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## My perfect holiday

When you hear people talking about their "perfect holiday", you envision a holiday at a very relaxing and calming pace with good food and a rich culture. There is no doubt that anyone would enjoy a holiday like, myself included. Therefore, I will be describing the perfect holiday that I had always dreamt of.

First and foremost, my perfect holidays destination would be at a very relaxing peace where you get to be away from the loud noises and skyscrapers of the city. It does not necessarily have to be at a beach, it could be anywhere from visiting a temple in Thailand to the sand surfing in the sand duries of Dubai. I personally think the destination of the place is the heart of your holiday or travel as this is where you'll be spending your next few days or even weeks.

Secondly, a perfect holiday for me is going to a destination where there is cheap but mouth-watering food that will leave an aftertaste in your mouth even after you've left your destination. As a foodie, I love to try new dishes and explore different tastes to further develop my taste buds. When travelling, I always try out dishes that are well-known in a country, because most of the time they really are good. I also have something called "travel eating" that I do when I travel. This is where I remember the taste of a dish from a country I've visited and try to recreate it when I get home from holiday. I personally think places in Asia like Thailand, Vietnam, and the Philippines are great destinations for foodies as food there is cheap but delicious.

I believe that travelling is educational, therefore my third description of a perfect holiday would be in a place where there is a rich culture and past. Places like India, Egypt, or Istanbul in Turkey are some the best places to go to if you want your holiday to be educational hearing is something that I lobe that is why travelling to places like these have always been in my bucket list. For activities, I think it would be a bonus for travelers if there are lots of souvenir shops where you can buy pieces that are unique to that country as it would serve as a great remembrance of your holiday.

Lastly, for accommodation or hotels, I am not that particular in the number of stars it has. Accommodation is my least concern as I will only be spending a few hours in the hotel just to sleep as I would be outside exploring for the rest of the day. Although, I am very particular in looking for a hotel with a free breakfast buffet and good food for room service I get hungry during the night.

It has been a while since I last travelled, as I have just started morning at a 9-5 job and had to save up a little. It has also been very stressful for me as I am just starting to adjust to the 9-5 job I have right now. Although, I am very grateful to have this job, I just can't help remembering how life used to be when I was a full-time travel vlogger. Therefore, I would very much enjoy a holiday and be able to leave the city and my exhausting job even just for a while and have the time all to myself to unwind and distress. I would also appreciate it if I would be sponsored by Happy Times travel in my next holiday vlog.

## The brighter side of the pandemic

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools were forced to close for almost a year now. Students have started to feel the changes brought by the closure of schools. They had to adjust to remote learning – an unconventional way of learning for the majority of the students across the globe. However, looking at the brighter side, there are also some advantages that comes with remote learning. I have listed down below three advantages of remote learning explaining why I have found them as an advantage. The first advantage is that students have more flexibility in their day-to-day schedules meaning students have more time do other things aside from going to school and studying when they get home.

During online school, they can look lunch after classes are over and maybe even exercise before they start doing homework or revising their lessons for that day. Because of this, some students have found themselves more free do things that they actually like such as painting, reading books, or playing musical instruments. Whereas during face-to-face classes, students do not have much time to do other things as travelling home takes about an hour of their time that could have been used to do other things if they were just at home and having online lessons.

Another advantage is that students have more time to sleep in during online classes. I know that most of you will have my back on this as we can all relate to sleepless nights due to studying and doing homework. Most teens and even school children are not likely able to acquire the minimum sleep required in order for cells to remunerate. Mainly because they stay up late doing homework and wake up early to go to school. They do not get the required 8-10 hours of sleep every night and this also affects their performance in school. On the other hand, remote learning gives students more time to sleep in the mornings as they do not have to wake up an hour early to get ready and travel to school. I personally think this is the best advantage of online school as we students are now able to compensate for all the nights we stayed up late studying or doing homework.

Lastly, one advantage of remote learning or online school I personally found very beneficial to us all in the recognition of how important self-discipline is when it comes to remote learning. As we are on our own with no one to nudge us and tell us to be attentive in class or to work harder – we do not have our teachers besides is to guide us.