

Unit 11

A Complete the text with these words.

abroad agent backpacking boarding pass check in departure lounge
excess guest-house remote package tours sightseeing transport

I'm thinking of going ¹ _____ for my holiday because I haven't been out of my own country for a couple of years. So it's always a good idea to go online to find the most economical means of ² _____ and then book the tickets in advance. Ideally, I'm looking for a small cosy ³ _____ or hostel to stay in somewhere. I really want to find a place which is off the beaten track and much more ⁴ _____ than the usual resorts, far away from the crowded tourist areas. I don't fancy going on any organised ⁵ _____, as I relish the freedom to go where and when I please, without having any time limits regarding meal times. Once I arrive at my destination, I always try to sample the cuisine of the local restaurants and go ⁶ _____ around the area, too. I usually contact the car rental ⁷ _____ beforehand and travel around the scenic routes and visit interesting places in the country. I really don't enjoy ⁸ _____ as I feel safer and more secure travelling by car. Finally, when it is near the time to start the return flight home again, I go online to ⁹ _____. I also print out my ¹⁰ _____ to save time at the counter. In addition, I pay for any ¹¹ _____ baggage at the same time. At the airport, I never waste any time or money in the duty-free shops, but instead I head straight for the ¹² _____ with a good book to pass the time waiting to board the flight.

B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the words in bold.

- 1 Don't you think that the hustle and bustle of New York is more exciting than Paris?

LESS

Don't you think that Paris is _____ the hustle and bustle of New York?

- 2 The more I travel abroad, the more I widen my horizons and learn about other cultures.

MORE

I learn _____ when I travel abroad and widen my horizons.

- 3 Many guests complained about the impolite manner of the hotel receptionist.

SO

The hotel receptionist _____ many guests complained.

- 4 The new departures lounge in this air terminal is larger than the older one.

NOT

The older departures lounge _____ the new one in this terminal.

- 5 Travelling by plane or train is far more convenient and economical than travelling by car.

LESS

Travelling by car is _____ travelling by plane or train.

- 6 India is the most interesting country I have ever visited.

MORE

I have never visited a _____ India.

- 7 I think that camping and backpacking holidays are more economical than organised package tours.

AS

I think that organised package tours _____ camping and backpacking holidays.

- 8 Eco-tourism is more attractive than agricultural tourism or adventure holidays.

NOT

Adventure holidays and agricultural tourism _____ eco-tourism.

C Circle the correct words.

- 1 The local cuisine in Italy was extremely **good** / **excellent**.
- 2 I was **really** / **absolutely** starving after having hiked 20 km to view the scenic gorge.
- 3 It is peak tourist season and it will be **really** / **virtually** impossible to find cheaper accommodation anywhere.
- 4 I went on an eco-friendly tour of the rainforest and I was **very** / **utterly** terrified when I saw a huge anaconda swimming in the river below.
- 5 Tim was **rather** / **slightly** upset when he saw that his flight had been delayed by six hours due to technical reasons.
- 6 From this mountain top you can get a(n) **really** / **absolutely** amazing panoramic view of the picturesque bay and harbour.
- 7 London is an **utterly** / **extremely** popular tourist destination to visit.
- 8 During my skiing trip the weather suddenly worsened and the temperature started to drop, so I felt **absolutely** / **extremely** cold.