

THIS ENGLISH MALARKEY. TRAVEL. TRANSCRIPT

Hi folks, and welcome back to another episode of this English Malak. Today, we're in Liverpool, in the north of England, where there are some good football teams, and it's also the home of the Beatles. Today, we're on the streets, and we're going to be asking people, "If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?"

Jake: If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Girl 1: I would go to the Maldives because I think the opportunity to visit is becoming a lot smaller with global warming, and I'd really like to have the opportunity to go before it sadly disappears. It looks really beautiful, with the beaches and all the huts. I just think it would be such a stunning place to visit.

Jake: If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Man 1: I would go back to Canada. I think it's a shame to say "back to somewhere," but I had such an amazing time there for only a month or two. I was in Vancouver Island, and went around the mountain roads, the logging roads, out into the wilderness. There's a level of wilderness there that I found deeply inspiring, so I would like to return to that and explore it deeper.

Jake: That sounds amazing! Incredible place.

Man 1: Yeah, it's really cool.

Jake: If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Woman 1: California.

Jake: Okay, why California?

Woman 1: Because my best mate lives there. Yeah, Sacramento.

Jake 1: Okay, what would you do there in California?

Woman 1: Go to Napa Valley, the wine regions, Lake Tahoe, just take in all the sites generally.

Girl 2: Yeah, so I've just got back from traveling in Australia, and when I was coming back, I didn't really have an idea of where I wanted to go when I got back. So it's really funny that you would ask me that question, because that is what I'm debating right now - where to go next. It's quite overwhelming because there are so many different options, but I think I've decided that I'd go to Italy and then Vietnam.

Jake: Okay, and yourself?

Girl 3: If I could go anywhere, I think I would like to go outside of Europe, because I've seen quite a bit of Europe so far. So I'd quite like to go over to the States, to America, because I'd like to experience their culture. Obviously, we share a language and we share a lot of facets, but there are so many different things there that I'd like to experience. So if I could go there, that's where I'd go.

Jake: If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Woman 2: Japan.

Jake: Japan? Yeah, okay, why Japan?

Man 2: Just because it's like a mystery to us, isn't it? We've never been there. It's somewhere we'd really like to go: see the people, the trains, the food. We'd really like to go.

Woman 2: Different cultures. Find out what they think of us, really, as well.

Man 3: Aruba.

Jake: Where? Sorry?

Man 3: Aruba.

Jake: Alright, firstly, where's that?

Man 3: South America.

Jake: Brilliant! Why would you go there?

Man 3: I've been looking at it for years. It's where I want to go. I like that part of the world. Culture, ladies are sexy.

Jake: Have you ever been there before?

Man 3: No, no, no, I've been over that side of the world, but I've never been to Aruba.

Jake 3: Okay, and what would you do in Aruba?

Man 3: Carnival, eat food, drink, party.

Jake: Very nice, meet some nice people.

Man 3: Exactly, yeah, yeah, yeah. It's always about meeting people. Like, always about meeting people. Experiencing different cultures is a good way to be, do you know what I mean?

Jake: It is, yeah.

Man 3: Definitely. Sick (meaning good).

Jake: Well, I hope you manage it one day, definitely.

Man 3: I will.

Jake: Class, thank you so much for your response.

Man 3: No problem.

Jake: And what would you do when you went to the Maldives?

Girl 1: Swim all day, eat all the local cuisine, just see the wildlife and all the fish. Just anything. Sunbathe, I know, I would probably burn though, because I'm ginger.

Jake: Fair play. Well, thank you very much for your response.

Girl: Thank you.

Jake: Cheers.

Jake: Anything else at all?

Woman 1: Well. Mostly spend time with my friends. The region just looks, in general, a gorgeous place. Yeah.

Jake: Okay, very nice. Well, thank you very much for your response.

Ah, you're welcome.

Jake: Cheers.

Jake: Why would you go to Italy?

Girl 2: Partly because my surname is Italian, and I want to kind of discover my heritage, going way back, because of the food, and because of the people, and because of the history. Yeah, that's it really.

Jake: What could you do there? Apart from, I guess, look around. What kind of things?

Man 1: It's funny because, like, it's an English-speaking country, so that makes it a lot easier. I've been to a few other countries: Japan, across Europe, different places like that where language is something that you have to deal with as well, but in this case, that's not really an issue, and it allows one to just, you know... because the communication is a lot easier. It allows you to just get on with other things. I found that because there's a greater culture of people being more hands-on there. Everyone's got a workshop, everyone's got tools, and that's something I appreciate, because I do welding and mechanics and things as well. So, we got to... when we were there, we got to make a kayak out of wood, stretch canvas over it, go padding. Got to borrow a motorbike, go all around these logging roads, see bears, see the... see a sort of nature that you would not appreciate unless you're in the Highlands of Scotland in the UK, which is rare for most people to do.

Jake: But no bears in the Highlands.

Man 1: No bears in Scotland. No, I mean, there's... um, there's not even wolves. I think they're trying to reintroduce wolves somewhere in Scotland.

Jake: So, I heard that too.

Man 1: That connection to wildlife is something that I found really deeply inspiring and I think I'm not much of a very hot environment person, so being in Canada, they have a proper summer, but the winter is also really good as well. Appreciate that.

Jake: Thank you very much.

Man 1: No worries.

Jake: You mentioned a little bit about the United States, but, well, have you been there before?

Girl 3: I have, yes. I've been to New York a couple of years ago, but if I could, I would like to visit the South and go down there and see what that's like, some of the less touristy places,

Jake: Of course. Off the beaten track a bit. And so, you've been to New York? Would you recommend that to other people?

Girl 3: Yeah, it was amazing. I'm a big theater buff. I really enjoy musical theater, and I saw a lot of things. So, if that's your style, definitely.

Jake: Well, thank you very much to both of you. Appreciate it. Have a good rest of your day.

VOCABULARY

canvas (noun) - a strong, thick fabric often used to make tents, sails, or paintings.

carnival (noun) - a big celebration or fair with rides, games, food, and music.

deeper (adjective) - more deep; going further down or in.

facets (noun) - different parts or features of something; like sides of a jewel or different aspects of a topic.

ginger (adjective) - a reddish-brown color, or describing someone with red hair.

heritage (noun) - the traditions, customs, and history passed down from previous generations.

huts (noun) - small, simple buildings, usually made of wood, straw, or other natural materials.

inspiring (adjective) - making you feel excited or motivated to do something good or creative.

logging (noun) - cutting down trees for wood, usually as part of a business.

mate (noun) - a friend or companion.

mechanics (noun) - the study or work of machines, how they work, and how to fix them.

reintroduce (verb) - to bring something back that was once gone or forgotten.

welding (noun) - a process of joining two pieces of metal together by melting and fusing them.

wilderness (noun) - a large area of land that is wild, untamed, and usually not inhabited by people.

workshop (noun) - a place where people go to work on projects, like building or fixing things.