

Travel and tourism

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

I love to **get away from it all** when I'm on vacation.

to get away from it all
[to go somewhere relaxing for a break]



The palace is such a **tourist trap** in the summer.

a tourist trap
[a place that attracts too many tourists]



I'm taking Clara to **look around** the park today.

to look around
[to explore an area or place]



We got **hopelessly lost** when we tried to drive into Tokyo.

hopelessly lost
[totally unable to find your way]



I've won a **once-in-a-lifetime** trip around the world.

once-in-a-lifetime
[unique and unrepeatable]



I don't like going abroad because I **feel homesick**.

to feel homesick
[to be sad because you miss your home and family]



Let's **stop off** at the gallery before we check into our hotel.

to stop off
[to pause a trip in one place before continuing]



I save lots of money on train tickets by **booking in advance**.

to book in advance
[to book something several days or weeks before you need it]



This place is so different from home. It's such a **culture shock**.

a culture shock
[a feeling of confusion or distress when visiting a different place or culture]



We like to stay in places that are **off the beaten path**.

off the beaten path (US) / track (UK)
[a long way from other people, buildings, and roads]



I like to travel **out of season**, when it's nice and quiet.

out of season
[at a time of year when a tourist destination is less popular]



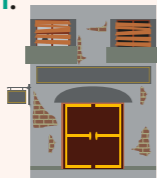
We're **checking out** the zoo that you recommended.

to check out something / to check something out
[to find out how interesting something is]



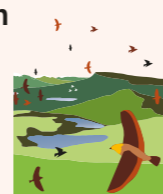
This hotel looks very **run-down**. Let's stay somewhere else.

run-down
[in a bad condition through lack of care or repair]



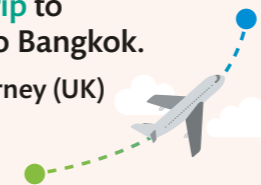
I love going birdwatching in this **unspoiled** countryside.

unspoiled
[not changed, damaged, or built on by people]



The first **leg of the trip** to Australia is a flight to Bangkok.

a leg of a trip (US) / journey (UK)
[a stage in a trip from one place to another]



We don't need another suitcase. It's just a weekend **getaway**.

a getaway
[a vacation, particularly a short one]



Tim has gone abroad again. He's always getting **itchy feet**.

itchy feet
[a desire to travel or move]



Brendan loves sports and has a real **thirst for adventure**.

a thirst for adventure
[a desire for exciting experiences]



Zoe is really **looking forward** to visiting the pyramids.

to look forward to something
[to feel excited about something that is going to happen]



Dan's parents came to the airport to **see him off**.

to see off somebody / see somebody off
[to go to the station or airport to say goodbye to someone]

