

Culture Travels

Text Type: Leaflet
Suggested finishing time: 15 mins

Let's Think!



1. Which country is your dream destination?
2. Why do you want to visit this country?

'FRENCHNESS' IS IN THE AIR



[1] In Asia, there is a country that may call France to your mind: Vietnam. Having once been part of a French colony, Vietnam has buildings tinged with French influences, such as Hanoi Opera House, which was modelled on Paris's Opéra Garnier. When it comes to food, Vietnam is known for 'banh mi', a kind of bread that is similar to the great French baguette. However, Vietnam is more than just being French. Motorbikes that race on the roads and the iconic 'pho' that can be found everywhere across the land make it an irreplaceable place worth stopping by.

*5-night Hanoi Tour Package (11 Oct-16 Oct) - \$4200

THE LAND OF SACRED WATER



[2] Being one of the very few Southern Asian countries never colonised by Europe, Thailand is a culturally vibrant country with its own unique customs and traditions. In April every year, the whole country prepares itself for Songkran, the Thai New Year Festival, which is also known as the 'annual national water fight' when people sprinkle water to bless one another. While fun and electrifying, Songkran is in fact a religious festival when people take to the streets and temples and sprinkle the body of buddha statues with sacred water, hoping to purify them! If you happen to be a nature enthusiast, scuba diving and jet skiing in Thailand would definitely thrill you to the bones!

*4-night Bangkok Tour Package (24 Sep-28 Sep) - \$4900

A VOYAGE OF FAITH ACROSS THE EXOTIC LAND



[3] To a lot of people, Spain is synonymous with bullfighting, red wine and the dance floor. This is not wrong, but there is a lot more to be appreciated in this picturesque country. Yearly, thousands of people from all walks of life spend days, or even weeks, walking the Camino de Santiago (the Way of Saint James). Stretching roughly 780 km across the land, the Camino de Santiago is an ancient route leading to Santiago de Compostela, a city in Spain where Saint James's body is said to have been buried. Whether you are religious, the holy path will definitely serve as a getaway from all the hustle and bustle of city life to you—a spiritual journey to get in touch with a foreign culture and to find inner peace.

*15-night The Camino de Santiago Tour Package
(1 Nov-16 Nov) - \$27250

~380 words

Looking into Grammar



Imperatives are used to give commands, advice, suggestions or instructions. Note that an imperative clause starts with the base form of a verb.

✓ Be (✗ To be) prepared for it!

? Circle an imperative clause in the leaflet.

Part A Multiple Choice Questions

Answer the following questions based on the information provided in the leaflet. Choose the best answer by blackening the appropriate circle.



1. Culture Travels offers tours to _____.

- A. Asian countries
- B. European countries
- C. world-famous cities
- D. culturally rich countries

1 Find the topic sentences of each paragraph.



2. Which of the following is TRUE about Vietnam?

- A. Vietnam is ruled by France.
- B. People in Vietnam like to eat baguettes.
- C. There is another Opéra Garnier in Vietnam.
- D. 'Pho' is very popular in the country.

3. Songkran can best be described as _____ festival.

- A. an entertaining and holy
- B. an annual international
- C. a unique and violent
- D. a purifying local

3 Look for synonyms of these adjectives in the corresponding paragraph.

4. Thailand is a country _____.

- A. that is not favoured by European travellers
- B. where strong cultural traditions exist
- C. where people drink and bathe in sacred water
- D. that is frequently visited by water sports lovers

5. In paragraph 3, 'synonymous with' is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. in favour of
- B. having a good reputation for
- C. being the origin of
- D. being closely connected with

6. Which of the following groups of people may be interested in walking the Camino de Santiago?

- A. Catholics and Christians
- B. those who want to achieve peace of mind
- C. those who want to see the scenery of Spain
- D. all of the above

More to Take Away



Tourism is one of the key industries in Hong Kong. Every year, there are approximately 250,000 people employed in the industry.

Self-evaluation Checklist (✓/x)

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| 1. I understood most of the information provided in the passage. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. I guessed the meaning of unknown words or phrases correctly. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. I managed to answer questions by drawing inferences. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. I identified and understood the writer's / characters' feelings. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. I could identify and summarise the main idea of the passage. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. The two reading strategies taught in this module enabled me to read more effectively. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Part B Pre-HKDSE Questions

Answer the following questions based on the information provided in the leaflet. For question 1, answer in a complete sentence.

1 Pay attention to the past of the country.

1. Why do some buildings in Vietnam look like those in France?

2. Look for words in the leaflet to match the definitions below.

- (i) _____ (para. 1) (*adj.*) showing a small amount of a quality
 (ii) _____ (para. 1) (*v.*) move quickly
 (iii) _____ (para. 2) (*adj.*) very exciting
 (iv) _____ (para. 3) (*adv.*) around



3. What is the main purpose of the leaflet?

3 Think about the underlying reason why the leaflet is approving in tone.

- A. to introduce the cultures of the three countries
 B. to engage readers' interest in the tours
 C. to prompt readers to learn more about tourism
 D. to inform readers of the differences among the countries

4. In each line, there MAY be a wrong word. If there is one, underline it and write a word that expresses the correct idea in the right-hand column. If not, put a tick (✓).

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|---|--------------|
| (i) In Vietnam, there is an opera house called <u>Paris Opera</u> | <u>Hanoi</u> |
| (ii) Garnier, which looks exactly how one would expect | _____ |
| (iii) a French opera house to look. In April every year, many | _____ |
| (iv) citizens and tourists in Hanoi would go out and pay | _____ |
| (v) a visit to mosques to celebrate their country's new year. | _____ |

5. What is special about the countries mentioned in the leaflet? Complete the summary below.

Country	Once colonised by	Special point to note
Vietnam	(i) _____	French-inspired food: (ii) '_____'
		French-inspired building: (iii) _____
(iv) _____	None	Annual festival: (v) _____
(vi) _____	Not mentioned	A famous route: the Camino de Santiago

Part C Vocabulary Bank

Label the photos below with the words relevant to cultures and habits from the word box.

tradition
firework

custom
costume

religion
decoration

celebration
parade



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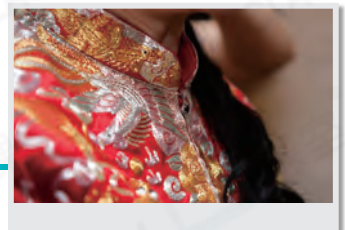


3.

What one follows
What has long existed

Cultures

What one believes in
What one wears



4.

Human society

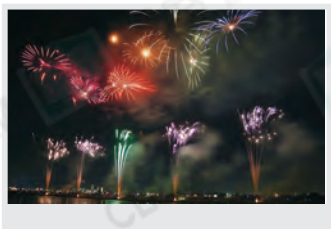
Habits



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7.

Let's Discuss!

1. What is the strangest tradition or custom you know?
2. Do you think traditions should always be followed?



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