

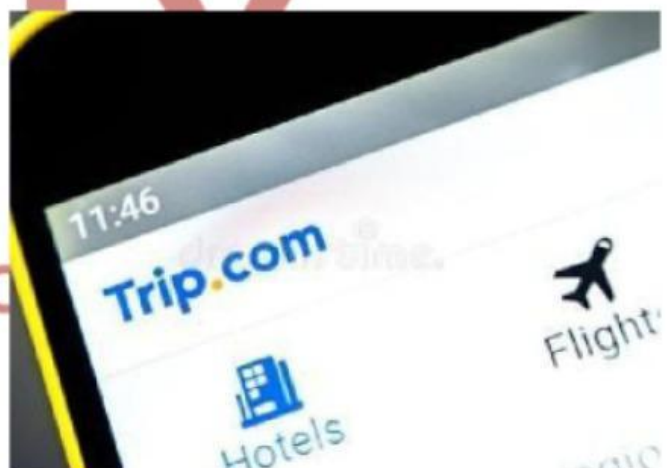
Talking about travel experiences

Which do you prefer?

1. traveling by plane or train
2. going abroad or traveling within your country
3. mountains or the beach
4. hotels or private apartments
5. restaurants or street food
6. tanning or swimming
7. camping or city visits
8. traveling with friends or alone
9. a backpack or a suitcase
10. sunshine or snow



Look at the pictures. In pairs, describe what you can see.



In pairs, discuss the questions.

1. When was the last time you traveled somewhere?
2. What was the purpose of your trip?
3. Where did you go?
4. How long did you stay?
5. Where did you stay?
6. What did you have to organize before you travelled?

Jack is planning a vacation abroad. What does he need to do before he leaves? Match the words to complete the phrases.

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| 1. book | a. travel insurance |
| 2. research | b. your bags |
| 3. pack | c. money |
| 4. get | d. a few basic phrases |
| 5. check | e. the destination |
| 6. learn | f. a (plane, train, or bus) ticket |
| 7. buy | g. accommodation |
| 8. change | h. your passport |

Jack found a pre-travel advice podcast which he followed. Listen and check your answers.

Part A: Discuss the following questions in pairs.

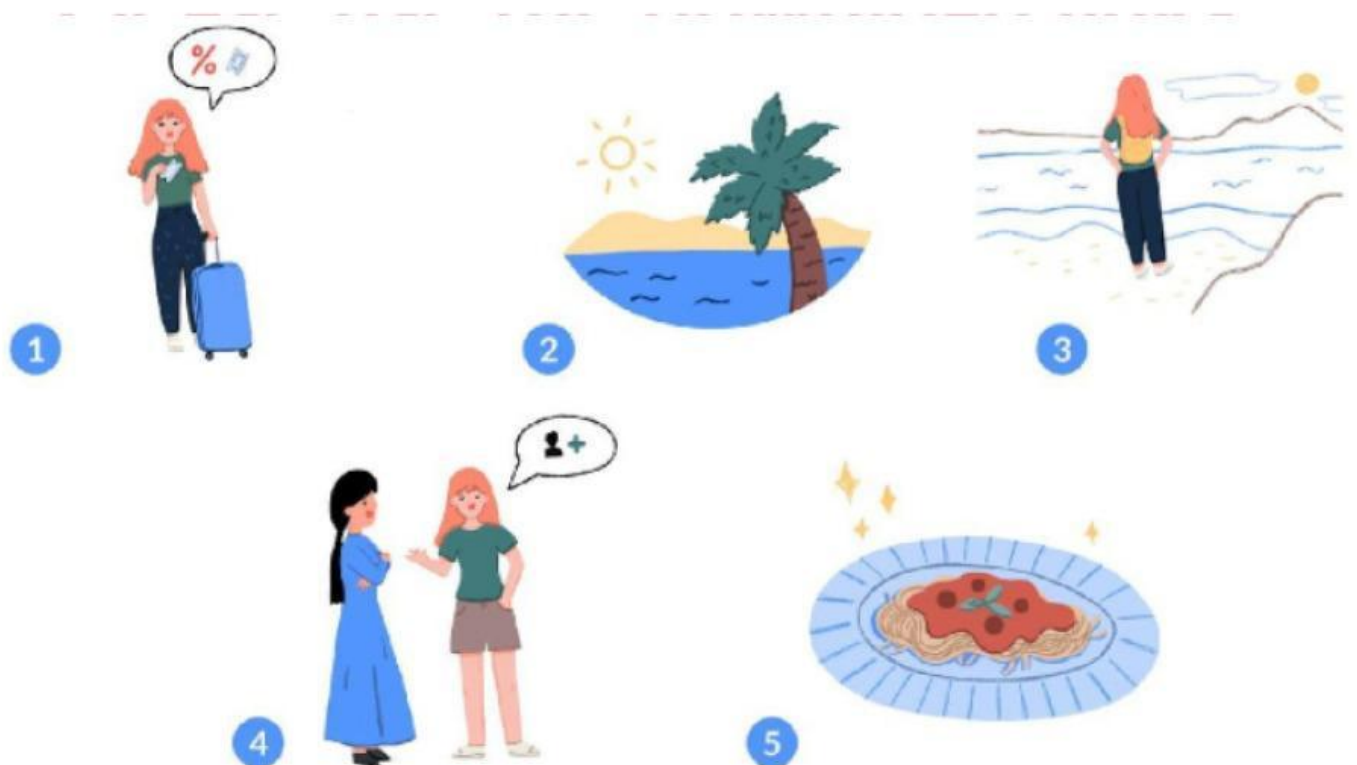
1. What is the best and worst way to travel?
2. What can make a travel experience good or bad?

Part B: Look at pictures from Jack and Paula's last vacation. Did they have a good time? What happened?

Jack:



Paula:



**Listen to Tom and Susan describing a recent travel experience.
Who had a good/bad experience?**

Match the words to their meanings.

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| 1) Crammed | a) Friendly and open to guests |
| 2) Cuisine | b) Type or style of food |
| 3) Reliable | c) Expensive |
| 4) Throwing up | d) Fit a lot into a small space or short time |
| 5) Welcoming | e) Can be trusted to work well |
| 6) Pricey | f) To vomit |

2. Fill in the blanks with words from the list:

(crammed, welcoming, throwing up, cuisine, pricey)

- a) We really enjoyed the Italian _____. The pasta was delicious!
- b) I didn't feel well after dinner and started _____.
- c) She's always very _____ to new guests.
- d) The hotel was nice, but a bit too _____ for our budget.
- e) We _____ everything into one suitcase to avoid extra baggage fees.

A. Comprehension: Who Said It?

Write **T** for *Tom* or **S** for *Susan* next to each statement.

- 1. ___ Stayed in hostels during their trip.
- 2. ___ Got sick and spent most of the trip in bed.
- 3. ___ Traveled by bus to save money.
- 4. ___ Only saw the inside of a hotel room.
- 5. ___ Took lots of photos of amazing sights.
- 6. ___ Enjoyed the local food on the first day.
- 7. ___ Said the people were very kind and welcoming.
- 8. ___ Was well taken care of by hotel staff.

Choose the best answer.

1. What kind of accommodation did Tom mostly stay in?
 - a) Hotels
 - b) Hostels
 - c) Airbnb
 - d) Campsites
2. How did Tom describe the buses in Australia?
 - a) Uncomfortable and slow
 - b) Expensive and unreliable
 - c) Cheap, reliable, and safe
 - d) Small and crowded
3. What was the weather like during Tom's trip?
 - a) Rainy and cold
 - b) Extremely hot
 - c) Cold at night, warm during the day
 - d) Warm and sunny, but not too hot
4. What happened to Susan after her first day in Rome?
 - a) She lost her luggage
 - b) She got food poisoning
 - c) She lost her passport
 - d) Her hotel was closed
5. What did Susan say about the hotel staff?
 - a) They ignored her
 - b) They were not helpful
 - c) They were wonderful and took care of her
 - d) They charged her extra

Answer the questions below:

- 1) Would you rather go on a trip like Tom's or Susan's (assuming she didn't get sick)? Why?
- 2) What advice would you give to someone planning a trip abroad for the first time?
- 3) Describe a time when you had a good or bad travel experience. What happened?

Writing. Imagine you are Tom or Susan. Write a short travel review (6–8 sentences) for a website like TripAdvisor or a post for Instagram.