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Web article (325 words, down from 363 words)

Planning Your Travel

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Now, can you decide what type of tour you want for your next holiday?

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- Plan ahead and have everything prepared.
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India — Something for Everyone

If you're adventurous, (1) backpacking through India is the way to go. Most backpackers travel by (2) rail or coach as this is cheaper than flying. Some hotels are cheap but (3) motels outside the city centres are even cheaper. If you're a budget traveller, (4) bank cards are more practical than (5) credit cards like VISA, which are only accepted at high-class hotels and restaurants.

Some adventurers may also enjoy the (6) eco-tours India now has to offer. All these tours provide guides and (7) maps, and are good ways to explore India's countryside.

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The scenery was marvellous and the people were friendly. After that, I headed for Australia

(2) _____ as/since/because _____ it's close to New Zealand. I wanted to visit my cousin Felix,

(3) _____ so _____ my first stop was Sydney. (4) _____ As/Since/Because _____

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Destination: _____ Hainan Island _____

Type of tour (Tick the correct answer.): backpack cruise eco-tour package tour

Attractions (Tick the correct answers.): beautiful scenery clear sea fresh air wild animals

Reasons for recommending tour type:

- _____ easier _____ to get to the scenic spots
- _____ cheaper than _____ going on your own

Local Transport (Tick the correct answers.): bus ferry train taxi

Sam's Pick 2

Destination: _____ the South China Sea _____

Type of tour (Tick the correct answer.): backpack cruise eco-tour package tour

Reasons for recommending tour type:

- _____ four _____ guests for the price of _____ two _____
- a lot of facilities and therefore a lot to do _____ on board _____

Ports to visit (Tick the correct answers.): Macau Guangzhou Xiamen

Sam's Pick 3

Destination: _____ Malaysia _____

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Task Outcome**Model Discussion**

 **G** Work with a partner. Decide which student (A or B) you will be and role play the discussion.

Student A: Which place did you choose to write a travel guide on?

Student B: The place I've chosen is Tokyo.

Student A: Why do you want to write about Tokyo?

Student B: I chose Tokyo because it is an interesting place. You can experience the old Japanese culture, as well as the fast rhythm of a modern city.

Student A: Right. How much does a package tour to Tokyo cost?

Student B: About six thousand dollars.

Student A: That's expensive. What are the attractions there? What can travellers do there?

Student B: The Tokyo Tower is the landmark of Tokyo. Travellers can enjoy the breathtaking view of the city up there. If they are more interested in the traditional Japanese architecture, there are many old temples for them to visit. If they like shopping, Shibuya and Ginza are perfect for them.

Student A: How about food? What are your recommendations?

Student B: Travellers should try sushi and sashimi when they are in Tokyo. The sushi and sashimi there are much fresher and cheaper than those served in Hong Kong. If they prefer cooked food, there are many ramen shops in Tokyo.

Student A: Where can travellers stay?

Student B: Of course they can stay at a hotel, but I think it's more interesting to stay at a Japanese inn.

Student A: What is a Japanese inn?

Student B: It's an inn where travelers sleep on tatami and take baths in a communal bath. Some inns even provide their guests with traditional Japanese breakfast every morning.

Student A: How do people travel round Tokyo?

Student B: The easiest way to travel round the city is by train, although travelers can also travel by bus and taxi.

Student A: I see. What should people bring for their trip?


Student B: I don't think there is anything special that travelers need to bring for their trip, other than their camera, cash, credit cards and passport. By the way, a visa is required for visiting Japan. Travelers can also bring along a phrase book and a map, just in case they get lost.

Student A: Thanks for your sharing.

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Task Outcome

Support Material for Discussion

 **G** Fill in the following blanks. Talk about the place you have chosen and explain to your partner why the cost, activities, length of trip, etc. make the place a good choice for the travel guide.

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Student B: About _____ (cost of the trip).

Student A: That's _____ (comment on the cost).

What are the attractions there? What can travellers do there?

Student B: _____
_____ (attractions and things to do).

Student A: How about food? What are your recommendations?

Student B: _____
_____ (famous food or restaurants of the destination).

Student A: Where can travellers stay?

Student B: Of course they can stay at a hotel, but it's more interesting to stay at _____
_____ (another type of accommodation).

Student A: _____ (follow-up question on the accommodation)?

Student B: _____ (further explanation).

Student A: How do people travel round _____ (name of the destination)?

Student B: _____
_____ (transport available at the destination).

Student A: I see. What should people bring for the trip?

Student B: _____
_____ (special items to bring for the trip).

Student A: Thanks for your sharing.

Task 1: Writing a Travel Guide

Task Outcome

Writing Notes

H Now plan your travel guide in more detail. Use the outline below to help you.

<p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • place name • location • way(s) to get there 	<p><i>... is a city/town in ...</i> <i>located in/lying on ...</i> <i>You can go there by ...</i></p>
<p>Body 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interesting places you can visit • activities you can do there 	<p><i>... is the landmark of the city.</i> <i>... is worth a visit.</i> <i>... is the best place to see the view of ...</i></p> <p><i>If you like ..., you could try ...</i> <i>Many tourists go there to ...</i></p>
<p>Body 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • basic information about the place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - accomodation - transporation - food 	<p><i>There are different kinds of hotels in ..., but it is more interesting to stay at a/an ...</i></p> <p><i>... has a very good/poor transportation system,</i> <i>You can go to almost anywhere by ...</i> <i>... is the most convenient mode of transport in ...</i> <i>It is very expensive/cheap to travel by ...</i></p> <p><i>While you are in ..., remember to visit .../eat ...</i> <i>You have to try ... when you are in ...</i> <i>... is famous for its ..., so be sure to have some ... when you are there.</i></p>
<p>Conclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reasons for you to recommend this place 	<p><i>I recommend ... because it is ...</i> <i>Everyone has to visit ... because it is ...</i> <i>Many travellers go to ... every year because of its ...</i></p>