# Holidays

*Places, things to pack, booking a room and the words of the tourism industry, from A1 to C2.*

A1–C2 · English Vocabulary, Lesson 24

*go on holiday · check in · off the beaten track*

## Places and weather *A1–A2*

| | |
|---|---|
| beach | sea |
| sand | mountains |
| hotel | campsite |
| tent | museum |
| island | city |
| sunny | hot |
| rainy | cold |

*go on holiday · go swimming, go camping, go sightseeing*

## Things to take *A1–A2*

| | |
|---|---|
| suitcase | rucksack |
| sunglasses | sun cream |
| swimsuit | map |
| passport | ticket |
| camera | photo |
| souvenir | postcard |
| sun hat | flip-flops |

*go → went · Where did you go? (not went)*

## Booking and staying *B1–B2*

**Holidays:** a package holiday, a city break, a cruise, backpacking, a staycation

**Meals:** self-catering · half board · full board · all-inclusive

**Places to stay:** a B&B, a hostel, an apartment · a double / twin room · en suite

**Booking:** book, reserve, check in, check out, a deposit, a refund

**Problems:** overbooked, noisy, a poor view, sunburn, jet lag, lost luggage

**Phrasal verbs:** look around, set off, get away, chill out, stop over

*The hotel was **overbooked**, so we **checked in** to a B&B and got a **twin room**.*

*UK holiday, flat · US vacation, apartment*

## Tourism and idiom *C1–C2*

**The trade:** destination, itinerary, excursion, day-tripper, the hospitality industry

**Seasons:** peak (high) season · off-season (low season)

**Debates:** overtourism, sustainable tourism, ecotourism, a tourist trap

**Idioms:** off the beaten track, a busman's holiday, live out of a suitcase, the world is your oyster, get away from it all

**Sayings:** a change is as good as a rest · wish you were here

*We avoided the **tourist traps** and went **off the beaten track** in the **off-season**.*

*destino = destination (travel) or fate (life)*

### Holiday talk

- *Where did you go? Who did you go with?*
- *We stayed in a small hotel near the beach.*
- *I'd like to book a double room for two nights.*
- *What time is check-out?*

### Common mistakes

- ~~I'm in holidays.~~ → I'm **on holiday**.
- ~~a camping~~ (place) → a **campsite**
- ~~two luggages~~ → two **pieces of luggage**
- ~~go to swim~~ → **go swimming**

### Words with a past

- **tent**: Latin *tendere*, to stretch
- **en suite**: French, in a series, following on
- **excursion**: Latin *excurrere*, to run out
- **wanderlust**: German, wander + desire

### My new words

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