**Holidays home or abroad**

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| ***Essay number*** | **N/A (Free sample)** |
| ***Original band score*** | **7.0.** |
| ***Corrected band score*** | **8.0.** |

**In the future, more people will choose to go on holiday in their own country and not travel abroad on holiday.**

**Do you agree or disagree?**

**Tip!**

Try answering this question yourself before reading the essay and correction.

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# Original essay

**In the future, more people will choose to go on holiday in their own country and not travel abroad on holiday.**

**Do you agree or disagree?**

There is no doubt that exploring new places and cultures is an exicting hobby; mostly achieved through travelling to a foreign location. Some believe that this may not continue in the future and increased number of people will want to spend vacations in their native countries. I strongly agree with their veiwpoint and believe that international travelling with diminish leading to an increase in local tourism.

To begin with, COVID-19 pandemic has ignited a sense of fear in the minds of individuals with respect to travelling, with many choosing staycation instead of visiting a foreign destination. Based on a research conducted by AirBnB, international travelling in 2020 reduced by 95%, and is not expected to recover to pre-pandemic levels in another 10 to 15 years. The research also found that in spite of vaccinating, the fear of international travel will linger and as an alternative, people will choose visit neaby cities and country sides. This is specially true for my family and relatives, who have rescinded their plans for visiting Iceland next year and instead have decided to visit a local village.

Furthermore, international travelling comes with a cost; which is increasing at an exponential rate. With advancements in technology, spending a fortune has become unnecessary. Based on a survey conducted by McKinsey, 74% of the Americans will prefer to attend an international event or a concert virtually provided it is broadcasted in HD with no latency. To put the survey to test, Mexico broadcasted its annual magic show using a new state of the art technology, which resulted in a decline of tourists by 150,000; they otherwise would have visited the country only to witness the show. In future, this will result in significant cost savings, which many, including I, may spend in exploring local places and cities.

In conclusion, due to the effects of COVID-19 pandemic, increased costs of international tourism and advancements in technology, many people will opt to spend their vacation in their home country as opposed to visiting a foreign destination.

336 words

**Tip!**

Why do you think this is a band 7.0.?

What problems do you think the essay has?

What errors can you see?

# Correction

**Corrections Mistakes**

**Academic/natural language I suggest My comments**

**In the future, more people will choose to go on holiday in their own country and not travel abroad on holiday.**

**Do you agree or disagree?**

There is no doubt that exploring new places and cultures is an exicting exciting hobby; mostly achieved through travelling to a foreign location. Some believe that this may not continue in the future though, and increased increasing numbers of people will want to spend their vacations in their native countries. I strongly agree with their veiwpoint viewpoint and believe that international travelling with will diminish leading to an increase in local tourism.

To begin with, the COVID-19 pandemic has ignited a sense of fear in the minds of individuals with respect to travelling, with many choosing a staycation instead of visiting a foreign destination. Based on a research conducted by AirBnB, international travelling in 2020 reduced by 95%, and is not expected to recover to pre-pandemic levels in another 10 to 15 years. The research also found that in spite of vaccinating vaccinations becoming available, the fear of international travel will linger and, as an alternative, people will choose to visit neaby nearby cities and the countryside country sides. This is especially true for my family and relatives, who have rescinded abandoned their plans for visiting Iceland next year and instead have decided to visit a local village.

The argument and support in this paragraph are very relevant, well explained and clear ☺ . The only exception to this is the ‘vaccinating’ error. The coherence and cohesion in this paragraph is also near perfect ☺ .

Furthermore, international travelling comes with a cost; which is very costly, and this cost is increasing at an exponential rate. With advancements in technology, spending a fortune has become unnecessary. Based on a survey conducted by McKinsey, 74% of the Americans will prefer to attend an international event or a concert virtually over doing so in real life, provided it is broadcasted in HD with no latency. To put the survey to the test, Mexico broadcasted its annual magic show using a new state of the art piece of technology, which resulted in a decline of real-life foreign tourists by 150,000; they otherwise would have visited the country only to witness the show. In future, this will result in significant cost savings, which many, including I, may spend in exploring local places and cities.

The support for this argument is clear for the most part but it could be clearer in some areas; see my suggestions in blue as well as my comments attached to ‘increasing at an exponential rate’, ‘with’ and ‘spending a fortune’.

In conclusion, due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, increased costs of international tourism and advancements in technology, many people will opt to spend their vacation in their home country as opposed to visiting a foreign destination.

336 words

**Comments:**

**The best part of this writing is certainly the vocabulary. You use a great range of language effectively and meaningfully with hardly any errors. Fewer errors and more native use of vocabulary would help this band score rise. By ‘more native use’, I am mainly referring to a greater variety of collocations. There are no serious issues with this essay; in fact, there are many excellent aspects ☺ . There are many ways to improve the writing, however, namely being clearer, having fewer errors and giving a greater range of grammar structures.**

Task Achievement

Good : Addresses all parts of the task / presents a clear position throughout the response / presents, extends and supports main ideas,

Work on : More or clearer support is needed in the body paragraphs; see my comments in green under these paragraphs for more information about this.

Coherence and Cohesion

Good : Logically organises information and ideas; there is clear progression throughout / uses a range of cohesive devices appropriately / presents a clear central topic within each paragraph

Work on : This is close to a higher band but the relationship between the first two sentences in the second body paragraph is particularly unclear and this could hold this band back. Apart from this, the conclusion would read better if it was more than one sentence long.

Lexical Resource

Good : Uses a wide range of vocabulary fluently and flexibly to convey precise meanings / skilfully uses uncommon lexical items

Work on : A greater range of vocabulary and fewer errors would help this band. More flexible or interesting use of vocabulary would also help, such as using a variety of collocations.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy

Good : Uses a variety of complex structures / produces frequent error-free sentences / has good control of grammar and punctuation

Work on : More error free sentences and a greater range of structures would help this band. Try to use relative clauses and different conditionals to help do this. Also, words such as ‘although / while / whereas / since / because of / due to / despite’ can help you create complex sentences. See this [link](http://www.chompchomp.com/terms/subordinateconjunction.htm) for more ideas.

**Band descriptor scores :**

**TA : 7**

**C&C : 7**

**LR : 8**

**GR&A : 7**

**Band score : 7.0.**

# Final essay

**Impressive vocabulary**

**In the future, more people will choose to go on holiday in their own country and not travel abroad on holiday.**

**Do you agree or disagree?**

There is no doubt that exploring foreign countries and cultures is an exciting hobby. Some believe that this may not continue in the future though, and increasing numbers of people will want to spend their vacations in their native countries. I strongly agree with this viewpoint and believe that international travel will diminish leading to an increase in domestic tourism.

To begin with, the COVID-19 pandemic has ignited a sense of fear in the minds of individuals with respect to travelling, with many choosing a staycation instead of visiting a foreign destination. Based on research conducted by AirBnB, international travel in 2020 reduced by 95%, and is not expected to recover to pre-pandemic levels for another 10 to 15 years. The research also found that in spite of vaccinations becoming available, the fear of international travel will linger and, as an alternative, people will choose to visit cities and countryside close to them. This is especially true for my family and relatives, who have abandoned their plans for visiting Iceland next year and instead have decided to visit a local village.

Furthermore, international travel is very costly, and this cost is increasing at an exponential rate. With advancements in technology, spending a fortune has become unnecessary. Based on a survey conducted by McKinsey, 74% of Americans prefer to attend an international event or concert virtually over doing so in real life, provided it is broadcasted in HD with no latency. To put the survey to the test, Mexico broadcasted its annual magic show using a new state of the art piece of technology, which resulted in a decline of real-life foreign tourists by 150,000, who otherwise would have visited the country in person. Due to this technological advancement, then, there will be significant cost savings in the future, which many, including myself, may spend on exploring local places and cities instead.

In conclusion, due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, increased costs of international tourism and advancements in technology, many people will opt not to spend their vacation in a foreign destination. If they choose to travel anywhere, then, it will likely be in their local area.

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| **Band descriptor scores** | **Comments** |
| **TA : 7** | The ‘spending a fortune’ part in the second body paragraph is still very confusing and unclear and this would hold this band score back. |
| **C&C : 7** | Like in the correction, the first two sentences of the second body paragraph do not flow well and so this would hold this band back. |
| **LR : 9** |  |
| **GR&A : 9** |  |
| **Band score : 8.0.** | |