

PHRASES FOR TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

GENERAL VOCABULARY

To book a holiday / to make a booking – to reserve a holiday.

'It's important to book flights in advance because they get more expensive in the high season.'

Journey – the experience of traveling from point A to point B.

'We went to London the other day. The journey took us two hours by train.'

Passenger – a person on transport going to a destination.

To pack your suitcase – not, 'to make your suitcase.'

'How long does it take you to pack a suitcase?'

To travel – verb

Trip – noun.

'I travelled to New York last month. It was a fabulous trip.'

Traveller – a person who travels.

TYPES OF HOLIDAYS

Holiday(s) – UK word for 'vacation'.

Vacation – US word.

A city break – a short holiday (often only a weekend) to a city.

To go backpacking – to travel around the world with a backpack.

A spa break – when you visit a spa for relaxation purposes (not 'termes')

AT THE AIRPORT

Aisle – the path down the centre of the plane.

To arrive (verb) **arrivals** (noun) – to arrive at a place.

Baggage/luggage collection.

To board an airplane/ to get on an airplane – to enter an airplane.

To depart (verb) **departures** (noun) – to leave a place for a destination.

To fasten your seatbelts.

Flight attendant.

To get off an airplane / to disembark and airplane – to leave an airplane.

‘Disembarking an airplane is often more difficult than boarding.’

To land / the landing – when a plane arrives at the airport.

Overhead luggage compartment.

Passport control – where security guards check passports.

Plane tickets.

Rows – the lines of seats in a plane.

To take off / the take off – when a plane flies up into the air

HOTELS

Bed and breakfast – a small, family hotel where you receive a room and breakfast.

‘Outside of cities, most hotels are family-run bed and breakfasts.’

To check into a hotel – to get your room key and sort out paperwork with the receptionist.

To check out of a hotel – to give back your room key.

Hostel – basic accommodation when you are backpacking.

‘When staying in a hostel, you often share a room with other people you don’t know.’

Motel – a basic hotel by a large road where people stop for the night.

Room service – food and drink are brought to your room.

TIME

The day before yesterday – past yesterday.

The day after tomorrow – past tomorrow.

‘Today is the 5th July. The day after tomorrow is the 7th July and the day before yesterday was the 3rd July.’

To be an hour ahead/ behind – the time zones of other countries.

‘The UK is an hour behind Europe.’

Jetlag – when you feel tired at strange times of the day due to moving to a different time zone.

THINGS TO DO ON HOLIDAY

To sightsee / to go sightseeing – to see monuments and museums.

'When on a city break, most people like to go sightseeing.'

To do a guided tour of the city – to do an organised trip around the city.

'The quickest way to see a city is to do a guided tour by bus.'

To go + gerund – for outdoor sports activities.

To go hiking, skiing, kayaking, climbing, surfing, sailing.

HIRING A CAR

To hire a car.

To take out insurance – insurance in case the car gets damaged.

'Hire car companies often want customers to take out extra insurance.'

To get a scratch – a 'line' which damages the paintwork of a car.

'Before you hire a car it is important to check the car for any scratches in the paint work.'

To get a crack in the windscreen – a 'line' which damaged the window of a car.

'Once a windscreen gets a crack you should replace it immediately.'

TRANSPORT

To catch a bus, plane, train, boat.

To take a taxi, car.

To get on/off + large transport that you can walk around.

'To get on a bus, plane, cruise ship, boat.'

To get in/out + small transport which is more like a box.

'To get in a car, taxi, elevator.'