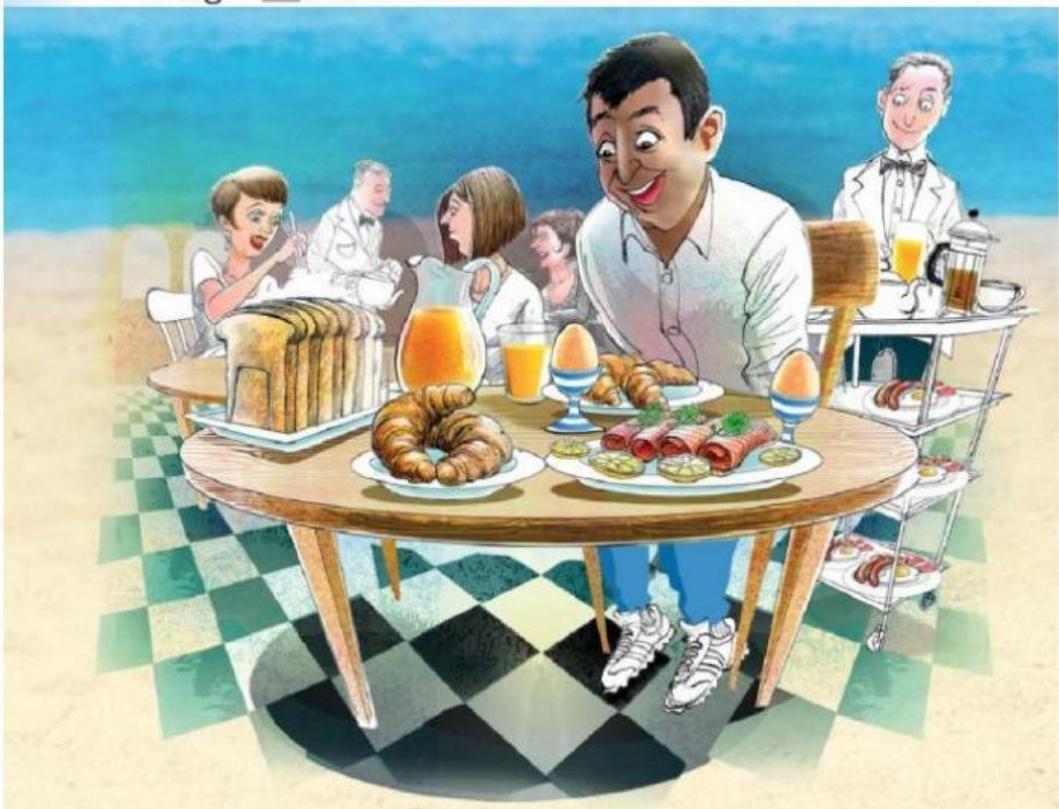


Talk to strangers

On holiday, suddenly everyone wants to make new friends. How many times have you started talking to the people at the next table at a restaurant in your town? Probably never. But walk into a beachside taverna, and 4 .

Change your eating habits

Your normal breakfast routine goes completely out the window. Goodbye cornflakes, hello smoked salmon, eggs, toast, and a big slice of cake from the hotel buffet. You're also thrilled when you find strange and exciting foods at the local supermarket and you want to try them all, even though 5 .



Sleep in the afternoon

Maybe it's because the shops have closed. Maybe ⁶□. Maybe it's all that breakfast. Whatever the reason, afternoon naps only become a fixture twice a year: at Christmas and on holiday.

Buy pointless postcards, and other rubbish

There must be millions of postcards out there that people buy and never send. They're a great reminder of your holiday, but when you get home, you put them in a shoebox under the bed and never look at them again. You also **have the urge** to buy cheap souvenirs from street stalls. 'A fridge magnet of the Eiffel Tower? A solar-powered Japanese sumo-wrestler figure?' 'Yes, sure, ⁷□...'

Visit obscure museums

Can you imagine your partner suggesting a Saturday afternoon trip to the local ethnographical museum to see a wonderful new ceramics exhibition? Definitely not. But on a city break, suddenly the most obscure cultural attractions **develop a magnetic pull**. 'Darling, the guidebook says it's one of Hungary's six best museums, so ⁸□...'

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