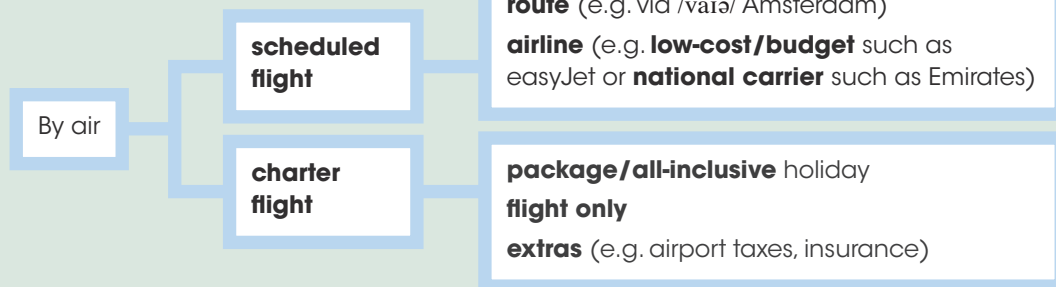


A Booking travel and holidays

Here are some choices you may make when booking travel or holidays.



A **scheduled flight** is a normal, regular flight; a **charter flight** is a special flight taking a group of people, usually to the same holiday destination. Some airline tickets may have **restrictions** (e.g. you can only travel on certain days). Such tickets can offer good **value for money** but, if you cancel, they are **non-refundable**¹ or you may have to pay a **cancellation fee**. Some tickets allow a **stopover**². A **package** holiday normally includes accommodation and **transfers**, e.g. a coach or a **shuttle bus** to and from your hotel. An **all-inclusive** holiday includes your flight, accommodation and all meals, drinks and snacks in the hotel.



¹ you can't get your money back ² you may stay somewhere overnight before continuing to your destination



Sea travel is normally on a **ferry**, and the journey is called a **crossing**, but you can have a holiday on the sea if you **go on a cruise**. For some people, a luxury cruise is the **holiday of a lifetime**¹. You may decide to book a **berth** in a **shared cabin**², or to have a single or double cabin. For more money, you can often get a **deluxe** cabin, perhaps on the **upper deck**³. Cruises often go to **exotic**⁴ islands where you can **get away from it all**⁵.

¹ one you will always remember ² a bed in a cabin with other people ³ the higher part of the ship, which is often bigger and more comfortable ⁴ unusual or exciting ⁵ escape your daily life and routines

Train travel allows you to relax as you travel and look at the countryside through the windows of your **carriage**. Railways link major towns but you may have to **change trains**¹ if you are not able to get a **through train**².



¹ get off one train and on to another ² or **direct train**, one which takes you directly to your destination



Car hire is another way of **getting around**¹. When you book it, you may have to choose whether you want **unlimited mileage**². There may also be **extras** to pay, such as accident insurance. If you hire a car, it gives you the freedom to **come and go as you please**³.

¹ travelling to different places; *informal* ² /'maɪlɪdʒ/ you can travel as many miles as you like for the same price ³ go where you want when you want

B Accommodation when travelling

Some people like **camping**¹ while others prefer hotels. Or you can have a **self-catering**² holiday, such as staying in an apartment or **chalet**³. You can also choose to stay in a **guest house**⁴ or an **inn**⁵. Some types of accommodation offer **half board**⁶ or **full board**⁷.

¹ sleeping in a tent or a caravan ² where you do your own cooking ³ /'ʃæleɪ/ small cottage or cabin specially built for holiday-makers ⁴ small, relatively cheap hotel ⁵ similar to a pub, but also offering accommodation; sometimes in an attractive old building ⁶ usually breakfast and one other meal ⁷ all meals

Exercises

26.1 Use vocabulary from A opposite to express these sentences more briefly.

- It was a regular flight which the airline runs every day.
It was a scheduled flight.
- I hate those special flights where everyone is booked to the same holiday destination.
- The ticket allowed us to spend up to three nights in Singapore on the journey from London to Sydney.
- You can get a bed on the ferry in a little room with three other beds.
- Our seats were in the part of the train that was nearest to the engine.
- The bus or taxi to your hotel is included in the cost of the holiday.
- It was a cheap fare, but there were some things you were not allowed to do.
- The ticket is relatively cheap, but you can't get your money back if you have to cancel.
- The price of the holiday includes the flight, hotel and all your food and drink.

26.2 Match the words on the left with their collocations on the right.

- | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 holiday | <input type="checkbox"/> | a catering |
| 2 full | <input type="checkbox"/> | b for money |
| 3 self- | <input type="checkbox"/> | c mileage |
| 4 unlimited | <input type="checkbox"/> | d bus |
| 5 exotic | <input type="checkbox"/> | e of a lifetime |
| 6 value | <input type="checkbox"/> | f board |
| 7 shuttle | <input type="checkbox"/> | g train |
| 8 through | <input type="checkbox"/> | h airline |
| 9 low-cost | <input type="checkbox"/> | i class |
| 10 economy | <input type="checkbox"/> | j island |



26.3 Which expressions in the box do you associate with each of the holidays below? Use a dictionary if necessary. Each expression may go with more than one type of holiday.

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| to rough it | to keep on the move | to just drift along |
| an exhilarating experience | to sleep under the stars | a cosy atmosphere |
| to be out in the wilds | a real learning experience | to come and go as you please |
| to lounge around | to be your own boss | to spend a fortune on entrance fees |

- self-catering holiday
- camping at a beach resort
- staying in an inn or a guest house
- skiing holiday, staying in a chalet
- trekking holiday, camping in the mountains
- cruise
- sightseeing holiday, staying in a hotel in a historic city
- touring holiday, in a hire car



26.4 Complete these sentences with expressions from 25.3.

- It was a lovely cruise; we just all day.
- I prefer self-catering because I like to
- Camping is OK if you don't mind
- Skiing is always such
- Sightseeing's great but it's easy
- The guided tour of the ancient ruins was
- Inns and guest houses usually have quite
- I'd hate to stay in just one place on my holiday – I much prefer