

## IELTS Travel Vocabulary: Gap Fill Exercise

**Travel** is a regular IELTS Speaking and Writing topic. You could also bring this topic into a discussion about hobbies.

Below you will find questions about travel for each part of the Speaking test. We have removed some of the keywords and placed them at the bottom of each section.

Try and place each word in the correct place. When you have finished go to [this page](#) and check your answers. You will also find a glossary at the bottom of the answer page.

### IELTS Speaking Test Sample:

#### Part 1-style questions

**Examiner:** Do you like travelling?

**Candidate:** Yes - but I'm not a fan of \_\_\_\_\_, I prefer to travel \_\_\_\_\_ on a shoestring.

**Examiner:** What do you do on holidays?

**Candidate:** I like to visit small towns which are \_\_\_\_\_. Rather than staying in a \_\_\_\_\_, I prefer to book a guest house and explore \_\_\_\_\_ of the local area.

**Examiner:** Are there many tourists visiting your country?

**Candidate:** Yes - they are both a blessing and a curse. Our capital is always crowded, and there are plenty of \_\_\_\_\_.

*chain hotel*

*off-peak*

*mass tourism*

*tourist traps*

*off the beaten track*

*every nook and cranny*

## Part 2

**Describe a place that you would like to travel to outside your country.**

**You should say:**

- **where you would like to go**
- **what you know about this place**
- **what you would do there**

**and explain why you think you would enjoy this place.**

**Candidate:**

I'd really like to visit the wide-open \_\_\_\_\_ of Mongolia!  
As an \_\_\_\_\_, I would probably base myself in the capital most of the time  
and take week-long \_\_\_\_\_ to the different \_\_\_\_\_ regions.

Mongolia has a long and fascinating history. It's the \_\_\_\_\_ of Genghis  
Khan — he rose from the steppes to form what would become the  
second-largest empire in history.

I have a long \_\_\_\_\_ of items I want to tick off when I visit. I'd love to visit  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Great Wall which are in Mongolian \_\_\_\_\_ - not many  
people know they are there.

I want to live in a \_\_\_\_\_, drink fermented mares milk and visit the  
Buddhist \_\_\_\_\_ built after the time of Genghis Khan.

***independent traveller***      ***bucket list***      ***steppes***      ***territory***

***excursions***      ***shrines***      ***ecological***      ***homeland***

***ger***

***remnants***

### Part 3-style questions

**Examiner:** Has travelling changed much over the last 50 years? [Evaluate]

**Candidate:** Definitely! These days it's all about \_\_\_\_\_ holidays. Many people just \_\_\_\_\_ to a hotel and never leave. Fifty years ago, people had to be independent travellers and make every arrangement for themselves.

**Examiner:** Is it better to travel by yourself or with someone else? [Compare]

**Candidate:** It depends on your personality and your goals. If you want everything done for you its best to take a \_\_\_\_\_. Personally, I would hate to be with the same people for the whole trip. I prefer to travel independently and really \_\_\_\_\_ with the locals.

**Examiner:** Are there any problems that result from tourism? [identify]

**Candidate:** Unfortunately, yes. \_\_\_\_\_ has become quite popular and excessive \_\_\_\_\_ at historic sites and \_\_\_\_\_ is damaging the very places that tourists profess to value.

*landmarks*

*check-in*

*Cultural tourism*

*engage*

*all-inclusive*

*footfall*

*package holiday*

Now check your answers [on this page](#).