

## Travelling

### Travel agency

To book, to reserve

Destination

Journey, trip, round trip

Oneway ticket, return ticket

### Basic difference between *on* and *in* for transportation:

**On** is typically used for larger forms of transportation, such as buses, planes, trains, subways or metros, cruise ships, and big boats. If you can stand up and walk around a form of transportation in order to find a place to sit, you are on that form of transportation. Here are some examples:

*"We were on the bus for over 45 minutes."*

*"You can eat all you want on a cruise ship."*

*"Have you ever been on a plane before?"*

*"I've never been on a train."*

*"Sorry about the connection. I'm on the subway."*

**In** is typically used with smaller vehicles that you have to enter and sit in, such as cars, taxis, trucks, carriages, rickshaws, canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, or smaller boats in general. If you don't have a lot of room to move and you can't really stand up and comfortably walk around to find a place to sit, you are *in* that form of transportation. Note these examples:

*"I'm in a taxi right now. I'll see you in 15 or 20 minutes."*

*"How many people can fit in your car?"*

*"I've never been in a rickshaw."*

*"Don't stand in the canoe! It's going to tip over!"*

*"I saw Tom and Dina in a carriage around Central Park."*

Basically, for most modes of transportation, on equals more freedom of movement, and in equals less freedom of movement.

### On the plane

- Tray table
- Overhead bin
- Lavatory
- Oxygen mask
- Baggage claim area

### Expressions and phrases for traveling on the airplane

- Excuse me, is this seat taken?
- Can I have a blanket and pillow, please?
- How long is the flight expected to be?
- Do you have any vegetarian meal options available?
- May I have a glass of water, please?
- Could you assist me in stowing my carry-on luggage?
- Is there a power outlet or USB port near my seat?
- Are there any in-flight entertainment options on this flight?
- What is the current altitude and cruising speed of the aircraft?
- Excuse me, could you please lower the window shade?

### On the train

- Luggage rack
- Platform
- Seat that faces forward, window seat, aisle seat
- Swap places
- Delay
- Skeleton service (eingeschränkter Service/Fahrplan (also wie üblicherweise bei KVB 😊))

### Expressions and phrases for traveling on a train

- What platform does the train to [destination] depart from?
- Excuse me, is this seat reserved?
- How long is the journey from here to [destination]?
- Does this train have Wi-Fi onboard?
- Is there a dining car or food service available on this train?
- Can you help me with my luggage?
- Are there power outlets on the train to charge electronic devices?
- Is there a restroom on board the train?
- Is there a designated quiet or silent zone on the train?
- Excuse me, what time is the next stop?
- Can I buy a ticket on board the train?
- Is there a conductor on the train who can assist me?
- Are there any stops or transfers along the route?
- How often do trains run on this route?
- Can I see the train schedule or timetable?
- My ticket is already paid.
- Is the internet connection working?

## At the airport

- **Departure:** The act of leaving or the point of leaving from the airport.
- **Arrival:** The act of arriving or the point of arriving at the airport.
- **Boarding pass:** A document that allows you to board the airplane.
- **Check-in:** The process of registering and obtaining your boarding pass at the airport.
- **Security check:** The procedure of going through security screening before entering the departure area.
- **Baggage claim:** The area where you collect your checked-in luggage after arriving.
- **Conveyor belt:** A device that delivers checked luggage to the passengers at the baggage reclaim area at their final destination.
- **Gate:** The designated area where passengers board the aircraft.
- **Customs:** The area where your luggage may be inspected and you may have to declare items.
- **Immigration:** The process of clearing passport control to enter or exit a country.
- **Duty-free:** Shops that sell goods without taxes or duties.
- **Delay:** A situation in which a flight is postponed or held up.
- **Terminal:** The building at the airport where passengers board and disembark from flights.
- **Announcement:** A public statement made over the airport's PA system.
- **Baggage allowance:** The maximum weight or number of bags allowed on a flight without extra charges.
- **Security checkpoint:** The area where passengers are screened for prohibited items before entering the departure area.
- **Connecting flight/transit flight:** It requires travelers to change planes at an intermediate airport. This flight takes a longer time to arrive at its destination than a non-stop or direct flight. Passengers need enough time while transferring between planes and going through security again.

## Expressions and phrases used at the airport

- Can you tell me where the check-in counter is?
- Excuse me, which gate is my flight departing from?
- Where can I find the baggage claim area?
- Is there a currency exchange desk in the airport?
- Could you please direct me to the nearest restroom?
- I need to declare some items at customs. Where should I go?
- Is there a designated smoking area in the airport?
- Can you recommend a good place to grab a quick bite to eat?
- What time should I arrive at the security checkpoint?
- Could you help me find a taxi or transportation to my hotel?

## Where to stay

### **Vocabulary:**

- **Reservation:** The act of booking a room in advance.
- **Reception:** The front desk or area where you check in and out of the hotel or hostel.
- **Check-in:** The process of registering and receiving your room key or key card.
- **Check-out:** The process of settling your bill and returning your room key or key card.
- **Room key:** A card or key that grants you access to your room.
- **Single room:** A room with a single bed for one person.
- **Double room:** A room with a double bed for two people.
- **Twin room:** A room with two single beds for two people.

- **Suite:** A larger, more luxurious room with additional living or sleeping space.
- **King size bed:** mattress is 180 - 2000 cm wide and 190 – 200 cm long
- **Queen size bed:** mattress is 140 – 160 cm wide and 200 cm long
- **Amenities:** The facilities and services available at the hotel or hostel, such as a gym, pool, or spa.
- **Dorm (short for dormitory):** bedroom containing several beds, e.g. in hostels or colleges
- **Bunk bed:** one of two (or more) single beds, stacked one above the other; top bunk, bottom bunk
- **Code of conduct:** set of rules about how to behave
- **Locker:** a compartment or cupboard with a lock, often made of metal, where you can keep your possessions (e.g. in hostels, gyms, public baths, ....)
- **Breakfast included:** The provision of breakfast as part of the room rate.
- **Wi-Fi:** Wireless internet access provided in the hotel or hostel.
- **Room service:** The service of delivering food and beverages to your room.
- **Housekeeping:** The staff responsible for cleaning and maintaining the rooms.
- **Late check-out:** The option to stay in the room past the regular check-out time for an additional fee.
- **Key card:** A card with a magnetic strip or chip used to access your room.
- **Reservation number:** The unique identifier for your booking.
- **Front desk:** The area at the reception where guests are attended to.
- **Bellboy/porter:** A staff member who assists with luggage and escorts guests to their rooms.
- **Invoice/bill:** A document detailing the charges for your stay, including room rate and any additional services.

### Expressions and phrases for staying at hotels / hostels

- Do you have any available rooms for tonight?
- How much is a room for one night?
- Can I see the room before I make a decision?
- Is breakfast included in the room rate?
- What time is check-in and check-out?
- Could you please bring extra towels to my room?
- Is there free Wi-Fi available in the rooms?
- Can you recommend any good restaurants nearby?
- Could you arrange a taxi for me tomorrow morning?
- Is there a safe deposit box where I can store my valuables?
- Can I have a wake-up call at [desired time] tomorrow?
- I'm having trouble with the air conditioning/heating in my room. Can you assist?
- Are there any laundry facilities or services available?
- Is there a gym or fitness center in the hotel/hostel?
- Could you please provide a map of the local area?
- We're all booked / We're fully booked
- Please strip your bed!

## Useful English idioms for traveling

- **Hit the road:** To begin a journey or start traveling.
- **On the go:** Constantly moving or traveling from one place to another.
- **Catch some rays:** To sunbathe or enjoy the sunshine.
- **Break the ice:** To initiate or start a conversation with strangers or in a new environment.
- **Off the beaten path:** Away from the usual tourist routes or popular destinations.
- **Take a rain check:** To postpone or reschedule a planned activity or event.
- **Travel light:** To pack only essential items and avoid carrying excessive luggage.
- **Get lost:** To explore without a specific destination in mind or to become disoriented in a new place.
- **Breathtaking view:** An extremely beautiful or stunning sight.
- **Itchy feet:** A strong desire to travel or move from one place to another.
- **Jet lag:** The fatigue and disorientation experienced after traveling across different time zones.
- **Home away from home:** A place where you feel comfortable and at ease, as if it were your own home.
- **Go the extra mile:** To make additional effort or go beyond what is expected.
- **Live out of a suitcase:** To constantly travel or move around, often with limited possessions.
- **Have a whale of a time:** To have a great or enjoyable experience.