Otázka: Travelling and tourism

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#### 1. Introduction

- activity which each of us has to do everyday day
- in the past travelling was a privilege of higher classes, people used to travel in carriages or on horseback
- after the industrial revolution travelling became much safer and faster, still continues
- after the world wars: development of airplanes

### 2. Why travel?

- nowadays people travel for different reasons political, business or just for fun....
  - commuting (going to work / school everyday)
  - holidays (spring break, summer holiday)
  - tourism
  - traveling for work (international businessmen)
  - emigration (refugees)

# 3. Means of transportation

- by car
- most widely used vehicle

- typical car can carry about five passengers
- usually has many safety features such as seat belts or air bags
- to be able to drive a car you have to obtain your driving license
- USA in the age of 15 you get a driving permit, cannot drive anyone besides your family members; when you pass your practical exam – you obtain the real driving license
- bigger cars used for transportation **lorry**

# by bus

- ride along defined routes and according to pre-published schedules
- often serve as public transport, often overcrowded
- special type of bus trolley bus uses electricity from overhead wires, reduces pollution, limited routes trolley can take
- offers cut price fares for students and disabled

# by train

- consists of engine and passengers cars
- can be divided into sleeping carriage, food carriage, smoking and nonsmoking carriage and first and second class carriage
- nowadays its popularity is declining

# by boat

- most used in past (was the only way how to get across ocean)
- big cruise ships reminding you of floating hotels can take you on a cruise
- ferry can take up many passengers and cars, popular in English channel between Dover and Calais
- many other kinds speedboat, barge (nákladní člun), fishing boat, canoe, rowing, boat, yacht, submarine

### by plane

- fastest and most expensive way
- procedure (with vocabulary)
  - you can buy your air ticket in travel agency or online
  - you should be at the airport at least two hours before your departure
  - at first you go to check-in desk where you obtain your boarding pass and you drop of your luggage
  - then you proceed to passport control and security control
  - then you wait for your flight in departure lounge
  - when it is time to board we hand in our passport to a flight attendant
  - after we find your seats, captain informs us about the length of your flight
  - then the cabin crew informs us about the location of emergency exits and demonstrate the use of life jackets
  - during the flight food is served on plastic trays and you can purchase some duty free items
  - our seat belt should be fastened during take-off and landing
  - after the landing we can go to the immigration office to have our visa or passport check
  - after this we can go to baggage claim to get our bags and then we are free to leave the airport
- Each kind of transportation is more suitable for different country, walking is better
  for countries with a lot of national parks and walking paths such as Scotland.
  Renting a car is better for bigger countries where the sights are spread all over the
  country such as the USA.
- If you are planning your vacation you can decide to either travel on your own or use travel agency to set up everything for you.

# 4. Types of tourism

- Agro-tourism
  - Includes a chance to fulfill a farming task
  - In exchange for this tourists can pick different fruits and vegetables from orchard
- Holiday tourism
  - · spring breakers
- Culture tourism
  - tourism in historical cities
  - architecture lovers
  - you visit a lot of cultural facilities such as museums or theatres
  - very popular in Europe
- Extreme tourism
  - Involves travelling in dangerous spaces jungle, mountains, caves...
  - Growing business in countries of former Soviet Union and in South America
- Pilgrimage
  - Travel to some sacred place
  - Members of many religions have their own sacred pilgrimage
  - Pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Vatican, Mecca, Santiago de Compostella

#### 5. Tourist Destination

- big cities
- entertainment, culture, architecture
- cultural landmarks
  - UNESCO world heritage sites
- natural parks
- · ski resorts
- in Czech Republic: Giant Mountains
  - cheaper, closer, overcrowded, bad snow condition
- in the Alps
  - French, Swiss, German, Austrian or Italian
  - more expensive, bigger, further
- to the beach

- hot summer days or winter getaways
- price and quality depends on the destination (lakes x Croatia x the rest)

# 6. The procedure of going on a holiday

• book a hotel room or order a trip with a travel agency

# 7. Personal experience with travelling or tourism