

Overview

Watch the video podcast. Have you been to any of the places the people mention?

1 Read and complete Andrea's introduction with the words from the box. Then watch the video podcast from 0:00 to 0:35 and check your answers.



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Hi. I love travelling around my ¹ home country of Brazil and ² _____ settling in London I ³ _____ being there. But I've found this little café near ⁴ _____ I live where lots of Brazilians go at the weekend ⁵ _____ I spend lots of time there. Today I'm going to ⁶ _____ talking to people about ⁷ _____ and their favourite places. Do you have any holidays or trips ⁸ _____?

2 Tell us about travelling and your favourite places. Look at the people below and read extracts from their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 0:36 to 5:33 and match the people to their answers. There are TWO answers for each person.



- 1 I suppose my most regular haunt is probably Lord's Cricket Ground, where I spend, according to my wife, far too much time. B
- 2 At the moment I'm living in Hackney, so in East London, and it's, there's a really brilliant market, it's called the Broadway Market.
- 3 There's actually a place called Fleet River Bakery. It's quite near my university and it's one of those places in London you can go and feel like you're not in London ...
- 4 Maybe my nana's house in Melbourne.
- 5 I've got some friends who live in Beijing.
- 6 I really like to go to places where I've been as a child, so um, we always went to the north sea of the, of the part of Germany, Büsum.
- 7 My favourite place to go on holiday is probably still Corfu – a little place called Ayastefanos ...
- 8 Erm, I'm going to Center Parcs next week with some friends from uni.
- 9 One of my favourite places to visit in London, er, would be Primrose Hill.
- 10 I'm here from Australia so we're here on a working holiday at the moment ...

Glossary: a *haunt* = place someone likes to go to often; *Center Parcs* = chain of holiday villages in the UK; *uni* = university (abb); *nana* = grandmother (colloquial)

3 Read the list of places below. Then watch the video podcast from 0:36 to 3:38 and tick the places each time you hear them. Which places are mentioned three times?

Singapore ✓	Scotland	South Wales	Hampstead Heath	Kuala Lumpur
St Petersburg	Sydney	China	Australia	New York
	Spain	Trinidad and Tobago	Canada	Barbados

4 Do you have any holidays or trips planned? Look at the time phrases 1–8. Then watch the video podcast from 0:36 to 12:40 and write the name of the place the people plan to visit next to each time phrase.

- 1 In about six weeks _____ *Barbados*
- 2 This summer _____
- 3 Probably August _____
- 4 Next week _____
- 5 In about a month's time _____
- 6 In a few months' time _____
- 7 Next year _____
- 8 In August _____

5 Do they have a favourite place? Look at the people below and read why they like places 1–6. Then watch the video podcast from 1:56 to 3:38 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each reason.



1 He likes Trinidad and Tobago because it's very lively. F



2 She doesn't have a favourite place because she likes to explore new places. _____



3 He goes to South Wales several times a year to see old friends he used to know. _____



4 One of the places she sometimes visits in London is Hampstead Heath. _____



5 She often goes to Melbourne because her grandparents and sisters live there. _____



6 His favourite place is a secluded beach near Sydney where he used to go to relax and get away from it all. _____

6 Do you have a regular haunt that you like to visit? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 3:40 to 5:33 and cross out the incorrect answers: a), b) or c).



1 Eva

- 1 Broadway Market has lots of _____.
a) art
b) flowers
c) music



2 Lee

- 2 Kaffeine has very good _____.
a) tea
b) coffee
c) staff



3 Iris

- 3 She likes the café because it _____.
a) serves good coffee
b) is relaxing
c) is easy for her to get to



4 James

- 4 Primrose Hill _____.
a) has places to sit
b) a good view
c) a bookshop



5 Roz

- 5 Fleet River Bakery is _____.
a) full of tourists
b) cosy and relaxed
c) hidden away

The way we speak

7 Watch the video podcast from 3:40 to 5:33 again and notice how the people describe the places using the word *just*. Complete the gaps with *just* if you hear it.

- A **Eva:** It's every Saturday and it's ¹ *just* amazing – so there's lots of art people, lots of music people, it's really ... good food. It's ² _____ a really, really nice place to be on a Saturday, and ³ _____ to relax.
B **Lee:** And it always ⁴ _____ feels like a really comfortable place ⁵ _____ to sit around, chat with friends, or even go there and ⁶ _____ do some work.
C **James:** ... there are a few benches on the top of that hill and, er, ⁷ _____ to go there in the evenings and relax, maybe read a book and er, ⁸ _____ take in, take in the view.
D **Roz:** ... so I quite like it because it's um, kind of 'olde worlde' and it's got a, um, log fire and you can ⁹ _____ get away from it all and meet your friends and it's ¹⁰ _____ nice.

Glossary: *take in* = absorb; *olde worlde* = old fashioned spelling of 'old world' to describe an attractive, old traditional place; *log fire* = fire made with wood

Personalisation

8 Write a paragraph about your holiday plans and favourite places. Use Andrea's questions and language from the podcast in your answer.

- Do you have any holidays or trips planned?
- Do you have a favourite place?
- Would you recommend it? Why?
- Do you have a regular haunt that you like to visit? Why?



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