

Course: Beginner Level 2

Day №3

City Breaks

City break reviews – give your opinion!



Dublin

(From Manolo Sanchez, Spain)

★★★★ Great trip, bad weather

Fantastic city! Perfect for a city break. We left Dublin yesterday after a three-night break – we flew there on Friday morning. The airport is 12km outside the city centre so we arrived at lunchtime. It's really lively, noisy, full of tourists, but exciting. We spent hours in the old streets and in Phoenix Park. It rained all day Sunday so we went to the National Gallery.



New York

(From Christiane Gautier, France)

★ ★ Noisy, expensive

I went to New York with some friends last month. There's a lot to see and do but we met some very unfriendly people. We visited the Museum of Modern Art – that's great, and we saw a lot of expensive clothes shops and department stores. We ate in some famous restaurants but the food was awful!



Dubai

(From Susanna Lloyd, UK)

★ ★ ★ Good shops, not a lot of culture

My husband took me to Dubai for my birthday last year. I loved it – it has great markets and shops – shoe shops and jewellers; we bought our wedding rings there! The hotel was modern and luxurious. We spent a lot of money but it was a good break.



Havana

(From Alvin Parmiter, USA)

★★★★★ Wonderful break!

Havana is amazing – so different from our cities. We had a short break there a few weeks ago. We walked around all weekend; the buildings are beautiful. The restaurants and shops aren't great – but we bought some interesting cigars in a newsagent's! I really want to go back there for a week!

Read the text quickly. Which people have these opinions?

1. I like the shopping there, especially the jewellery.
2. The people aren't friendly and the food isn't good.
3. I'm interested in looking at buildings.
4. I love busy, noisy cities, but I don't like rain!

Read the text again and answer these questions.

1. Why was Manolo in a gallery all day Sunday?
2. Susanna bought something special in Dubai – what?
3. Did Christiane like the food in New York? Why/Why not?
4. Does Alvin like Havana? How do you know?

Write the words from the box in the table.

airport
 department store
 market museum
 building clothes
 gallery hotel
 newsagent's park
 shop
 jeweller's
 shoe shop

Shopping	Places in / near a city

Add more words to the table.

Look at the verbs in the grammar box. Find the past forms of the verbs in the text and write them in the table.

Infinitive	Past form
<i>leave</i>	<i>left</i>
<i>fly</i>	<i>flew</i>
<i>spend</i>	
<i>go</i>	
<i>take</i>	
<i>buy</i>	
<i>meet</i>	
<i>see</i>	
<i>eat</i>	
<i>have</i>	

Complete the text with past forms of the verbs in the grammar box.

Last weekend I (1) went to Lucerne, in Switzerland for a short break. It was fantastic! We (2) _____ there from Heathrow Airport on Friday morning. The town is really pretty. On Sunday we (3) _____ a bus trip around the lovely lake and we (4) _____ some very interesting sights. We (5) _____ some really friendly people and we (6) _____ some delicious food, but we (7) _____ a lot of money because it's a very expensive town. We (8) _____ on Sunday, but I really want to go back there one day!

Talk about the last city you visited.



What you liked about the city. Why did you like it?
What you didn't like about the city. Why didn't you like it?

***Thank you for
today!***

***We're looking forward to
seeing you again!***