

Planning a Holiday

Pre-Intermediate (A2-B1)



WARM-UP DISCUSSION

Part 1. Choose the answer that feels more like you and explain why.

1. Beach 🏖️ or City 🏙️?
2. Hotel 🏨 or Airbnb 🏠?
3. Plan everything 📅 or go with the flow 🌊?
4. Early flight ✈️ or late flight 🕒?
5. Travel with friends 👯 or alone 🚗?
6. Try new food 🍷 or stick to what you know 🍔?
7. Long holiday once a year 🌞 or short breaks more often 🌞?

Part 2. Everyone loves holidays — but planning them can be stressful. Discuss:

1. What are the most stressful parts of travelling?
2. What can go wrong before or during a trip?

Part 3. Which of these stresses you out the most? Which are easy to avoid?

- Forgetting something important
- Long airport queues
- Losing luggage
- Delayed or cancelled flights
- Running out of money
- Travelling with someone who complains

VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

Part 1. Match the words to their meanings.

Destination	Budget	Accommodation	Book
Compare	Organised	Itinerary	Sightseeing

1. _____ The place where you are going.
2. _____ The place where you stay.
3. _____ To arrange something in advance (hotel, ticket).
4. _____ A money plan for how much you can spend.
5. _____ Visiting famous places when you travel.
6. _____ A plan of activities for your trip.
7. _____ To look at two or more things and see the difference.
8. _____ Planned and tidy; not messy.

Part 2. Discuss the following questions.

1. Which of these do you find easiest?
2. Which do you usually forget or avoid doing?



READING TEXT

Part 1. Read the following text.

Last year I went to Italy with my sister. We'd dreamed about it for years, but honestly, planning the trip nearly drove us mad!

We spent hours comparing flights and hotels, trying to stick to our budget. My sister wanted museums and I wanted beaches.

In the end, we agreed on three days in Rome and three in Sorrento. We booked our accommodation early and made a short itinerary with one activity per day, not ten.

We still had a few surprises. We missed a train, it rained on our beach day, and we found an amazing little family restaurant completely by accident.

The best part was the mix of plans and surprises. There was enough structure to relax, but still plenty of room for fun.

Part 2. Discuss the questions below based on the text.

1. What problems did the travellers have?
2. What went well on their trip?
3. Do you prefer to plan every detail or keep things flexible?

SPEAKING

Part 1. Think of four good tips for planning a holiday – and two things people often forget.

Then share:

- Which are the most useful?
- Which are the easiest to forget?

Part 2. Travel can be expensive! Share ideas for saving money. Think of two before the trip and two during the trip.

Then share:

- Which ones do you actually do?
- Which are worth it, and which aren't?

Part 3. What would you do in these situations? Explain your answers.

- Your flight is cancelled.
- Your luggage is lost.
- It rains every day.
- You overspend your budget halfway through.
- Your hotel isn't what you expected.

Part 4. Packing Panic! Look at the list below and discuss the questions.

Passport	Sunscreen	Headphones	Snacks	Power bank
Book	Towel	Toothbrush	Extra shoes	Swimsuit
Camera	Travel pillow	Plug adaptor	Sunglasses	First-aid kit
Reusable bottle	Hairbrush	Travel guide	Charger	Umbrella

1. Which 5 items would you pack for a 4-day trip?
2. Which 3 things do people often forget?
3. What's one thing you always bring (even if you don't need it)?
4. What kind of packer are you – over-packer, minimalist, or last-minute?



REFLECTION

Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

1. What kind of holiday do you need right now? Relaxing or exciting?
2. What makes a trip truly enjoyable for you?
3. What will you do differently next time you plan a trip?

Part 2. Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

"My next holiday will be in _____. I want to go because _____. I plan to _____ and _____." My top travel tip is _____."

