



## DIALOGUES :

You try to convince one of your friends to a travel destination you'd like to

- Hello Chantal, How are you ?
- *Fine ! What a pleasure to meet you. So long time I didn't see you ! I believed you were still on travel !*
- I came back from Peru last weekend. Now, I would like going to India. We could go together.
- *Waouh ! I don't feel like visiting this country !*
- Why not ? I watched a report on TV and it's so Amazing ! It made me want to discover India.
- *It's too far, too hot, too noisy and too vast.*
- Yes, but if we stay around there for three weeks, we will only visit a part of India, the North for example. The best period to go is between November and April, the weather is dry and the temperature around 25°. It would be very pleasant to enjoy the sun during our sad winter.
- *Of course, I also watched a movie about India, and I was afraid by the noise, the crowd, the dirtiness, the flies and the cows in the streets, and so on...*
- Yes indeed, the streets are very crowded with pedestrians, rickshaws, "touk-touks", bus, cars, carts carried by men or camels and of course cows. So, the horn is the only way to get moving in this traffic jam, and all this produces a lot of noise, but it's part of the Indian atmosphere!
- *Then it's very difficult and dangerous to move !*
- No, everybody respects the others and there is no aggressivity.
- *Are you sure ?*
- Yes, I am, and it could be very fun to move by "touk-touks" to go to the hotels. Don't you think so?
- *What about the hotels ? Are they clean, secure ?*
- If we go by an organized trip tour, we will stay in hotels chosen to answer to the international standards (norms). They are always 4 or 5 stars hotels.
- *My cousin went to India three years ago and he was very sick because the food is very spicy and sometimes not fresh !*
- Oh ! don't worry ! You are very pessimistic ! Many people come from India on top form !
- *Of course, but if we can't eat, it's not very pleasant.*

- You mustn't buy food in the streets and drink only bottled mineral water. In the restaurants, the meals are varied and you can choose international food or Indian food, spicy or not.
- *What is more interesting to see in this country than elsewhere ?*
- The Indian cultural and religious heritage is so rich, so different from ours, isn't it ?
- *Perhaps, but when I travel I like going to islands and I prefer to relax by the seaside. I find so boring to visit temples ...*
- You must be kidding ! Don't tell me you prefer Ibiza rather than India ! What a shame ! For us, traveling means learning and discovering other people, sites and civilizations.
- *I agree ! I would be so happy to see the Taj Mahal!*
- Of course, it's a wonderful marble temple. It must be very impressive to be in front of this majestic site.
- *Why ? Do you think it is as beautiful as on the pictures ?*
- Oh yes! And it's a the temple of love, the emperor took the decision to build this monument for his wife. It's a very beautiful story, isn't it ?
- *Yes, I don't think my husband would make that for me (laughs)!!!*
- Of course not, but he is not an emperor and you an empress, is he !! And building a so big palace would cost an arm and a leg ! But we must feel a lot of emotion in front of this site. I would like so much knowing that feeling !
- *I begin to be convinced by your arguments ! What else ?*
- This country is so colorful and contrasted : women's sarees, flowers, trees, birds, landscapes and sunsets are great !
- *Is it difficult to communicate with Indian people ?*
- No it isn't, the majority of people speaks English and they are kind. It's a good occasion to practice that Evelyne learns us every Tuesday !! Then, don't you want to visit this country now ?
- *Why not ? Your explanations are very interesting, I will think about it.*
- Let's go ! Don't hesitate. It will be a complete change of scenery and a very rich trip. Make an appointment to go to the travel agency !
- *Later, now I have to go. My husband picks me up at the station.*
- See you soon
- *Bye, bye !*

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