

## The world is our oyster

- A. According to tourism analyst Thomas Cooper, while package holidays that include transportation, lodging, and sometimes even food are financially appealing to many, an increasing number of people now prefer a less-tailored vacation and the ability to make spur-of-the-moment decisions and changes to their original plan.
- B. There are numerous Internet-based information sites about backpacking destinations, and publications aimed at independent travellers on a budget are available for almost every destination imaginable. Some people, particularly first-time backpackers, may choose to travel with a friend or acquaintance; however, a large percentage of backpackers travel alone, confident that they will meet a number of like-minded people along the way and while staying in their backpacker accommodation. Alan Park, who has travelled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world, claims that most backpacker accommodation establishments are designed with communal kitchens, dormitories, and entertainment areas, allowing residents to socialise with ease and quickly break down barriers with strangers that may normally exist in day-to-day life.
- C. Many backpackers of European origin are drawn to the Southern Hemisphere, with Australia being a popular destination. Cooper attributes the high level of interest to the availability of legal working holiday visas for many nationalities, as well as the resulting short-term work opportunities that make extended travel financially feasible, as well as the appealing climate and outback appeal. Australia also has a reputation for being a relatively safe destination, with a friendly and upbeat population, and its size and contrast between locations appeal to many visitors. Rebecca Thompson, a university student who recently returned from a twelve-month overseas trip, believes that the cosmopolitan and modern nature of Australian cities such as Sydney and Melbourne, in contrast to the rugged outback appeal of Western Australia and the Northern Territory, or the marine paradise of the Great Barrier Reef, provide enough variety to attract a diverse range of visitors. A Sydney-based travel consultant Brad Connor, while purchasing an international ticket, advises that it is also possible to obtain bargain deals on internal flights within massive island, as it is highly preferable for those who do not have the luxury of a long length of time in order to ensure that key spots can be visited.

- D. Equal to Australia in popularity for the backpacking market in South East Asia and According to Rebecca Thompson, the majority of travellers on extended trips to Australasia include a visit to one or more South East Asian destinations in their itinerary. Thailand, in particular, has a long history of tourism and a thriving service industry. Because of its low prices, large number of Western visitors, and well-established backpacker trails, it is frequently regarded as one of the more accessible Asian destinations for the novice European backpacker. Brian Johnson, who works at the British Consulate in Bangkok, believes that the welcoming nature and level of English spoken by Thais involved in the tourism industry has also influenced the destination's overseas image positively. While precautions such as drinking bottled water and washing fruits and vegetables are advised, general standards of accommodation and restaurants are high. According to Thomas Cooper, Thailand's attractions are diverse, including idyllic beaches, an insight into Buddhist culture and impressive ancient temples, mountain trekking, a vibrant nightlife, and bustling night markets and bazaars for bargain hunters.
- E. South-East Asia's neighbour, Vietnam, has established a solid tourism economy in recent years, with the majority of visitors entering and exiting by plane via its urban centres of Ho Chi Minh (formerly Saigon) in the south and Hanoi in the north. Vietnam has fantastic visas and a diverse landscape of rugged mountain ranges, lush green rice paddies, crystal clear waters, and dense forest areas. Alan Park, who spent a month travelling around the country on his own, says bus and rail networks allow visitors to travel from centre to centre relatively cheaply, though he does not recommend these modes of transportation to visitors on a tight schedule because the pace is leisurely.
- F. There are an infinite number of potentially safe and enjoyable backpacking destinations. Recent technological and transportation advancements have resulted in more areas of the world becoming increasingly accessible; it is now possible to maintain regular contact with friends and family home via email or even mobile phone, providing additional reassurance to travellers and their worried parents. Friends, family, and acquaintances who have previously travelled to the destination of choice, according to Brian Johnson, are a useful source of first-hand advice and information. Simon Hartwell of the Backpackers Association adds that travellers should be aware of visa requirements for their destination and should seek medical advice regarding any necessary vaccinations or medical precautions. Before embarking on a trip, it is always best to be as well informed as

possible.

- G. Today's youth are undeniably more adventurous, which Hartwell attributes to higher disposable income in the developed world than previous generations, as well as the fact that we can more easily familiarise ourselves with the unknown through the internet and other communication methods. Many travellers, particularly experienced backpackers, want to visit more obscure locations that are off the well-trodden backpacker trail.

## The world is our oyster Reading Questions

### Questions 1-5

Complete the notes below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from Reading Passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes **1-5** on your answer sheet.

Three ways in which the WSPU raised money:

Newspapers: primarily via sales **1.**\_\_\_\_\_.

Merchandising activities include selling a diverse range of goods made in their **2.**\_\_\_\_\_.

Additional fund-raising activities, such as **3.**\_\_\_\_\_.

There are **4.**\_\_\_\_\_ number of potentially safe and enjoyable backpacking destinations.

South-East Asia's neighbour **5.**\_\_\_\_\_ has established a solid tourism industry in recent years.

### Questions 6-9

Match each statement with the correct person.

Write the correct answer A-D in boxes **6-9** on your answer sheet.

6. The ability to fund expenses through casual work increases the number of visitors to a specific destination.
7. The locals' positive attitude towards the tourism industry has had a positive impact on visitor numbers.
8. Diverse attractions indicate that a destination can appeal to a broader range of people.
9. Different generations' motivations for taking different approaches to travel.

**List of People :**

- A. Simon Hartwell
- B. Brian Johnson
- C. Thomas Cooper
- D. Rebecca Thompson

**Questions 10 -13**

Do the following statements agree with the views given in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes **10-13** on your answer sheet write

**YES**, if the statement agrees with the views given

**NO**, if the statement contradicts the views given

**NOT GIVEN**, if it is impossible to say

**10.** Interaction with others is generally more difficult when travelling alone than in everyday life.

**11.** Flying to other domestic destinations in Australia is less expensive than other modes of transportation.

12. Train travel in Vietnam can be time-consuming, especially for short visits.

13. Experienced backpackers rarely visit places like Australia.

## The world is our oyster Reading answers with Explanation

**The world is our oyster Reading answers** with explanations can help you correct errors and identify the information needed for your answer.

(Note: The text in italics from the reading passage shows the location from where the answer is taken or inferred.)

### 1. Economy

**Explanation:** In the first line of paragraph E, *“South-East Asia’s neighbour, Vietnam, has established a solid tourism economy in recent years”*.

### 2. Precautions

**Explanation:** In the tenth and eleventh lines of paragraph D, *“While precautions such as drinking bottled water and washing fruits and vegetables are advised, general standards of accommodation and restaurants are high”*.

### 3. Marine Paradise

**Explanation:** In the tenth and eleventh lines of paragraph C, *“rugged outback appeal of Western Australia and the Northern Territory, or the marine paradise of the Great Barrier Reef”*.

### 4. Vietnam

**Explanation:** In the first two lines of paragraph C, *“South-East Asia's neighbour, Vietnam, has established a solid tourism economy in recent”*.

5. *Infinite*

**Explanation:** In the first line of paragraph F, *“There are an infinite number of potentially safe and enjoyable backpacking destinations”*.

6. *C*

**Explanation:** In the second to fifth lines of paragraph E, *“Cooper attributes the high level of interest to the availability of legal working holiday visas for many nationalities, as well as the resulting short-term work opportunities that make extended travel financially feasible, as well as the appealing climate and outback appeal”*.

7. *B*

**Explanation:** - In the seventh to ninth lines of paragraph F, *“Brian Johnson, who works at the British Consulate in Bangkok, believes that the welcoming nature and level of English spoken by Thais involved in the tourism industry has also influenced the destination's overseas image positively”*.

8. *D*

**Explanation:** In the fifth to ninth lines of paragraph C, *“Australia also has a reputation for being a relatively safe destination, with a friendly and upbeat population, and its size and contrast between locations appeal to many visitors. Rebecca Thompson, a university student who recently returned from a twelve-month overseas trip, believes that the cosmopolitan and modern nature of Australian cities such as Sydney and Melbourne”*.

9. A

**Explanation:** In the first four lines of paragraph G, *“Today's youth are undeniably more adventurous, which Hartwell attributes to higher disposable income in the developed world than previous generations, as well as the fact that we can more easily familiarise ourselves with the unknown through the internet and other communication methods”*.

10. No

**Explanation:** In the last four lines of paragraph B, *“Alan Park, who has travelled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world, claims that most backpacker accommodation establishments are designed with communal kitchens, dormitories, and entertainment areas, allowing residents to socialise with ease and quickly break down barriers with strangers that may normally exist in day-to-day life”*.

11. Not given

**Explanation:** —

12. Yes

**Explanation:** In the last four lines of paragraph E, *“Alan Park, who spent a month travelling around the country on his own, says bus and rail networks allow visitors to travel from centre to centre relatively cheaply, though he does not recommend these modes of transportation to visitors on a tight schedule because the pace is leisurely”*.

13. Not given

**Explanation: —**