

## Idioms and other expressions used for talking about travel and holidays

Complete each idiom in **bold** with an appropriate word from A, B or C. Each idiom is explained in *italics* after each sentence.

1. We stayed in a wonderful hotel just a **\_\_\_\_\_** **throw** from the beach. (*very near to*)  
A. **rock's** B. **stone's** C. **pebble's**
2. The motorway is the quickest way of getting from Paris to Marseilles, but many drivers prefer to take the slower **\_\_\_\_\_** **route**. (*a road that goes through an area of natural beauty, such as mountains, countryside, etc*)  
A. **pretty** B. **picturesque** C. **scenic**
3. He's always going on holiday to interesting and exciting places. He's such a **globe-\_\_\_\_\_**. (*somebody who travels a lot*)  
A. **runner** B. **hopper** C. **trotter**
4. Thanks to **\_\_\_\_\_** budget airlines, it is now possible to get a cheap flight to most European destinations. (*very cheap*)  
A. **cut-price** B. **cut-throat** C. **cut-and-run**
5. The hotel used to be the best one on the island, but since a new manager took over last year it's **gone to the \_\_\_\_\_**. (*declined in quality: it was good, but now it's bad*)  
A. **pigs** B. **dogs** C. **cats**
6. This hotel is dirty and uncomfortable. It's a real **\_\_\_\_\_** ! (*a dirty, uncomfortable and, usually, cheap hotel*)  
A. **doghouse** B. **fleapit** C. **henhouse**
7. If you miss the last bus, you should take a taxi back to the hotel: don't try to **\_\_\_\_\_** **a lift**. (*hitch-hike*)  
A. **thumb** B. **finger** C. **hand**
8. I don't like staying in busy resorts. I prefer to go somewhere that's **off the \_\_\_\_\_** **track**. (*away from popular areas*)  
A. **beaten** B. **well-walked** C. **tramped**
9. The resort was **in the middle of \_\_\_\_\_**, so there was nothing interesting to see or do. (*isolated from any towns, villages, etc*)  
A. **everywhere** B. **somewhere** C. **nowhere**
10. The brochure said that our hotel was in a peaceful location. It really meant that the hotel was **in the \_\_\_\_\_ of beyond**. (*very remote, a long way from other buildings, people, etc*)  
A. **front** B. **middle** C. **back**
11. Local restaurants are very cheap, so you won't **\_\_\_\_\_** **the bank** by eating out every night. (*spend a lot of money*)  
A. **rob** B. **bankrupt** C. **break**
12. I travel a lot on business, so I seem to spend most of my life **living out of a \_\_\_\_\_**. (*to be away from home a lot*)  
A. **bag** B. **suitcase** C. **rucksack**
13. The barman tried to **\_\_\_\_\_** **-change** me: the drink cost £2, I gave him £5 and he only gave me £2 back. (*to cheat someone by not giving him the correct money in change*)  
A. **small** B. **short** C. **little**
14. I hadn't been anywhere for years, and then suddenly I got **\_\_\_\_\_** **feet** and decided to do some travelling. (*a desire to travel and see different places*)  
A. **itchy** B. **scratchy** C. **tickly**