

Travel and transport: vocabulary

I go by	plane	or	I fly
	car		I drive
	ship		I sail
	bicycle/bike		I ride
	motorcycle/motorbike		
	bus		
I go on	horse		I ride
	foot		I walk

General travel vocabulary

Public transportation (British **public transport**) is a system of vehicles such as buses and trains which operate at regular times on fixed routes and are used by the public.

Means of transport

The road / the highway / the port / the airport

Arrival / departure time

Where's the **information desk**, please?

To **commute** is to make the same journey regularly between work and home.

*It's exhausting **commuting** from Brighton to London every day.*

A **journey** is traveling from one place to another, especially in a vehicle (usually a long distance)

*I love going on long **journeys**.*

Trip (noun): The act of going to another place (often for a short period of time) and returning

*I went on business **trips** to Switzerland and Germany last month*

Use the verbs "take" and "go on" with **trip**

At the airport

Show me your **passport**, please!

I'm here on business / vacation. I'm traveling alone / with my family

Customs is the place at a port, airport or border where travellers' bags are looked at to find out if any goods are being carried illegally

Customs officer is a person whose job is to look inside travellers' bags to make certain they are not taking goods into a country without paying taxes

Anything to **declare**?

No, there's nothing to **declare** / Nothing to **declare**

You've got a lot of **baggage**! Why don't you use the **baggage cart**

How much is a **one-way ticket** (British usually **single**) to New York?

If you make a **round trip**, you go on a journey and return to where you started from.

A journey in an aircraft is a **flight**. **Flight** also means an aircraft that is making a particular journey

*I'll never forget my first **flight**.*

Flight 474 to Buenos Aires is now boarding at gate 9

First class / Business class / Economy class

What time does the plane for.... **take off / land**?

Check-in is the place at an airport where you show your ticket so that you can be told where you will be sitting.

*A representative from the tour company will meet you at the **check-in**.*

At the train station

How much is a **ticket** to...?

Direct / transfer train

Is there a reduced **fare** for children / large families?

Where is the **station**? Where can we buy **tickets**?

What time will the **train** to...leave?

Where is **platform** number ...?

By ship / boat

A **ferry (boat)** is a boat or ship for taking passengers and often vehicles across an area of water, especially as a regular service.

*We're going across to France by/on the **ferry**.*

A **cruise** is a journey on a large ship for pleasure, during which you visit several places

By bus / coach

Where is the **bus station**, please? When does the **bus** leave for...?

How many **stops** before...? A bus with/without air-conditioner

By car

Where is the **parking lot**, please? Where can I **park** my car?

Where can I **rent a car**? I would like to **rent a car** for.... days / weeks.

*The car costs £30 a day to rent, but you get **unlimited mileage** (= no charge for the miles traveled)*

*I had a **breakdown** (= my car stopped working) in the middle of the road*

A **garage** is a place where cars are repaired. *The car's still at the **garage** getting fixed.*

Insurance

*'ll need to take out extra car **insurance** for another driver.*

Types of holiday

activity holiday

a holiday on which you spend your time doing a particular activity such as walking, canoeing, rock-climbing, painting, or cooking

adventure holiday

a type of organized holiday in which people do new and exciting things, for example a trek or a safari

break

a short holiday

excursion

a short visit to an interesting place arranged by a tourist organization, often as part of a holiday

gap year

a year, usually between finishing school and starting university or college, when you travel or work

getaway

a short holiday

holiday

an occasion when you go and stay in another place for pleasure

honeymoon

a holiday that two people take after they get married
where two families exchange houses for a holiday

jeep safari

an organized journey with a group of other people in a four-wheel drive vehicle, for example to look at wild animals

package deal

a package holiday, especially at a special low price

package holiday

a holiday arranged by a travel company for a fixed price that includes the cost of your hotel and transport, and sometimes meals and entertainment

safari holiday

a holiday that includes a safari

self-catering

a self-catering holiday or place is one where you can cook your own food

special interest holiday

a holiday arranged for people with particular interests, such as painting, cooking, or bird-watching

summer camp

a place where children can go to stay in the summer holiday and do various activities

vacation

a holiday

walking tour

a trip on which you walk from one place to another, spend the night, and then continue walking the next day

working holiday

a holiday during which you work, for example doing unpaid work to benefit the community in which you are staying

Useful links:

http://www.learn-english-today.com/vocabulary/transport-travel_vocab.htm

<http://www.flo-joe.co.uk/preliminaryenglish/vocabulary/types-of-holiday.htm>

<http://www.flo-joe.co.uk/preliminaryenglish/vocabulary/holiday-accommodation.htm>