

07 Cestovanie - TRAVELLING :)

a) Preparing and reason for travelling

There are many reasons for travelling. Probably the most common reason is tourism. It is the best way to get some information about foreign countries, another cultures and another ways of living. Many people travel for pleasure and travelling has recently become one of the most popular hobbies. Some tourists like staying at the seaside and lying on the beach, while others are interested in sights and monuments. Some people travel abroad because they want to visit their family, learn foreign languages, earn money or study there. We can be sent on business trip from work. An everyday form of travelling may be going shopping, commuting to school or visiting friends.

Organizing of holiday isn't easy, because there are so many things to think about. It's important to plan every step carefully. When we want to travel somewhere, we should first find out a place where to go. Then we should find suitable accommodation. Insurance is also an important part of preparing for travelling. Of course, we must pack our clothes and other necessary things in our baggage. It is also required to check our documents such as identity card, insurance card or passport.

b) Means of transport

People and goods can be transported by land, water or by air. Travelling by land includes going on foot, riding a bike or motorcycle, going by bus or by car and travelling by coach.

Going on foot is certainly the healthiest and cheapest way, but it is suitable only for short distances. Many people like travelling by bike. Some go to school or work by bike; others prefer cycling as a hobby.

Car is considered to be the best mean of transport. It is fast enough for short and middle distances and it has a quite large space for luggage in the trunk. Travelling by car is highly comfortable. On the other hand, cars are not very safe and contribute much to air pollution.

The most frequent public means of transport are buses and trains. Trains are used daily by many people because they are travelling to work or to school. Trains are cheap and safe and you have enough time to enjoy the landscape. Fast trains are more comfortable for longer distances than slow trains because they don't stop at every station. We can find a sleeping car and a dining car in fast trains.

Many people prefer travelling by bus. This transport is fast and quite cheap. Bus connections are more frequent than train connections, but buses aren't as comfortable as trains.

Coaches are buses for long distance travelling. During holidays, the travel agencies offer many coach trips to the mountains or seaside.

In big cities, underground (subways) with several tracks have been built. They are the fastest and most frequent means of urban transport.

In some countries, travelling by boat is popular and quite cheap. If you travel for short distances, you can choose a ferry, for long distances ocean liners. If the weather is bad, you can become seasick easily, but it may be a unique experience.

Travelling by a plane is the fastest and the most expensive way of transport. It is convenient, especially for long distances. You can also relax or sleep there and you can see the world from heights. Some people think that flying is very dangerous, but in fact, it is the safest form of travelling.

c) Individual and group travelling

If you go on holiday, you can go with a travel agency or you can arrange your own holiday.

Travel agency usually provides full service. You need only money, because the travel agency cares about everything from accommodation to transport. If you travel on your own, you can stay for example at a campground or in rented bungalow, but you have to care about everything alone.

Hotels and motels differ in price and comfort. Motels are usually situated by the roads and the services in a motel are usually at a little bit lower than in a hotel. We can get different services in hotels and motels, such as bed and breakfast, full board, half board and all inclusive. When young people travel on holiday, they can find accommodation in **youth hostels**.

d) Travelling in the past and nowadays

Travelling has a long tradition. In the past people used to travel mainly on foot, eventually by boats or on horses. They moved from one place to another because it was necessary for their everyday life, but they travelled only for short distances. Later they used steam trains and steam cars. The first people to travel round the world went by sea. Nowadays travelling is very popular, common and necessary and people can travel all over the world. We can also travel to the Moon. It will be maybe common to travel to the Moon in the future.

e) Travelling abroad

When going abroad we must get necessary documents. First of all a valid passport and a visa. We still need visa to some countries. Besides, we must change money to hard currency in a bank or at an exchange-office. We should know foreign languages because it is important for communication. Most people all around the world speak English and in Europe German can be used as a "world language" as well.

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