



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Visiting Tourist Attractions

Topic: Travel Planning

Level: Novice-Intermediate

Practice on Your Own

Imagine you are in another country. You want to go visit some museums, monuments, famous streets, etc. on your own, without a tour guide.

- Think of a country and some specific places you want to see.
- Then think of the vocabulary you need: museum, statue, tower, square, hall, shrine, park...
- Think about how you can ask for directions. First, how far away is the place and what are the available means of transportation? How much is the cost? ...
- Do you need a ticket to enter the place? Is it crowded? What is important about that place; why do people come to see it? Think of a conversation in which you answer such questions.
- Prepare a short passage in which you talk about tourist attractions you have visited or will visit.

Practice in Conversation Session

- To warm up, discuss with your conversation partner what types of places you most like to visit.
- Tell your conversation partner about tourist attractions in a particular country or city. For the important attractions discuss these subjects:
 - Where is it located relative to downtown?
 - How many visitors does it attract, and who are the people who usually visit such a place?
 - Is it free or do you need to buy a ticket?
 - What is important/interesting about the place? Why does it attract visitors? What do you think about that? ...
- Role play asking for directions to different tourist attractions.
- Have a conversation with your conversation partner about tourist attractions in the country/ies where the language is spoken.

- To follow up, discuss with your conversation partner what it means to be a tourist and how tourists are regarded by local residents. What can you do to be a good and responsible tourist?