

Talk Time Topic: Travel

Let's get started...

When was the last time you traveled outside of Bellevue/Seattle? Where did you go? What did you do? Why did you go?

Background:

People travel for many different reasons. They travel for fun and recreation, to visit family, to go to work, to move to a new place, or to go on a religious pilgrimage. There are many ways to travel, such as by foot, by car, by bus, by subway, by train, by boat, and by airplane. Using the Internet makes it very convenient to make travel plans. Americans say that "the world is becoming smaller" as more people travel to places far away from their homes.



In pairs for 5 minutes, ask and answer these questions:

Think about your favorite place you have traveled to.

Why did you go there?

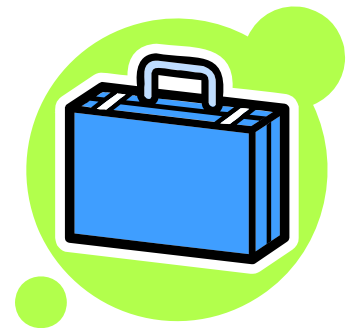
What kinds of plans did you make before you left? (Transportation, lodging, etc.)

What did you do when you arrived?

Why did you like it?

Would you recommend it to other travelers?

Share your partner's answers with the group.



Discussion Questions:

In America, people mostly travel by car and plane. What is the most common way to travel in your native country?

What is your favorite way to travel? Why? What is your least favorite way to travel?

What is the worst travel experience you have ever had? What happened?

What advice would you give people who were traveling to your native country?

Where have you always wanted to go? Where is the best place you have gone?

Who do you usually travel with? Do you ever travel alone?

Do you like to try new foods when you travel? What was the best food you ate while traveling? Where were you?

When you are traveling, how do you communicate with people who speak a different language?

Do you ever feel unsafe when you are traveling? What are some things you can do to be safe when you are traveling?

Which would you rather spend money on: fun attractions or a good hotel? good food or better transportation? souvenirs or photographs?

What do you do when you get lost when you are traveling?

Can you ask for help when you are traveling? Why or why not?

What place do you think everyone should travel to? Why?

If you didn't have to work, how often would you travel?

Do you like to go to new places, or places you have already been to?

If you had one month and \$1 million, where would you travel to? What would you do?

Would you rather: lay by the beach or go sightseeing? learn about a culture or go shopping? eat local foods or eat at chain restaurants?

New words and Idioms:

Recreation, religious pilgrimage, lodging, attractions, souvenirs, photographs, vacation, sightseeing, chain restaurants