

Educational holidays (worksheet)

Activity 1

Have you ever learnt a new skill while on holiday?



Activity 2

Look at these pictures. With your partner discuss what these places could be and what you could learn there.



Activity 3

Read the text. Match the titles and the paragraphs

1. Culture and combat
2. "Warrior for a Week"
3. Indigenous wildlife
4. Beguiling ecology
5. Bedtime story
6. Spices and elephants
7. Head off towards the horizon
8. Let's dance

The holidays may be about to begin, but there's no need to stop learning. Here are some great ideas for a summer escapade:

Rome: _____

History classes come to life in the Eternal City. Its cathedrals, museums and Michelangelo masterpieces are a culture vulture's dream – but for kids, it's all about the Colosseum. The scene of wanton battles in its empirical heyday, this ancient arena captivates with stories of gladiators; so what could be better than learning how to be one?

Dorset: _____

Have you heard of *The Famous Five*, the phenomenally successful children's books that pitched Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog against smugglers and intrigue? Many of the books' settings were inspired by Dorset's Purbeck peninsula, where author Enid Blyton would spend summer holidays. Follow in her (and the characters') footsteps to find castles, steam trains, cliffs and islands from the comfort of Knaveswell Farm, a 'glampsite' with stylish, safari-style tents. Lashings of ginger beer not included.

Sardinia: _____

For little girls in love with tutus, barres and ballet pumps, a stint at Forte Village's Dance Academy is a dream come true. Ballet, ballroom and salsa are all available, with options for adults and children ranging from individual lessons to one-day and five-day courses. The Sardinian resort's facilities include sports, spas and the Forte Fortissimo disco – perfect for showing off all those new moves.

Australia: _____

Sydney's Taronga Zoo is the perfect start to your Australian adventure – we can take you behind the scenes to get up close to wildlife and learn about it from the experts. Head into the bush and encounter wild wallabies, cockatoos and wombats in the heart of the Blue Mountains at Wolgan Valley. Travel to Kangaroo Island, often dubbed Australia's Galapagos or 'the zoo without fences'. Marvel at kangaroos, echidnas, fur seals and sealions in their own environments and learn more about them from the in-house naturalists.

British Columbia: _____

Don a cowboy hat for an unforgettable experience in Western style riding. First you will be paired up with a horse picked especially for you, then you'll learn how to approach, groom and look after your horse and get to know them. When it is time to saddle up, you'll be under the watchful eye of Allyson and her team who will give tips on good riding technique along the way.

Botswana: _____

A stay at San Camp in the Makgadkgadi Pans opens visitors' eyes to the ecology of this beguiling corner of Botswana. Your expert naturalist guide will explain the history of the area – from its beginnings as a giant superlake, to its current incarnation as miles and miles of dazzling white pans, covered in a fragile salt crust. As the sun sets, the moon rises simultaneously – a phenomenon seen only on areas as flat as this.

Kerala: _____

Visit exotic Kerala to explore a spice plantation and learn where those magical spices that end up in their kitchen come from. Then head inland to wander through a rubber plantation on your own elephant and maybe learn a few elephant commands! Finally to the backwaters, where you can board a houseboat and discover the rural countryside quite different from anything they would have seen before.

Saruni Mara: _____

This programme is a wonderful introduction to the Samburu warrior way of life – guided and accompanied, you will explore the incredible habitat of the Kalama region in Northern Kenya. During the week, you will learn wilderness skills such as how to track animals from spoor and scent, how to build a comfortable bush camp using just natural materials and how to use bows, arrows, spears and pangas. Go on patrol with the rangers, visit their villages, learn about their way of life and how to see the environment through the eyes of a warrior.

Activity 4

Match two educational activities you can do simultaneously on a holiday

stay at a farm

meet kangaroos, fur seals and sealions

go on a quad-bike excursion

learn wilderness skills

ride an elephant

ride like a cowboy

study with in-house naturalists

learn to groom a horse

admire the sun and the moon simultaneously

visit a glampsite

wander through a spice plantation

visit ranger's village

Activity 5

Choose a destination in your country. What kind of an educational holiday could you organize there? Write a description for a travel brochure.