Travel and holidays ESL lesson plan (B1)

B1 (intermediate) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Tell me about the best trip you have ever taken. What made it special?
- Have you ever missed a flight, a train or a bus? What happened?
- Do you plan every day of a trip or decide when you arrive?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
destination	the place you are traveling to	Bali is a popular destination for honeymoons.
itinerary	a plan of a trip, with the places and times	Our itinerary includes three cities in a week.
accommodation	a place to stay, like a hotel or an apartment	We found cheap accommodation near the station.
backpacking	traveling cheaply with your things in a bag on your back	She went backpacking around South America.
journey	traveling from one place to another, especially a long way	The journey took ten hours.
excursion	a short trip, often organized for a group	We went on an excursion to the volcano.
local	a person who lives in a place	Ask the locals where to eat.
off the beaten track	far from the places most tourists go	We wanted somewhere off the beaten track.
jet lag	feeling tired after a long flight to a different time zone	I always get jet lag after flying to Asia.
connection	a plane, train or bus that you take after another one	I missed my connection in Frankfurt.

Speaking (15 min): Plan a weekend for a visitor

The learner has a friend arriving on Friday night with a small budget. In five minutes they plan Saturday and Sunday in their own city, then present the plan and defend each choice while you play the difficult guest (I don't like museums. Is it far?).

Useful language

- I've been to… / I've never been to…
- The best part was…
- It was worth it. / It wasn't worth the money.
- We stayed in… for a week.
- I'd love to go to… because…
- to book a flight · to check in · a delay · a layover

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about travel and holidays using at least six words from the lesson.
- Self-study: the B1 travel and holidays vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

Travel and holidays (B1)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

breathtaking · touristy · canceled · exploring · get away · overrated · set off · missed

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. We _____ at dawn.
2. Our flight was _____ because of the snow.
3. We spent a week _____ the coast.
4. The view from the top was _____.
5. The old port is a bit _____ now.
6. I need to _____ for a few days.
7. We _____ the last train home.
8. Honestly, I think Venice is _____.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. What is the most unusual food you have tried while travelling?
2. Would you rather travel alone or in a group? Why?
3. What do tourists usually get wrong about your country?
4. If you could spend a month anywhere, where would you go and what would you do?
5. How has the way you travel changed in the last ten years?

Write

Write 80–120 words about travel and holidays. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 set off · 2 canceled · 3 exploring · 4 breathtaking · 5 touristy · 6 get away · 7 missed · 8 overrated