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IN THIS UNIT YOU LEARN HOW TO:

- describe places and explain where they are
- give and respond to suggestions
- discuss future plans
- talk about the weather
- recognise and reuse useful chunks of language
- ask and talk about holiday experiences

SPEAKING

1 Work in groups. Look at the photo and discuss the questions.

- Would you like to go to a place like this for a holiday? Why? / Why not?
- What's the best place to get a view where you live? What can you see from there?
- What's the highest building or place you have been up? How was it? When did you go there?

TIME OFF

CAN YOU RECOMMEND ANYWHERE?

VOCABULARY Places of interest

- 1 Complete the sentences with these words. Then check you understand the words and phrases in bold.

gallery	ruins	walls	old town	lake
nightlife	palace	mosque	stalls	theme park

- There's a _____ about a mile out of town, where you can **hire a boat** and **go fishing**.
- There's an old **castle** above the city. You can walk along the _____ and go to the top of the **tower**.
- There's a **street market** in the east of the city with _____ selling everything from **antiques** to apples.
- There's an old **royal** _____ down by the river. It reopened recently **after being restored**.
- There's a really fun _____ further along the coast. They've got some **great rides** there.
- The main _____ is in the old Jewish **district**. There are lots of bars and restaurants there and it's always very **lively**.
- There are Roman _____ all over this part of the country. They **discovered** some near here recently.
- There's a beautiful _____ near here. You'll hear the **call to prayer** in the morning.
- They built a new **modern art** _____ recently. It's an amazing building. It was **designed** by a famous Brazilian **architect**.
- Most of the _____ was built in **the 17th century**, but there's a famous church which is **medieval**.

- 2 Work in pairs. Think of a word or phrase connected to each of the words in the box in Exercise 1. Use a dictionary to help you.

gallery – exhibition lake – go for a swim

- 3 Complete the phrases with prepositions from Exercise 1.

- It's about ten miles / sixty kilometres / an hour _____ of town.
- You can walk _____ the walls / the river / the beach.
- It's _____ the east of the city / the financial district / the old town.
- It's _____ by the river / the beach / the lake.
- It's further _____ the coast / the river / the canal.
- You find them all _____ this part of the country / this area / the city.

PRONUNCIATION

- ▶ 14 Listen to some of the phrases in Exercise 3 said slowly. Notice how consonant sounds link to vowel sounds.
- ▶ 14 Listen again and practise saying the phrases in the same slow way. Then practise saying them as quickly as you can.
- Think of a tourist destination you know well. Spend a few minutes preparing a short presentation about the place and what you can see and do there. Try to use some of the vocabulary from Exercises 1–3. Then work in groups and give your presentations to each other.

LISTENING

- 7 Look at the places to visit in and around Kraków, Poland's top tourist destination. Work in pairs. Decide which places you would go to and why.

KRAKÓW PLACES TO VISIT

RYNEK GŁÓWNY

A huge medieval square in the centre of the old town where there is a market with some great stalls.

ULICA JÓZEFA

This street is full of shops selling products by Poland's top designers.

MOCAK

Kraków's modern art gallery, designed by the Italian architect Claudio Nardi.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The city's most important church, built in the sixteenth century.

KAZIMIERZ

The old Jewish district, now a lively area with excellent nightlife.

NOWA HUTA

The industrial and housing district built in the 1950s during the communist time.

CIEN

The best club in town. Tues–Sat from 10 till the last guest leaves.

NEAR KRAKÓW

Half-day tour to Wieliczka Salt Mine. Go down and see the amazing underground world of these ancient mines.

FULL-DAY TOUR TO THE TATRAS MOUNTAINS

Enjoy a day's walking in this beautiful location.

FULL-DAY TOUR TO AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU MUSEUM

Auschwitz-Birkenau was a Nazi concentration camp during World War II.

8 ▶ 15 Listen to a conversation between a tourist and a hotel receptionist in Kraków. Which of the places in Kraków are mentioned? What does the tourist decide to do? Work in pairs and compare your ideas.

9 ▶ 15 Complete the sentences with one word in each space. Then listen again and check your answers.

- 1 Hello there. I _____ if you can help me.
- 2 I'm _____ of going sightseeing today.
- 3 Can you _____ anywhere good to go?
- 4 It depends on _____ you like.
- 5 I'm not really a big _____ of churches, to be honest.
- 6 Well, in that case, you _____ try Kazimierz.
- 7 How _____ a guided tour of Nowa Huta?
- 8 I can call and _____ a _____ for you, if you want.

DEVELOPING CONVERSATIONS

Giving and responding to suggestions

10 Put the two conversations into the correct order. The first one is done for you.

Conversation 1

- a **Well, you could try** Oxford Street. There are lots of big department stores there.
- b Oh, OK. Well, **in that case, how about** Portobello Road? It's a big street market. You can find lots of bargains there.
- c **To be honest, I'm not really a big fan of** department stores.
- d **Oh, that sounds great. I love that kind of thing.** Is it easy to get to?
- e **I'm thinking of doing** some shopping today. **Can you recommend anywhere?** 1
- f Yes, very. I'll show you on the map.

Conversation 2

- g Right. **I'm not really into** museums, to be honest.
- h Well, you could try the local museum. That's quite close to here. They've got lots of interesting things in there.
- i No, it's quite cheap. It should only be about \$10.
- j I'm thinking of doing some sightseeing today. Can you recommend anywhere?
- k Oh, **that sounds better.** Are they expensive to get into?
- l That's OK. In that case, **how about going to** the Roman ruins down by the lake? There are also some nice cafés and you can swim there.

11 ▶ 16 Listen and check your answers. Then work in pairs and practise reading the conversations.

CONVERSATION PRACTICE

12 Make a list of places in your town / area that you think are good for visitors to go to.

13 Work in pairs. You are going to roleplay a conversation between a tourist and a hotel receptionist in the place where you live.

Student A: you are the tourist. You are thinking of going sightseeing. Ask for recommendations. Reject some before deciding on one.

Student B: you are the hotel receptionist. Suggest some different places to the tourist. Explain why they are good.

14 Now roleplay the conversation. Try to use some of the phrases in bold from Exercise 10. When you have finished, change roles and have another conversation.

▶ 5 To watch the video and do the activities, see the DVD ROM.

KRAKÓW

PLACES TO VISIT