TRAVEL Idioms. Part 1

Complete each idiom in **bold** with an appropriate word from A, B or C. Each idiom is explained in *italics* after each sentence.

1. Despite a huge variety of restaurants selling excellent local dishes, many tourists prefer to eat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **food**. (*fast food / convenience food such as hamburgers, pizzas, etc, which are not very healthy for you*) **A. rubbish B. junk C. garbage**
2. Airlines are reluctant to admit that delays, poor in-flight service and cramped, uncomfortable seating are the cause of **air** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (*anger and aggression often experienced by air travellers and directed towards air crew or fellow passengers*) **A. rage B. fury C. anger**
3. The motorway is the quickest way of getting from Paris to Marseilles, but many drivers prefer to take the slower \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **route**. (*a road that goes through an area of natural beauty, such as mountains, countryside, etc*)  **A. pretty B. picturesque C. scenic**
4. He's always going on holiday to interesting and exciting places. He's such a **globe-**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (*somebody who travels a lot*)  **A. runner B. hopper C. trotter**
5. Many tourists staying in the area are kept in **tourist** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where they rarely get a chance to meet the local people and experience local culture. (*an enclosed resort surrounded by high fences, etc, designed to keep local people out and tourists in*)  **A. ghettoes B. slums C. dives**
6. Although the flight was fully booked, there were several seats available at the last minute because of **no-**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (*people who have booked a seat on an aircraft or in a restaurant, a room in a hotel, etc, and don't arrive*)  **A. appears B. arrives C. shows**
7. This hotel is dirty and uncomfortable. It's a real \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (*a dirty, uncomfortable and, usually, cheap hotel)*  **A. doghouse B. fleapit C. chicken coop**
8. I've got bad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **belly**: I shouldn't have had that prawn salad last night. (*stomach ache caused by eating unhygienically-prepared food*)  **A. Birmingham B. Delhi C. Bangkok**
9. If you miss the last bus, you should take a taxi back to the hotel: don't try to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lift. (*hitch-hike*)   **A. thumb B. finger C. hand**
10. The resort was **in the middle of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so there was nothing interesting to see or do. (*isolated from any towns, villages, etc*)  **A. everywhere B. somewhere C. nowhere**
11. Local restaurants are very cheap, so you won't \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **the bank** by eating out every night. (*spend a lot of money*)   **A. rob B. bankrupt C. break**





1. I travel a lot on business, so I seem to spend most of my life **living out of a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (*to be away from home a lot*)   **A. bag B. suitcase C. rucksack**
2. I really enjoyed the cruise, but it took me a few days to find my **sea** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (*to adapt to being be on a ship without feeling seasick*)  **A. stomach B. legs C. head**
3. The barman tried to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**-change** me: the drink cost £2, I gave him £5 and he only gave me £2 back. (*to cheat someone by not giving him the correct money in change*)  **A. small B. short C. little**
4. I hadn't been anywhere for years, and then suddenly I got \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **feet** and decided to do some travelling. (*a desire to travel and see different places*)  **A. itchy B. scratchy C. tickly**
5. I always try to **travel** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when I go on holiday. I usually just take a very small suitcase and nothing else. (*to take very little luggage with you when you travel*)  **A. light B. gentle C. easy**
6. I don't like staying in busy resorts. I prefer to go somewhere that's **off the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **track**. (*away from popular areas*)  **A. beaten B. well-walked C. tramped**
7. When I arrive in a foreign city, I can't wait to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **the sights**. (*to go sightseeing*) **A. run B. play C. do**
8. Passengers flying from Britain to Australia often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **the journey** for a day or two in somewhere like Hong Kong or Singapore. (*stop somewhere for a short time during a long journey*) **A. split B. crack C. break**
9. One of the biggest problems anyone faces when they travel abroad is **culture** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (*confusion or anxiety that travellers experience when visiting a different country*)  **A. surprise B. shock C. daze**
10. Applying for a visa often involves dealing with a lot of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **tape**. (*bureaucracy*) **A. blue B. white C. red**
11. £15 for a hamburger and a plate of fries? What a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**-off**! (*something that costs too much*) **A. rip B. tear C. pull**
12. Don't eat in that restaurant. It looks nice from the outside, but it's a real **tourist** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (*a place that is in a good location to attract tourists, but is overpriced and generally provides poor service*)  **A. pit B. trap C. trick**
13. Last year we went on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ visit to Europe: we did seven capital cities in seven days! (*a very short visit*)  **A. running B. flying C. hurrying**
14. The manager insisted our trip to Madrid was for business, but everyone knew it was really a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (*a trip that people pretend is for business, but which is really for relaxation and pleasure*) **A. junket B. crumpet C. trumpet**