

VOCABULARY

1 In your notebook, write the words or phrases that complete the sentences correctly.

- Don't spoil your trip by wondering whether you're being *ripped off* / *headed off* every time you buy something.
- I like to get *off the beaten track* / *away from it all* and see the things no one else wants to see.
- As we sailed into the harbour, we could see flags *fluttering* / *trotting* from the castle walls.
- There's nothing I like more than *soaking up the atmosphere* / *playing it by ear* whilst strolling through the city streets and markets.
- Have you ever seen an antelope *bounding* / *staggering* gracefully?
- Choosing the best holiday from the vast array presented in the media is a *daunting* / *dwindling* task.
- It was the offer of self-catering that really *stood me in good stead* / *swung it for me*. I hate the idea of having to cook when I'm on holiday.
- The best thing is not to plan too much – just go *with the flow* / *travel on a shoestring* to wherever your fancy takes you at the time.

2 In your notebook, write the appropriate forms of the words in capitals to complete the sentences.

- A good tourist is always of the local culture and customs. **MIND**
- There's nothing more than a good guidebook when you're on a city trip. **HAND**
- I never travel with a backpack. I hate getting all on the back. **SWEAT**
- This heat is . Can't we please find a café or something with some air conditioning? **BEAR**
- The next group ready for the tour is not by five. So I'll take a bigger group. **DIVIDE**
- As eco-tourism becomes more popular, prices are getting more . **COMPETE**

3 In your notebook, write the appropriate preposition for each gap.

- I just need to check something at work before we set off, OK?
- You'd better take some more colourful clothes if you want to fit with the locals.
- That's a real shame! I was banking her coming to help with the language.
- Keep an eye my things for me while I take a quick dip in the sea.
- The history of the castle is shrouded mystery.
- Oksana's timing is perfect again! Just as we're about to leave she rolls and insists on joining us.

GRAMMAR

4 Identify a grammar error in each sentence. Rewrite correct sentences in your notebook.

- The longer the journey, the most satisfying your arrival.
- The trip was as wonderful an experience I could have imagined.
- The train ride was more tiring that dull.
- It was so an exciting adventure that I couldn't calm down for days.
- I'd say the water was fresh rather as cold.
- The hotel was not so much posh than extravagant.

5 In your notebook, write the correct forms of the adjectives in brackets for each gap. Add any other necessary words.

BELGRADE:

WHY HAVEN'T YOU BEEN YET?

Although Belgrade hasn't always been a tourist destination, it is just ¹ (fascinating) city as any of the other more popular European capitals, and it's much cheaper too. There is ² (positive) energy in the city that it's no wonder more and more people are visiting. In fact, it's not so ³ (surprising) as astonishing that more people haven't discovered this remarkable destination.

For the budget-minded, there is plenty of accommodation which can be described as adequate rather ⁴ (comfortable), but with so much to see and do you won't be spending much time in your room anyhow. There are so many restaurants, live music clubs, art exhibits and shopping venues to visit, my advice is: ⁵ (early) you start out each day, the more you'll be able to experience. So if you want to visit a city which, at least for the moment, is ⁶ (fresh) rather than clichéd, do yourself a favour and go to Belgrade before everyone else finds out what they're missing!

USE OF ENGLISH

Multiple choice cloze; sentence transformation; translation

6 In your notebook, rewrite the underlined words replacing them with words with -ever. Make any changes necessary.

Why I love Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka has become my favourite holiday destination and I go there ¹ every time I can. The country offers great value for money ² even if your budget is limited and you can count on good weather ³ any time of year – summer or winter. ⁴ Any place you go in Sri Lanka the people are friendly and welcoming. ⁵ It doesn't matter what your interests are, you will find there is something for everyone; and ⁶ it doesn't matter who thinks Sri Lanka lacks cultural depth – they are wrong: it actually has as many as eight World Heritage Sites. There's more to do here than in Thailand or Cambodia or ⁷ any other place. Once you get there, you will ask yourself why on earth you didn't go before.