IELTS Word List

Vocabulary List

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tourism n. /ˈtʊərɪzəm/

the business of providing services for people on holiday

Family: tourist (n.) · touristy (adj.) **Use it with:** mass tourism · the tourism industry

Tourism creates jobs but can damage the environment.

tourist attraction phrase /ˈtʊərɪst əˈtrækʃn/

a place that many visitors go to see

Use it with: a major tourist attraction

The Great Wall is China's most famous **tourist attraction**.

destination n. /ˌdestɪˈneɪʃn/

the place someone is travelling to

Use it with: a holiday destination · a popular destination

Thailand is a popular holiday **destination**.

itinerary n. /aɪˈtɪnərəri/

a plan of a journey with places and times

Use it with: a detailed itinerary · plan an itinerary **Tip:** A common Listening spelling: i-t-i-n-e-r-a-r-y.

Our **itinerary** includes three days in Rome.

sightseeing n. /ˈsaɪtsiːɪŋ/

visiting interesting places as a tourist

Use it with: go sightseeing · a sightseeing tour

We spent the afternoon **sightseeing** in the old town.

budget airline phrase /ˈbʌdʒɪt ˈeəlaɪn/

a company that offers cheap flights with few extra services

Family: low-cost airline (n.) **Use it with:** fly with a budget airline

Budget airlines made foreign travel possible for many students.

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package holiday phrase /ˈpækɪdʒ ˈhɒlɪdeɪ/

a holiday where travel, hotel and sometimes meals are sold together

Use it with: book a package holiday

A **package holiday** is easy to book and often cheaper.

backpacker n. /ˈbækpækə/

a person who travels cheaply, carrying a backpack

Family: backpacking (n.) **Use it with:** young backpackers

Cheap hostels are popular with **backpackers**.

souvenir n. /ˌsuːvəˈnɪə/

something you buy to remember a place you visited

Use it with: a souvenir shop · buy souvenirs

She brought back a small **souvenir** from Paris.

heritage n. /ˈherɪtɪdʒ/

buildings, customs and traditions passed down from the past

Use it with: cultural heritage · a heritage site

The old town is a World **Heritage** Site.

cultural exchange phrase /ˈkʌltʃərəl eksˈtʃeɪndʒ/

sharing ideas, customs and art between countries

Use it with: a cultural exchange programme

Student trips promote **cultural exchange**.

ecotourism n. /ˈekətʊərɪzəm/

holidays in nature that protect the environment and help local people

Family: ecotourist (n.) **Use it with:** promote ecotourism

Ecotourism brings money to remote villages.

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overtourism n. /ˌəʊvəˈtʊərɪzəm/

too many tourists in one place, causing problems for local people

Use it with: tackle overtourism

Venice suffers from **overtourism** every summer.

jet lag phrase /dʒet læg/

feeling tired after a long flight across time zones

Family: jet-lagged (adj.) **Use it with:** suffer from jet lag

It took me three days to recover from **jet lag**.

visa n. /ˈviːzə/

an official document that lets you enter or stay in a country

Use it with: apply for a visa · a tourist visa

You need a student **visa** to study in the UK.

customs n. /ˈkʌstəmz/

the place at a border where bags are checked

Use it with: go through customs · customs officers **Tip:** Plural in this meaning.

We waited an hour to get through **customs**.

check in v. /tʃek ɪn/

to report at a hotel or airport when you arrive

Family: check-in (n.) **Use it with:** check in online · the check-in desk

You must **check in** two hours before the flight.

local cuisine phrase /ˈləʊkl kwɪˈziːn/

the typical food of a place

Family: cuisine (n.) **Use it with:** sample local cuisine

Trying the **local cuisine** is part of the fun of travel.

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hospitality n. /ˌhɒspɪˈtælɪti/

being friendly and generous to guests; or the hotel and restaurant business

Family: hospitable (adj.) **Use it with:** the hospitality industry

We were amazed by the **hospitality** of the villagers.

off the beaten track phrase /ɒf ðə ˈbiːtn træk/

far from places that most tourists visit

Use it with: get off the beaten track **Tip:** Natural and idiomatic in Speaking.

We stayed in a village **off the beaten track**.

peak season phrase /piːk ˈsiːzn/

the busiest time of year for travel, when prices are highest

Family: off-peak (adj.) **Use it with:** during peak season · off-peak fares

Hotels double their prices in **peak season**.

travel insurance phrase /ˈtrævl ɪnˈʃʊərəns/

insurance that pays if you get ill or lose things while travelling

Use it with: take out travel insurance

Always buy **travel insurance** before a long trip.

exotic adj. /eg'zɒtɪk/

unusual and exciting because it comes from a distant country

Use it with: exotic places · exotic food

They went on holiday to an **exotic** island.

host family phrase /həʊst ˈfæmɪli/

a family that a foreign student lives with

Family: homestay (n.) **Use it with:** stay with a host family

Living with a **host family** improves your English quickly.

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broaden your horizons phrase /ˈbrɔːdn jɔː həˈraɪznz/

to gain new experiences and knowledge

Use it with: broaden the mind **Tip:** Useful in Speaking Part 3.

Travelling abroad **broadens your horizons**.

domestic tourism phrase /dəˈmestɪk ˈtʊərɪzəm/

people travelling for holidays within their own country

Use it with: boost domestic tourism

Domestic tourism grew when international travel stopped.

round trip phrase /raʊnd trɪp/

a journey to a place and back again

Family: return ticket (n.) **Use it with:** a round-trip ticket **Tip:** British English often says “return ticket”.

A **round trip** to Beijing by train takes nine hours.

hostel n. /ˈhɒstl/

a cheap place to stay, often with shared rooms

Use it with: a youth hostel

The **hostel** has rooms for six people.

reservation n. /ˌrezəˈveɪʃn/

an arrangement to keep a room, seat or table for you

Family: reserve (v.) **Use it with:** make a reservation · cancel a reservation

I’d like to make a **reservation** for two nights.

departure n. /dɪˈpɑːtʃə/

leaving a place, especially to start a journey

Family: depart (v.) **Use it with:** departure time · the departure lounge **Tip:** Opposite: arrival.

Please arrive at the gate 30 minutes before **departure**.

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