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Useful vocabulary – Describing holiday destinations

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National events

Spanish	English
la Tomatina	Tomatina festival
las Fallas (de Valencia)	Fallas festival
Carnaval	Carnival
el Día de los Muertos	Day of the Dead
Nochevieja	New Year's Eve

Useful nouns

Spanish	English
la playa	beach
el pueblo	village, small town
la ciudad	city, large town
la region	region
la capital	capital
la costa	coast
la isla	island
la montaña	mountain
el campo	countryside
el país	country
la vista	view
el río	river

Useful verbs

Spanish	English
mirar espectáculos	to watch shows
comprar recuerdos	to buy souvenirs
ir de compras	to go shopping
descansar	to rest, relax
divertirse	to enjoy oneself, have a good time
nadar	to swim
pasarlo bien	to have a good time
tomar el sol	to sunbathe
dar un paseo	to go for a walk
ir de vacaciones	to go on holiday

Holiday destinations

Spanish	English
el camping	campsite
el castillo	castle
la ciudad	city
el edificio	building
la exposición	exhibition
el museo	museum
el palacio	palace
el parque	park
la plaza	square
el puente	bridge
el sitio	place, site
la tienda	shop, tent

Useful adjectives

Spanish	English
alegre	lively, cheerful, happy
antiguo/a	old, ancient
barato/a	cheap
bonito/a	pretty, nice
caro/a	expensive
cercano/a	close, closely-related, nearby
cómodo/a	comfortable
divertido/a	funny, amusing
emocionante	exciting, touching, moving
famoso/a	famous
guay	cool
increíble	incredible
histórico/a	historic
limpio/a	clean
sucio/a	dirty
tranquilo/a	calm, tranquil, relaxed

Higher Tier - Talking about tourist attractions

Spanish	English
probar	to try
la arquitectura	architecture
la excursión	trip, excursion
el lugar	place
conocido/a	well-known
precioso/a	beautiful, precious