Before travelling

I usually have to prepare a lot before travelling. First, I check if my formal documents are valid. I usually look for nice accommodation facilities in the country where I would like to travel. I book a double room on the Internet. I also check the weather forecast. Then I borrow a guidebook from the library to see what tourist attractions there are in the place where I want to go.

A few days before travelling, I go shopping and buy the necessary products. I exchange some money too. Then I pack my summer clothes (e.g. T-shirts, skirts, shorts, bikinis, a tracksuit, slippers, etc.), some suntan lotion, toiletries and a camera with me. I also take some medicine in the suitcase. In my handbag, I put all the necessary documents (e.g. a driving licence, a passport, an identity card, local currency, travel insurances, traveller’s cheques and a credit card, etc.), of course.

At the airport

There are many people at the airport. They want to go somewhere by airplane. After buying tickets, they check in and wait for the departure of the plane in the departure lounge. The announcer nicely informs important news that all people must know.

My husband and I are going to Corfu to have a great holiday this summer. When we travel, we usually take the car to the airport. My husband parks the car in the car park. Then we go to the check-in desk. At the check-in desk, the woman looks at our passports and air tickets, takes our luggage and gives us our boarding cards. We and our baggage go through a security gate. We look at our boarding cards to see our seat numbers on the plane. On the plane, we look for our seats. Of course, we also listen to the stewardess’s instructions.
At the hotel

On the arrival day, we check in at the reception desk. We **fill in a form** and give all our **personal data**. The **receptionist** tells us our room number and gives us our key. We pay for the room in advance by credit card. In the morning, we have breakfast in a separate room of the hotel. There is usually a big buffet table. So we can taste a lot of food. On the departure day, we **check out** the hotel and go to the airport by taxi.

At the hotel, there is free wi-fi connection, a sauna, a Jacuzzi, a bar and a restaurant too. If I want, I can also ask for a room service. In the morning, the cleaning lady comes and cleans our room.

**Answer the questions**

How does she prepare for a journey?

How can people check-in at the airport?

How do the wife and the husband check-in at the hotel?

What services can a hotel provide?

What is your favourite country and why?

How do you like to travel?

**Match the definitions with the bolded words from the text.**

1. The opposite of check in...
2. The synonym of baggage...
3. To reserve a hotel room...
4. Perfume, a toothbrush, shower-gel, a tube of toothpaste...
5. The person who works for a hotel...
6. To complete a table with your personal data...
7. Personal particulars...
8. A person who visits sights...
9. If you have an accident abroad, this document will help you to have medical care...
10. The place where you need to check in...
11. Waiting-room at the airport...
12. Loudspeaker...
13. Sights...
14. Officially acceptable...
15. Money...

**Translate the following useful phrases for tourists**

Can you help me?

Here is my boarding pass.

I think I am lost. Where is the..?

I would like to...

Where can I find the nearest...?

Where is the baggage reclaim?

How much is a double room/a single room?

Is breakfast included in the price?

When does the breakfast start?

I need special diet as I am allergic to...

Can I have a...?

I have a problem.
Is there a free wi-fi connection at your hotel?

What is the wi-fi password?

Can I have an extra towel?

When do we need to check out?

Can I pay by credit card or only in cash?

Use the pictures and try to write a small paragraph about the process of going on holiday.