Out and About—Travelling

In this unit you will learn some vocabulary, phrases and information you might need, when you are planning a holiday abroad and travelling by plane. You will also learn expressions you need to survive in a foreign country; to find a place to sleep, to see the town and to get something to eat. Have a nice journey!

Where to go

Depending on your personal interests - and your budget, of course - you can choose between lots of different ways of travel. In the winter time, when it is freezing cold in Sweden, you may want to run away to the warmth of the South. If you are not afraid of the cold and enjoy downhill skiing, you might go to a skiing holiday resort in the Alps.

In the summer some families take a motoring holiday and go camping in Central Europe, whereas many youngsters look for adventures traveling together with their friends by Interrail. Both motoring and Interrail give you the freedom to move around as you please.

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- 1 Choose the destination, where you would like to spend a holiday. Motivate your choice.
- 2 Make a list of items you're going to need for your travel. Use a dictionary if necessary.
- 3 Work in pairs; One student is reserving a holiday at a travel agency, the other student is the clerk.
 - Where do you want to go?
- How much does it cost?
- When do you wish to leave?
- How do you want to travel?
- Where would you like to stay?
- How long are you planning to stay?
- Word box:youtomorrowcarnext weekterin two weekstraon Tuesdaycoton the 4th of July
- youth hostel camping site tent trailer cottage

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 a) You are stranded on a desert island a long way from anywhere. There is a fresh water spring on the island, and there are banana trees and coconut palms. The climate is mild.
Make a list of eight to twelve things which you think are necessary for survival.

- b) Pair up with another student and compare your lists. Try to agree on a common list with a maximum of ten items.
- c) Discuss the new list in groups of four students. Decide on a group list with a maximum of eight items and rank these according to their importance.

Checklist before departure

- * travel documents
- * valid passport
- * visa
- * timetables
- * vaccination certificate
- * insurance policy
- * foreign currency / traveler's checks
- * credit cards
- * medicines
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