**POPULAR TRAVEL DESTINATIONS**

Survey was about the most popular travelling destinations. Purpose of this survey was to analyze how interested teenagers are in traveling. And how much they know about world popular tourism places. Have they visited in our view most popular countries and how much money in their opinion they are ready to spend for travel, what are the most important things for them when they are in other country. Respondents were from Latvia, Italy, Greece, Poland, Czech Republic, Turkey and France

Travelling is a great thing to do. Most people travel as part of their daily routine, not only because it is enjoyable but also because it has a lot to offer. There are lots of places to explore in the world. Your travel doesn’t have to be limited to where you live or what you read in a book, there are lots of exciting places to experience in the real world. Travelling is worth every coin you will spend because memories last forever. We made a survey and our purpose was to find out the most popular tourism destinations. 12 respondents from 7 different countries- Italy, France, Poland, Czech Republic, Greece, Turkey, Latvia - participated in our survey.

Our first question was about countries that people would like to visit. Answers were very different, but most of the respondents (33,3%) answered that they would like to visit Australia. But 25% of the respondents answered that they would like to go to Russia. I think it’s because in Australia there is something different, more interesting for example – nature and animals. But in Russia they have different regions, different culture and Russia is a very large country so there is enough things to see.

The next question was about expenditures. We asked „How much money would you be ready to spend on one travel?” A similary high percentage (41,7%) of respondents stated that they are ready to spend about 150-200 euro. In my opinion it’s not enough if you are going to another country, because you also have to think about accommodation, about food and how much you will spend on bus tickets, entrance tickets and others. In nowadays travelling is not cheap.

In the third question it was interesting to understand, what are the most important things when people travel. We asked about accommodation, about food, hospitality, offer of activities. We found out that people care about food the most. 33,3% respondents chose the answer” food”. I think that offer of activities is one of the most important things, but people in nowadays love to try different tastes of food.

In our survey we also had a question about most popular tourism destinations in respondents` countries. We asked respondents to name 3 the most popular places. Answers were interesting. For example – Venice, Acropolis, White Tower, Santorini Island, Creta, Old Riga and Sigulda.

### In the fourth question we wanted to know ” What are the most imporant things for you, when you are in other country?” 2 respondents think that accommodation is a very important thing when you're in another country. 4 people think that food is a very important thing when you are far away from the home. Only 1 respondent worried about hospitality. 3 respondents required a large pack of activities. And 2 respondents were worried about something else.

In the fifth question we wanted to know in which counties we listed respondents had been. Three respondents have been in Greece, 2 respondents have been in Spain, one has been in France, no one has ever been in Egypt, but six respondents have not been in any of these countries.

## Talking about travelling we can say that we have so much things to see in our big planet - we can´t even imagine. On the other hand, travelling has some crucial disadvantages. Firstly, costs of travelling are often quiet high for example travelling by plane, so naturally not everyone can afford it. What is more, journeys especially foreign ones expose us to danger of disease or even death. Travelling can lead to fall ill and maybe then to expensive treatment or in case of fatal accident like for instance car and aerial one to death of many people. But more there are advantages than disadvantages. The world contains lots of countries and not all people are the same. When travelling, you get the opportunity to meet different people from different places. In life, one of the most important social skills we learn is how to interact and communicate with people who are different than we are. You also tend to see different places that you haven’t seen before. For many people, the main reason for travelling is to see the world. Travelling can be a dream come true! It allows you to have adventures in new places and see things you never thought possible.

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