

Ecotourism

1 Pre-reading

Label the pictures with these words. Then check your answers by doing an Internet search for *vacation types*. You can use these websites to help you:

www.theworldoutdoors.com/find-a-trip/by-trip-type www.travelcounsellors.ca/vacation-type www.hookedoncanada.com/search

adventure vacation camping vacation beach vacation sightseeing vacation winter vacation wildlife-watching vacation



winter vacation



2 Reading

Do you know what *ecotourism* is? Read the definitions 1–3 and choose the best definition. Then check your answer by doing an Internet search for *ecotourism*. You can visit these websites to help you:

www.untamedpath.com/ECotourism/what_is_ecotourism.html

www.ecotourism.org/what-is-ecotourism

www.ecotourdirectory.com/ecotourism

- 1 A vacation arranged by a travel company that includes the cost of your hotel and transportation, and sometimes meals and entertainment.
- 2 A vacation spent visiting another country and staying in a rural location, e.g. on a farm or ranch.
- 3 A vacation that gives you the chance to learn about a natural environment or local culture, and causes as little damage to the environment as possible.

3 Reading

Check (✓) the activities people do on an eco-vacation. Then check your answers by doing an Internet search for *eco-vacation*. You can visit these websites to help you:

www.baobabtravel.com

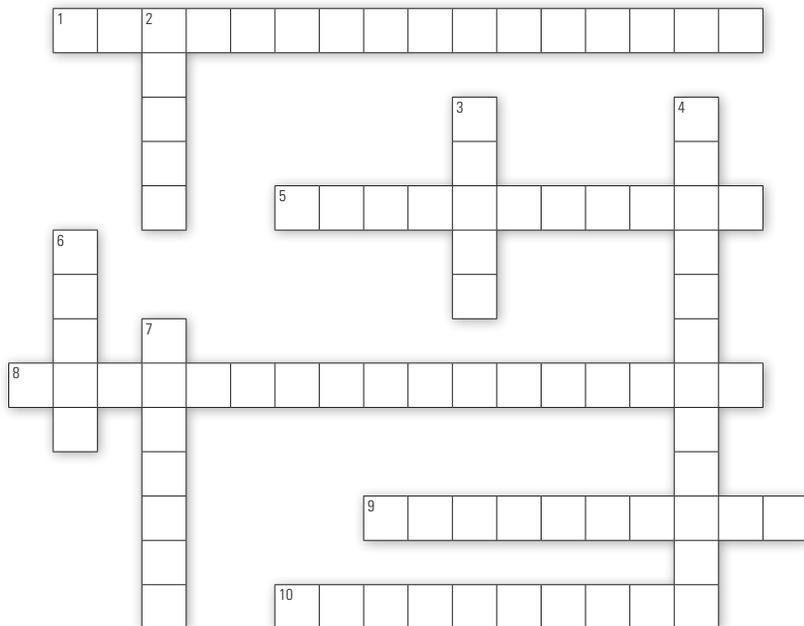
www.eco-tropicalresorts.com

www.theurbanconversion.com/archives/2932

behaving responsibly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
flying and driving everywhere	<input type="checkbox"/>
teaching English or another language	<input type="checkbox"/>
destroying natural habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>
conserving historical and natural sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
getting closer to flora and fauna	<input type="checkbox"/>
leaving trash behind	<input type="checkbox"/>
meeting and learning about new cultures	<input type="checkbox"/>
seeing endangered species of animals	<input type="checkbox"/>
staying in big multinational hotels	<input type="checkbox"/>
staying with a local family	<input type="checkbox"/>
using up a lot of natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
visiting cultural sites like the Taj Mahal	<input type="checkbox"/>
volunteering with animals or children	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 Crossword puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle with words from exercise 3. Then go to the Macmillan Online Dictionary www.macmillandictionary.com and check your answers by typing the words into the search box.



Across →

- 1 valuable things, such as wood and oil, that you can find on our planet (7, 8)
- 5 in a sensible way that shows you are reliable and can be trusted to do the right thing (11)
- 8 a type of animal or plant that may soon disappear from the world (10, 7)
- 9 preventing damage to land, water, historical or natural sites (10)
- 10 causing so much damage to something that it can no longer exist (10)

Down ↓

- 2 things that you throw out because they are no longer useful, like paper, or plastic (7)
- 3 all the plants that grow in a particular area (5)
- 4 offering or choosing to do something without being paid (12)
- 6 all the animals that live in a particular area (5)
- 7 the place where an animal usually lives (7)

5 Reading

Imagine you are planning an eco-vacation. Think about the things you are going to do. Read the sentences 1–10 and write *Y* (yes) or *N* (no). Then check your answers by doing an Internet search for *ecotourism dos* and *don'ts*. You can visit these websites to help you:

www.sustainabletourism.net

www.new.gstcouncil.org

- 1 I'm going to buy products made from natural resources. *N*
- 2 I'm going to take candy to give to local children.
- 3 I'm only going to go places that are in my guidebook.
- 4 I'm going to fly less and stay longer in each place I visit.
- 5 I'm going to find out about a place's history and culture before I visit.
- 6 I'm not going to try to use the local language.
- 7 I'm going to stay in hotels where they care about the local environment and their employees.
- 8 I'm going to bargain and buy everything at the lowest possible price.
- 9 I'm going to hire local guides with local knowledge.
- 10 I'm not going to leave empty bottles, cans, and plastic bags behind me.



6 Project

Win a free eco-vacation holiday with *The Trips for Life Ecotourism Company!* To enter, just describe your eco-vacation plans. Include these things:

- how you're traveling
- where you're going and what you're doing
- what you're taking in your suitcase
- how you're supporting local communities and businesses
- how you are helping conserve and protect the natural habitats and resources of the places you visit
- any other relevant information

You can use these websites to help you:

- www.ecotourism.org
- www.trails.com/how_26852_practice-ecotourism.html
- www.independenttraveler.com/resources/article.cfm?AID=741&category=22
- greenliving.nationalgeographic.com/aspects-ecotourism-3096.html
- planetgreen.discovery.com/tag/ecotourism
- www.ecotourismlogue.com