

Bridge



"These backpackers must be going somewhere for a long time."

"These people are adventurous."

"Maybe these people have bought a cheap package holiday."

"This is a typical family trip. It might be just a long weekend."

"Maybe they'll hitch-hike."

"This looks like my dream holiday."

Talk with a friend about the last holiday you went on. Compare your experiences. What kind of holiday was it? Where did you go? How did you travel?

Example Dialogue

Jean: My last holiday was with my family. We went to the mountains to ski.

Jesse: Was that somewhere in this country?

Jean: No, we went to France.

Jesse: No way! We did too. Did you drive there?

Jean: No, we went by bus with a travel agency. It was a package deal. Did you drive?

Jesse: Yes. My dad prefers going by car.

Jean: Where in France did you go? The Alps?

Jesse: Of course. We wouldn't ski on the beach!

Jean: Yeah, OK. Where were you, then?

Jesse: A ski resort called Les Valleees.

Jean: That's where we were, too. Next time our families could go together.

Jesse: That would be cool. Where did you stay?

Jean: We stayed in a tiny apartment with only one room.

Jesse: I see. We had a whole chalet.

Jean: Really? Isn't that very expensive?

Jesse: Well, we are friends with the owner, so we get it cheaper.

Jean: Lucky you!

Jesse: It's also our only big family holiday of the year, so we spend a bit more. In summer we only stay at our cottage.

Jean: Oh. We go abroad in summer, too. I couldn't have summer without the sea!

Discuss

What is your favourite type of holiday?

What countries have you been to on holiday? Of all the places you've been, what was your favourite and why?

Have you ever used English on holiday? Talk about that. Apart from the UK, the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, where could you travel and expect a lot of people to speak English?

What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of different types of long-distance transport?

What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of different types of holiday (package holidays, backpacking holidays, activity holidays, travelling alone, road trips, etc.)?

What was your favourite holiday experience? Tell us a story or anecdote from a holiday you had.

Some Useful Phrases

- to pack
- to get (travel) insurance
- to get a visa
- to book accommodation
- to stay in a hotel / hostel / bed and breakfast / at a cottage / cabin
- to camp
- to couch surf
- to hike / to trek
- to sightsee / go sightseeing
- to go backpacking
- to go cycling / biking
- to go on (day) trips
- to get off the beaten track
- to get to know a place
- Schengen Area