

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. TRAVEL. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. Do you like travel?

I love travel. Unfortunately, I haven't done much travelling for two and a half years now because of coronavirus. The last place I travelled was England, which is my home nation, but I did go there for two weeks to hang out, spend time with my family for Christmas, so I consider that my last holiday.

Part 1. Where was the last place you visited on holiday?

Well, as I said, the last place I visited on holiday was probably England, but I suppose some people would not consider that a holiday because it's my home country. The other place that comes to my mind, which happened before coronavirus, was Vietnam and I went to a coastal city I believe it was called Nha Trang. I can't remember well, and I had a wonderful time there in the hot sun.

Part 2. Describe a tourist attraction you once visited.

I'd like to tell you about N-Seoul Tower. About ten years ago, I first went to N-Seoul Tower, which is a tower in the middle of Seoul on a mountain with stunning views of the city. I first went there ten years ago. I climbed this hill. It's more of a small hill, actually. I climbed it. It was quite challenging. It was a hot day, and I got to the top and because it's such a touristic location, there were a lot of cafes, restaurants, coffee shops, souvenir shops and so many people, I was shocked! It was full of buses at the top of the this hill because there is a road that goes to the top, so many people in buses. It was really buzzing with energy, but, you know, I really enjoyed myself up here.

I looked at the views. I think we hung out up there and had a cup of coffee and then made our way back down through the forest. It was a really nice day and quite a memorable experience. Since then, I have gone there a number of times and I do enjoy that location in Seoul.

So let me tell you a little more about and N-Seoul Tower. As I said, it is just a very, very tall tower in the middle of Seoul. It's quite a unique shape. So it stands out when you're looking at the landscape and it sits on top of a hill. It's in the centre of Seoul and it's one of the popular places to visit, one of the most popular and one of the things that you see when you look at a picture of Seoul or you look at a postcard of Seoul. For me personally it's somewhere that is quite a romantic location in some ways. You know, you can go up there and have a a meal while looking over the city, which is beautiful, especially at night.

VOCABULARY

buzzing (phrasal verb) - to be full of excitement, activity, etc.

challenging (adjective) - difficult in an interesting way that tests your ability

consider (verb) - to think about something carefully, especially in order to make a decision

memorable (adjective) - worth remembering or easy to remember, especially because of being special or unusual

postcard (noun) - a card used for sending messages by post without an envelope, especially one that has a picture on one side

stunning (adjective) - extremely attractive or impressive

unique (adjective) - being the only one of its kind