

## Topic 5      Traveling in Your Home Country

### Background:

People travel for many different reasons. They travel for fun and recreation, to visit family, to begin a new job, or just to experience a new culture.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What are common ways to travel in your home country?
2. What advice would you give people who are traveling in your home country? How would you suggest they travel? (public transportation such as bus, subway or train, rent a car, taxi or Uber, etc.)
3. If someone comes to the U.S., Americans recommend seeing the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, Niagara Falls, etc. Are there some geographical sites in your home country that you would recommend seeing?
4. What foods would you suggest a person try when they come to visit your home country?
5. Is English a common language in your home country? Are there specific customs a visitor should be aware of when they visit your country, such as type of clothing that is acceptable?
6. Some practical advice to know before traveling to another country: Is the tap water safe to drink? (Is it “potable?”) What is a restroom is called? (W.C.?) Is toilet tissue usually provided in public restrooms? Will I be expected to pay to use a public restroom? If you’re comfortable sharing this information, please explain what an American should know about bathroom use before traveling to your country.
7. What cities would you recommend a person visit in your home country?
8. If you had two weeks and unlimited money, where in your home country would you take someone from a foreign country who had come to visit you? Explain the reasons for your answer.
9. Are there sporting events that are a big attraction in your home country? Please explain.
10. Are there a lot of tourists that come to your home country? If so, what is the main attraction they come to see?

**New words and Idioms:** recreation, vacation, sightseeing, experience, advice, precautions, attraction, tap water, potable water (pronounced Po’-tuh-bull - the “o” is a “long o” such as in the word “blow”), non-potable water, W.C., “western toilet”, bidet, squat toilet