



- ▶ Describe the pictures. What type of holiday (*BrE*) / vacation (*AmE*) does each one show?
- ▶ What are the similarities and differences between the pictures?
- ▶ Which one comes the closest to your ideal holiday?

DISCUSSION

Why do you think travelling is so important for many people? Is it important to you?

What do you think is more important: learning something new on each trip or getting a rest by not doing anything at all?

Do you prefer to make a list of things you want to see, or to improvise when you are visiting a new place?

Is there a difference between “being a tourist” and “being a traveller”?

What are some of the negatives of tourism?

JUST IMAGINE

You can't afford a holiday away this year and are forced to have a staycation in your hometown. Do you have any ideas of things you can do, places to explore and trips you can take in the area where you live? What activities could you do to make your staycation feel like a real holiday? What would you miss about not going away, and what could be the hidden benefits?

DATA MINER

In 2017,

33%

of Europeans
aged 15–24 made
no tourism trips
longer than 1 day.

More than

1 in 4

EU residents
cannot afford an
annual one-week
holiday away.

37%

of EU citizens have
never been outside
their own country.

Eurostat
data

QUOTES

“ *Why do you go away? So that you can come back. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving.* ”

Terry Pratchett
author

“ *The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.* ”

St Augustine

“ *Relaxing brings weakness, when done by a muscle; but brings strength, when done by a person.* ”

Mokokoma Mokhonoana
author

WORD BANK

a change of pace / a change of scene /
to clear one's head / a break / to get away /
down time / time off / a week(end) away /
to pack one's bags / baggage, luggage
[uncountable/mass nouns] / a suitcase, case,
bag / a bus/coach station [≠ “bus stop”] /
a bus / a coach / a tram / a train / the metro,
subway (AmE), Underground (London) /
a plane, aeroplane (BrE), airplane (AmE) /
a flight / to drive / to fly / arrival/departure
time / check-in (desk, time etc.) / a deposit /
cancellation / a refund / travel insurance /
winter sun / a ski resort / a chalet /
a bed-and-breakfast / a guesthouse /
an Airbnb / a hotel / a hostel / a package
holiday / all-inclusive / full board / half
board / self-catering / international travel /
domestic travel / staycation / high/mid/
low season