

TRAVEL

How organised are your preparations for a trip? Do you make lists and think about it well in advance, or leave everything until the last moment?

Would it be wise to see your doctor before heading for an exotic country? If so, why?

If you had six free months and a little spare money, where would you travel to, and how?

Why is the idea of an ocean cruise considered to be the height of luxury and relaxation?

Describe an international journey by air, from home to destination. The journey to the airport is probably more dangerous than the flight itself. Discuss.

Security personnel do a better job if one of them has to travel on the flight being checked. One major airline organises this as a matter of policy – why not more?

“Ships that pass in the night” is a romantic cliché – what does it mean?

Would you rather cross the English Channel by ferry or by tunnel? Give reasons for your choice.

Are there any countries where you would / wouldn't hitchhike alone? Give reasons for your answers. Do you have any experience with hitchhiking?

Why are motorcycles / motorcyclists held in such low esteem?

Some of the luxury chain hotels – Hilton, Hyatt, etc. – specialise in looking exactly the same whether they are in New York or Kathmandu. Do you think this makes for healthy relationships between the tourists and the local people?

Why do you think seaside landladies were the subject of so much bitter British humour?

Is tourism about to change with the onset of eco-guilt and minimising carbon footprints?