Travel and Airport Vocabulary List: 24 Words with Examples

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Word or phrase	Meaning	Example
to book	to reserve a ticket or room	I booked the hotel online.
a boarding pass	the card you need to get on a plane	Can I see your boarding pass, please?
to check in	to register at an airport or hotel	We checked in two hours before the flight.
hand luggage	a small bag you take on the plane	You can take one piece of hand luggage.
to board	to get on a plane, train or ship	The flight is now boarding at gate 12.
a delay	when something happens later than planned	There's a two-hour delay because of fog.
to be cancelled	when something will not happen	Our flight was cancelled, so we stayed another night.
a connecting flight	a second flight to reach your destination	I have a connecting flight in Madrid.
customs	where officials check what you bring into a country	We went through customs quickly.
a single room	a hotel room for one person	I'd like a single room for three nights.
a reservation	a booking	I have a reservation under the name Silva.
to check out	to leave a hotel and pay	Check-out is at eleven.
sightseeing	visiting famous places as a tourist	We spent the morning sightseeing.
a guided tour	a visit with a guide who explains things	We took a guided tour of the old town.
a return ticket	a ticket to go and come back	A return ticket to Oxford, please.
a one-way ticket	a ticket for one direction only	I only bought a one-way ticket.
to get lost	to not know where you are	We got lost on the way to the museum.
the city centre	the main part of a city	Is the hotel near the city centre?
a souvenir	something you buy to remember a place	I bought a mug as a souvenir.
jet lag	tiredness after a long flight across time zones	I had terrible jet lag for three days.
a backpack	a bag you carry on your back	I travelled around Peru with just a backpack.
to pack	to put things in a bag for a trip	Have you packed your passport?
a passport	the official document for international travel	Your passport must be valid for six months.
off the beaten track	away from places most tourists visit	We found a beach off the beaten track.

Practice: complete with a word from the list

Use the correct form of the word or phrase.

1. Our flight was _____ by three hours.
2. I need to _____ the hotel before 11 a.m.
3. Can I see your _____ pass, please?
4. We _____ two nights at a small hotel near the beach.
5. I always get _____ in new cities without a map.
6. I bought a small painting as a _____.
7. After the 14-hour flight I had terrible _____.
8. You can only take one piece of hand _____.

Speaking

- Tell me about the best trip you have ever taken.
- What do you always pack, and what do you always forget?
- Have you ever had a problem at an airport? What happened?
- Do you prefer sightseeing or places off the beaten track? Why?

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Answer key

Practice: 1 delayed · 2 check out · 3 boarding · 4 booked · 5 lost · 6 souvenir · 7 jet lag · 8 luggage