

## TRAVELLING

Travelling is very popular in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. There are many reasons for travelling. Probably most common reason for travelling is tourism. People like visiting new places, meeting other culture, they want to see interesting or exotic places, historical buildings (castles, chateaux, palaces, ruins, churches, cathedral), beauty of nature. But there are more reasons for travelling. People travel in connection with their job (business trips). Another reason to travel is to meet with family and friend from distant places.

We can travel by different means of transport. They could be divided into two groups - private and public. Private transportation includes cars, bicycle, and motorbike. Some people prefer motorbikes, because they are faster, but on the other hand, bikes are more dangerous and not so comfortable, you can't carry much luggage with you. Public transportation can offer cheaper transport by bus or train. Buses are faster and

cheaper, but less comfortable. Trains offer more space, and you can move during the journey. Sometimes there is also a dining car where you can have some refreshment. In large cities, there is a net of public transport, usually they are buses, trams and in Prague there is an underground system (a tube) that connects different parts of the city. The fastest and the most comfortable is air travel, but some people are afraid of flying. The absolutely cheapest means of transportation is hitch-hiking. You can meet interesting people, see new places and save money. One drawback is that it could be dangerous, to travel with strangers.

There are many advantages of travelling: fun, adventure, the excitement of seeing new places and learning about new cultures. Of course, it is sometimes less comfortable, you might not like the regional cuisine, or you can be robbed.

### Discuss (pair work):

- Tell your partner about your last summer holidays.
- Plan a weekend trip together and make your travelling list.
- Try to persuade your friend to go on camping holidays with you. Talk about the place, number of days, costs, things to do.
- Organize the three-day stay for English speaking students in Prague.

### Answer:

- Do you like travelling?
- Why do people travel?
- Which means of transport do you prefer?
- What are the advantages of travelling by bus?
- Have you ever travel by plane?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling abroad by plane?
- Are you afraid of flying?
- Have you ever hitch-hiked?
- Which country would you like to visit and why?
- Would you prefer individual travel or travelling with a travel agency?
- What do you need to arrange for an individual travel?
- What is a package tour?
- What is your idea of the best spent holidays?
- Do you prefer holidays with a lot of touring and sightseeing or would you rather stay in one place?
- What excursion have you taken with the school?
- What kind of holidays would you definitely not enjoy? Why?

