Speaking Card 14: Travel and Holidays



Where have you been on holiday / taken a trip?

I've been / my family and I have travelled... around the Czech Republic / to Slovakia / around Europe / I've been on a school trip to Germany / England / Ireland / Spain. I've visited / driven to Austria / Poland / Italy. I've travelled around the world / been to Asia / North / South America. I've never been abroad / I like staying at home. I don't like to travel.

What sort of holidays (BrE) / vacations (AmE) do you like?

I like... going abroad / travelling around the Czech Republic the best / I love seeing new countries. I like beach holidays, so I like going to the seaside / the Italian coast / Greece / I love hot weather and doing nothing. I like active holidays like walking and hiking / visiting places and seeing the sights / sightseeing / visiting historic monuments. I like cultural holidays / visiting museums and cities. My family and I like winter holidays and going to the mountains / we enjoy skiing / snowboarding / being in the countryside.

• What sorts of things can you do on holiday?

You can relax on holiday / go to the beach / go swimming or sunbathe if it's hot. You can rent a canoe or go sailing / snorkelling / scuba diving / whale watching if you are near a sea or a lake / water. In the countryside during summer you can go cycling / pick berries / visit caves / castles. If you are on a winter holiday, you can enjoy skiing / snowboarding / cross-country skiing. When abroad, you can practise speaking a new language / try different types of food / see new places.

• What would be your dream holiday or trip and why?

If I had lots of money, my dream trip would be to... visit Asia because I love the food and the culture is so different / go to a tropical beach / go on a safari around Africa and see the wild animals / travel across America by car / go to New Zealand where The Hobbit was made / go to California / visit the mountains and go skiing in Canada / drive or cycle around the whole Czech Republic seeing all the places / national parks like Šumava / Krkonoše that I've never been to.

What do you need to do to prepare for a trip / holiday?

First you need to <u>make a list</u> of what you need / <u>pack</u> / put clothes in your suitcase / <u>backpack</u>. You need to make sure you have a passport / an <u>identity card</u> / sometimes you may need special <u>injections</u> / <u>vaccinations</u> / tablets for countries that have <u>diseases</u> like malaria. If you are travelling by train / boat / plane, you will have to have a ticket. You have to <u>exchange</u> foreign currency / money if you are travelling abroad.

What sort of things would you pack for a summer holiday?

If you are going on a summer holiday, you will need to pack light / summer clothing / T-shirts / shorts / dresses / flip-flops / sandals / a jacket / sunscreen / sun cream / a hat / swimming costume (BrE) / swimsuit for girls and swimming trunks for boys / towel.

What sort of things would you pack for a winter holiday?

For a winter holiday you will need warm clothing / long underwear / jumpers / sweaters / gloves / hats / a scarf / scarves / snow boots. Also you should take thick socks / a waterproof jacket / snow trousers.

• Where can you stay if you're on holiday or a trip?

If you're on holiday, you can stay in a hotel / motel / hostel / B&B (bed and breakfast) / rent a cottage / boat / caravan / stay in a tent / stay with a family.

• Where do people in the Czech Republic normally go during the summer holidays?

During the summer holidays Czech people go to their <u>cottage</u> / stay with grandparents / see family / go abroad / go on trips around the country / Czech children go to <u>summer camps</u>. For Czech tourists Croatia and Italy are the most popular destinations.

Have you ever been to a summer camp? Describe it.

Every year / once a year / I go... to a summer camp. We sleep in tents / in a school / share <u>cabins</u>. We are put into groups and compete / play sports. I don't like summer camps, I prefer to stay at home / be with my family / friends.













