



travel



weather



marine litter



holiday problems and  
complains



the River Thames

Look at the travel diary. Where were the travelers? What did they see/do? Listen and read to find out.



Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April - Kathmandu

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> April - The Himalayas

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April - Bhaktapur

The travelers were in Nepal. I think they climbed mountains, met local people and saw some beautiful scenery.

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Bhaktapur



трескаться

захватывающий

ремесленник

ежегодный

освещенный  
свечкой

основываться

побережье

соревнования

длиться опред.  
период времени

откладывать

древний

великолепный

продлевать

to escape

handicraft

мерзкий

вершина

ОТДЫХ С ПОЛНЫМ  
КОМПЛЕКСОМ УСЛУГ

храм

тропа

шествие

чайный домик

идти пешком

торговец



### Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April – *Kathmandu*

We arrived safely in a very foggy Kathmandu after our short but **delayed** flight from India. We caught a local bus to the hotel, passing street vendors, **beggars**, shoeshine boys and even a **barber** with his chair and **cracked** mirror out on the **pavement**! This morning we **escaped** the dust, noise and pollution of the city to visit the incredible Monkey Temple up in the hills. There really were hundreds of monkeys there – they were running around everywhere. There were lots of steps to climb, but it was worth it: the view of the snowy **peaks** of the Himalayas in the distance was absolutely **breathtaking**!







### Tues 7<sup>th</sup> April – *The Himalayas*

We woke up yesterday morning feeling so excited! Finally the day had arrived when we would begin our 2-day **trekking** excursion to the Himalayas! We took a small plane from Kathmandu and then trekked for hours up and down the rocky mountain **trail**. It was hot in the bright mountain sun but quite cold wherever there was some **shade**. You can't imagine how spectacular the **scenery** was! We finally reached a village called Phakding where we **put up** our tent and camped outside a teahouse. We tried some **local** dishes, which were delicious, and then got into our sleeping bags. It got cold very quickly once the sun had gone down! I awoke the next morning to the most amazing sunrise I had ever seen! I took a walk down to the river where I ran into two young boys playing. They were really friendly. Nepalese villages are very poor, but everyone we met in the mountains seemed happy.







### Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April – *Bhaktapur*

Returning from the mountains, Kathmandu seemed even busier than when we left! We took a taxi to the ancient town of Bhaktapur today, as we had heard that its annual festival, “Bisket Jatra”, was taking place. When we got there, we hired a guide, who took us to see the noisy tug-of-war contest that kicks off the festival every year. Apparently, the festival is based on a fairy tale and continues for two days. It includes a wild parade, a candlelit procession and two more tugs-of-war! Later in the day, we went on a guided tour of Bhaktapur’s magnificent temples, then we went shopping for souvenirs. The city is full of craftsmen selling paintings and handicrafts. I bought some beautiful pottery, and Jake found a fantastic pair of hand-made drums!

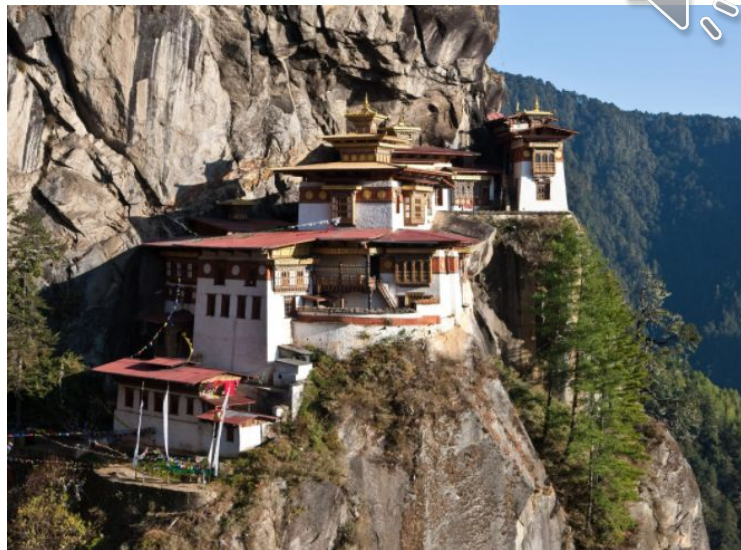






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Read again and decide if the statements are true or false. Compare  
statements.

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plane.



The author does not say that she didn't sleep at all but is looking forward to a good night's sleep at home.



## Answer the questions.

What did t

*They visited the Monkey Temple near Kathmandu, they went on an excursion to the Himalayas, where they camped near a village called Phakding and tried some local food, and they visited Bhaktapur, where they saw the events of the annual Bisket Jatra festival and took a guided tour of the magnificent temples.*



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Find the adjectives the author uses to describe the following. Use your

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ing/uninspiring .....

plain .....

usual .....

riendly ... old .....

h ... unhappy .....

quiet .....

boring .....

≠ .. modest/plain ...

ugly .....

cheap .. campsites and hotels ≠ .. expensive .....

amazing .. experiences ≠ .. ordinary .....

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## Complete the sentences.

- 1 She arrived in London after a ..... flight from Lisbon.
- 2 The ..... dishes were delicious.
- 3 Have you ever been to the ..... city of Machu Picchu?
- 4 Notting Hill Carnival is an ..... festival in London.
- 5 They ..... a guide to show them around.
- 6 The ..... was crowded with people.

delayed

local

ancient

annual

hired

pavement

Viruses, countless, backpacking, home comforts, nasty, backpacks, drums, handicrafts, craftsmen, procession, candlelit, based on, kick off, tug-of-war contest, hired, annual, ancient, local, put up, scenery, shade, trail, trekking, breathtaking, in the distance, peaks, escaped, pavement, cracked, barber, beggars, delayed.

## Match the words to their definitions.

barber



scenery



put up



peaks



pavement



cracked



trekking



delayed



local



escaped



breathtaking



trail



in the distance



beggars



shade



Land, water, flora you can  
see in a place



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backpacking



procession



viruses



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handicrafts



drums



based on



backpacks



Mean; unpleasant

Answer the questions. Make notes. Use your notes to tell the class.

Which places did the author visit?

What did she do/see in each?

How did she like her journey?

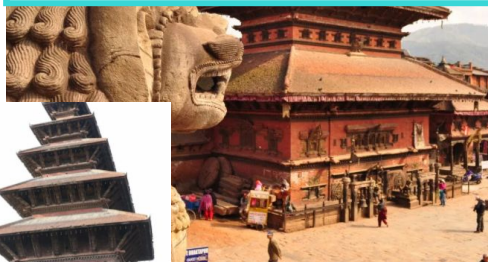


The author visited four countries in Asia including Nepal. In Nepal she went to Kathmandu where she visited the Monkey Temple. She also went on a trekking excursion in the Himalayas. Then she went to Bhaktapur and saw the events of the Bisket Jatra festival and went on a tour of the temples and finally she bought some souvenirs. She enjoyed her journey but found it uncomfortable and tiring at times.



Nepal

Himalayas



The Bisket  
Jatra festival





Choose the correct word. Check in your dictionary. Use the other word in sentences of your own.

- 1 The class went on an excursion/exhibition to the Louvre.
- 2 He ordered some travel leaflets/brochures online.
- 3 Miami has got fantastic sandy coasts/  
beaches.
- 4 She doesn't like package/packed holidays.
- 5 The room had a great scenery/view of the sea.
- 6 You need to fix/book in advance or you won't be able to find a place to stay.
- 7 All passengers/travellers waiting for flight TWK255 should go to Gate 11.
- 8 You can prolong/extend your stay in the hotel and stay one more week if you like.

**Prolong** - to make something last a longer time.

**Extend** - to add to something in order to make it bigger or longer.

Choose the correct word. Check in your dictionary. Use the other word in sentences of your own.

- 9 It was too hot in the sun, so we found a place to sit in the shadow/shade.
- 10 It's best to take/catch a taxi to the airport.
- 11 We rented/hired a little cottage by the sea.
- 12 The setting/scenery in the park was spectacular.

**Setting** - the time and the place in which the action of a book, film, play, etc. happens.

**Scenery** - the general appearance of the natural environment, especially when it is beautiful.



# Complete the sentences.

- 1 There was a fantastic [ ] in the Louvre.
- 2 The hotel was located in a fantastic [ ] by the sea.
- 3 Malta is well-known for its rocky [ ].
- 4 Bad weather can [ ] your stay in a place during a backpacker holiday.
- 5 There was some wonderful [ ] around the resort we were staying in.
- 6 My brother is good with his hands and can [ ] anything.
- 7 Some air [ ] may suffer from swollen ankles on long flights.
- 8 Some children bring a [ ] lunch to school.
- 9 She was frightened when she saw a [ ] behind her.
- 10 After the bank robbery, the police did their best to [ ] the thieves.
- 11 We [ ] a car at the airport.
- 12 I'm going to hand out [ ] on saving energy this weekend.

- shadow
- travellers
- scenery
- packed
- fix
- exhibition

- leaflets
- Prolong
- catch
- setting
- coasts
- hired

Complete the sentences with: tour, excursion, trip, voyage, journey.

- 1 They went on a coach ..... of Spain.
- 2 Let's go on a day ..... to the seaside.
- 3 The holiday company organises a weekly ..... to the mountains.
- 4 The Titanic sank on its maiden ..... .
- 5 The car ..... was boring, tiring and hot.

1. tour

2. trip

3. excursion

4. voyage

5. journey

voyage



excursion



journey



tour



trip





Imagine you are the author of the travel diary on p. 82. Write a postcard home from Bhaktapur (50-60 words).

Write about:

- where you are
- what you are doing
- what you can see there
- if you like it there
- what you have bought



Dear Natalya,

Greetings from ancient Bhaktapur, Nepal. We are here to see the annual festival of Bisket Jatra. We are watching a tug-of-war contest, and later we can see a parade and a candlelit procession. There are also some magnificent temples to visit. I like it here very much. I've bought some beautiful souvenirs, including some pottery. See you soon!

Sasha



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Antonova  
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678876 Irkutsk  
Russia

Match the words. Then, use the phrases to complete the sentences.






- |   |   |              |
|---|---|--------------|
| 1 | g | delayed      |
| 2 | f | street       |
| 3 | d | breathtaking |
| 4 | e | local        |
| 5 | c | annual       |
| 6 | a | guided       |
| 7 | b | home         |

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| a | tour      |
| b | comforts  |
| c | festivals |
| d | view      |
| e | dishes    |
| f | vendors   |
| g | flight    |

- 1 We had a . **breathtaking view** ... of the bay and its volcanic island from our room.
- 2 They went on a .... **guided tour** ..... of Paris and discovered its many interesting sites.
- 3 There are thousands of . **street vendors** .. in Marrakech offering a variety of exotic goods.
- 4 I was dying for some ... **home comforts** ..... after my two weeks in the jungle.
- 5 We arrived home hours late due to a ..... **delayed flight**
- 6 We always taste as many .. **local dishes** .. as we can when we are abroad.
- 7 The island hosts many ... **annual festivals** .. including international cultural celebrations.



# Cross the odd one out.

- 1 peaks - hills - mountains - temples 
- 2 parade - beach - contest - festival 
- 3 souvenirs - handicraft - pottery - villages 
- 4 trails - campsites - hotels - hostels 
- 5 sailing - trekking - backpacking - climbing 

Tick the correct boxes.

	book	hire
a ticket	✓	
a car		✓
a holiday	✓	
a tour guide		✓
a hotel room	✓	
a flight	✓	

	prolong	extend
a stay	✓	✓
a speech	✓	
work permit		✓
a visit	✓	✓
a contract		✓

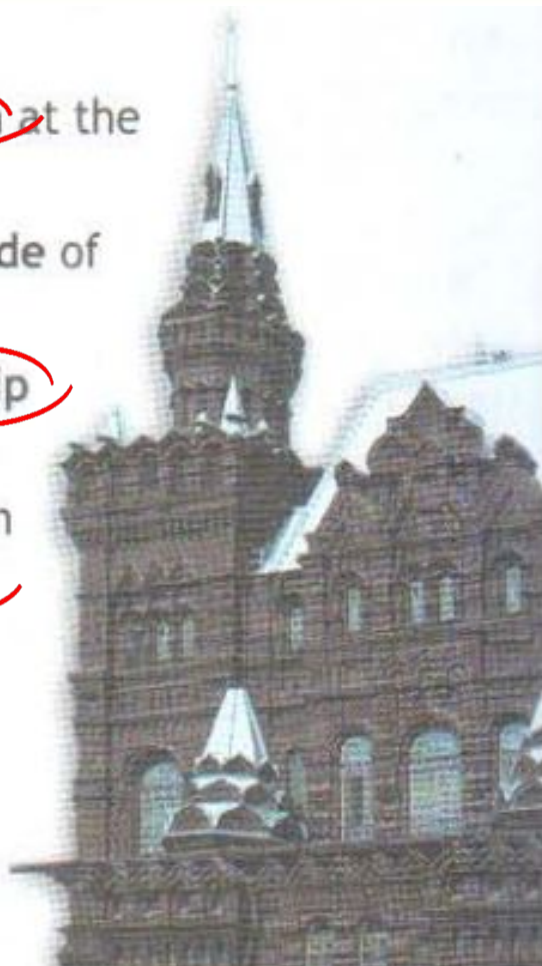


Fill in: ancient, breathtaking, cheap, nasty, rocky, spectacular.

- 1 We like to go on cycling holidays and stay at ..... cheap ..... campsites.
- 2 We had to trek up a ..... rocky ..... mountain trail for six hours to get there.
- 3 The highlight of our visit to Peru was the ..... ancient ..... ruins of Machu Picchu.
- 4 My uncle caught a ..... nasty ..... virus when he was in Thailand.
- 5 I'll always remember the ... breathtaking .... view from the top of Mont Blanc.
- 6 For me, Tibet has some of the most .... spectacular ..... scenery in the world.

## Choose the correct word.

- 1 We'll go to an excursion exhibition at the museum.
- 2 The west coast/seaside of Ireland is beautiful.
- 3 Our weekend tour/trip to Rome was great.
- 4 The astronauts left on a six-month voyage/journey into space.
- 5 We had to trek/step up a rocky mountain to reach the monastery.





## Choose the correct word.

- 1 Tanya was very upset because she had left/  
**forgot** her handbag on the bus.
- 2 He ran as fast as he could but didn't manage  
to **take/**catch the bus.
- 3 Are you sure we should cash/**afford** all our  
traveller's cheques at once?
- 4 We tried/**attempted** a whole range of local  
dishes while in Turkey.
- 5 My parents always hire/**rent** a tour guide when  
they go abroad.
- 6 Our package holiday **contained/**included  
guided tours of all the major sites.