READING – 25 Best Places to Travel in 2025

https://www.bbc.com/travel/article/20250115-the-25-best-places-to-travel-in-2025

Task 1: Scan reading

Look at the following questions and then read the relevant sections of the BBC article "*25 Best Places to Travel in 2025*" to find the information. Discuss your answers with a partner.



0. *Example*: What are the new regulations on tourism trying to prevent?
   The negative effects of overtourism

1. What is the best destination to swim along sperm whales?

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2. In the text about Greenland, find two synonyms to "stunning".

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3. Where can you find a hiking path that runs all along the entire coastline of that country?

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4. Why is the new prime minister in Sri Lanka promoting tourism in the island?

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5. How is Morocco trying to recover from the Al Haouz earthquake 2023, in terms of infrastructure and tourism?

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6. What is striking when you travel in Tashkent's metros (Uzbekistan)?

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7. Apart from mountaineering and trekking, Pakistan offers visitors beautiful landscapes. Can you describe 3 examples of countryside features in Pakistan?

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8. Where would you go to, if you love grilled meat?

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9. How has the new government in Botswana changed its tourism policy?

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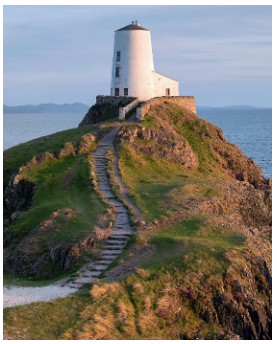
Task 2: Reading for detail and Speaking



1. Choose 3 destinations you would like to travel to. Read them carefully and look up all the unknown words in the online glossary. Then tell your partner about your choices, but do not read the text, you can take notes (including some key words), but you should raise your eyes from your notes and keep eye contact with your partner while you are talking.

2. Finally, when the teacher tells you so, you will discuss the most popular destinations together as a class.

Task 3. Vocabulary

1. There are some key words that are repeated throughout the text, like *sustainable [tourism], stunning, overtourism* etc. Can you find three more words that could improve your oral expression in an oral exam, to make it richer and more precise?

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2. Now look at the collocations (adjectives + nouns etc.). Find 3 interesting collocations that you would like to remember.

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3. Is there any new word that you didn't know before reading the BBC report? Write down 3 new words and tell your partner

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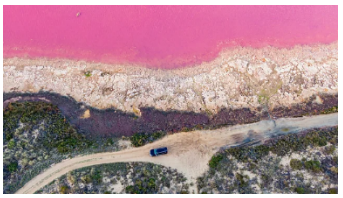
4. Reading also helps us remember words that we haven't heard for a while. Is there any old word or expression that you have remembered when reading this text. Write 3 of them here.

DISCUSSION

After doing the reading comprehension and the vocabulary tasks in pairs, you can discuss these questions as a whole class:



- Vote for the most popular destinations in the class. Ask 3 different students to present their holidays briefly (2'- 3' each). Ask other students if they would also go there, or not, and elicit more reasons.
- Elicit the least popular destinations. Ask 2 or 3 students to explain what puts them off going there. Ask for reasons or personal experiences.
- The text talks about sustainability in the tourism industry and overtourism. Can you give examples or personal experiences of overtourism and crowds?
- Last year there were some demonstrations and protests in tourist cities (Barcelona, Canary Islands etc.) against mass tourism. Do you agree that mass tourism has a negative impact on the locals, or do you think that it shows that the tourism policy of the country is successful because new jobs are created and there is extra income for businesses, and both local and national governments? Support you opinion with arguments and examples.

ROLE-PLAY

You are a group of friends (3 or 4), and you want to go on holiday together. Discuss several options and try to agree on a destination to visit together. If you have time, you can write down what you would like to do there.
Present your conclusions to the rest of the class.

ANSWER KEY (1): Scan-reading

1) Dominica
2) Spellbinding and jaw-dropping
3) Wales: The Wales Coast Path
4) Because he hopes to rebuild the country's economy with tourism revenue, after the bankruptcy of the country in 2022, which came in because of misfortunes like the pandemic and civil unrest.
5) Morocco is rebuilding its tourism infrastructure to prepare for co-hosting the 2030 FIFA World Cup, for example, it is planning to expand the High-Speed Rail (HSR) network with new train lines, including a link from Rabat to the Rif Mountain city of Fez. Morocco will also host several games in the Africa Cup of Nations 2025.
6) That you are surrounded by a sea of young people (more than 60% of the population are under 30). Also, that you can see Soviet-era mosaics, as in an art museum.
7) (3 of the following features of the Pakistani countryside): You can see scenic regions (like Gilgit-Baltistan), lush valleys, pristine lakes, glacial waterfalls. Also, cherry blossoms and apricot orchards.
8) Kansas City, Missouri.
9) Botswana traditionally implemented high-income, low-impact ecotourism policies, but the new government has granted visa-free entry to visitors of 104 countries (including the US, UK, Germany and Canada) in order to bolster tourism and strengthen the economy after the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tasks 2 & 3: Student's own answer