

Most British people take tea bags on holiday

2nd August, 2018



Creative Commons 2.0 via Sean on flickr.com

Over half of British people take tea bags with them when they leave Britain to go on holiday or go on a business trip. British people are famous for loving tea and need their cup of tea even when travelling

overseas. A survey found that tea bags were the most popular comfort item Britons pack in their suitcase when going abroad. The survey is from a car rental company. It asked over 1,000 holidaymakers what essentials they need when visiting other countries. Around 55 per cent of them said tea bags. Other items Britons couldn't do without are toilet paper, fluffy towels, potato chips and bacon. Britons also take their favourite biscuits, presumably to dip into their morning cuppa.

One of the people who took part in the survey explained why he took tea bags with him. Richard Ellis, 39, said: "I always take my favourite tea bags on holiday. I took them to Thailand last year. It doesn't matter where I am, the tea bags go with me – even to my parents who live down the road from me but don't drink the same tea as me." Another person wondered why people needed to take things from home. Sue Smith said: "We can buy things from home in other countries. We should try the food and drinks of the culture we are visiting." The car rental company said: "It's really interesting to see what holidaymakers decide to take with them." The company added: "A fifth of people admitted they pack too much."

Sources: dailymail.co.uk / express.co.uk / independent.ie

Writing

People don't need to take food from home when they go abroad. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

half / tea bags / business trips / overseas / comfort / suitcase / towels / chips / bacon / survey / holiday / parents / other countries / car rental / interesting / a fifth / pack

True / False

- British people don't take tea bags on business trips. T / F
- Tea bags are the second most popular comfort item for Britons. T / F
- Over 10,000 people were asked about what they take on holiday. T / F
- Many British people take bacon with them when they go abroad. T / F
- A 39-year-old said he always takes tea bags with him on holiday. T / F
- The 39-year-old takes tea bags when he visits his parents. T / F
- A woman said we should try foreign food when travelling. T / F
- A quarter of British people say they pack too much. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. trip | a. thought about |
| 2. famous | b. immerse |
| 3. popular | c. participated |
| 4. essentials | d. well known |
| 5. dip | e. confessed |
| 6. took part | f. vacation |
| 7. wondered | g. choose |
| 8. buy | h. well liked |
| 9. decide | i. purchase |
| 10. admitted | j. necessities |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- Do you prefer tea or coffee?
- What do like to bring back from other countries?
- What food do you like from other countries?
- Should people try harder to eat the local food on holiday?
- What strange things do people take on holiday with them?
- Why do people take too much on holiday with them?
- What questions would you like to ask British holidaymakers?

Phrase Match

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. British people are famous | a. they need |
| 2. the most popular comfort | b. matter where I am |
| 3. what essentials | c. too much |
| 4. Other items Britons couldn't | d. item |
| 5. dip into their morning | e. of people |
| 6. the people who took | f. do without |
| 7. It doesn't | g. part in the survey |
| 8. car | h. cuppa |
| 9. A fifth | i. for loving tea |
| 10. they pack | j. rental company |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of tea?
- What do you always take on holiday with you?
- What do you think of people taking tea bags on holiday?
- Why do people take toilet paper on holiday?
- Why do people take potato chips with them on vacation?
- Why do people go on holiday?
- Where is your favourite place to go on holiday?
- Should more people go on holiday in their own country?

Spelling

- go on a uibensss trip
- mafous for loving tea
- travelling verseoas
- when going boraad
- what nsetsaiels they need
- ulfffy towels
- took part in the usvrey
- It doesn't tamter where I am
- Another person odwrened why
- the tluucre we are visiting
- It's really teersiitng to see
- people dmittaed they pack too much

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. h	4. j	5. b
6. c	7. a	8. i	9. g	10. e

Role Play

Role A – Tea Bags

You think tea bags are the most important things to take on holiday. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a pillow, potato chips or playing cards.

Role B – A Pillow

You think a pillow is the most important thing to take on holiday. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): tea bags, potato chips or playing cards.

Role C – Potato Chips

You think potato chips are the most important things to take on holiday. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a pillow, tea bags or playing cards.

Role D – Playing Cards

You think playing cards are the most important things to take on holiday. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a pillow, potato chips or tea bags.

Speaking – Packing

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things to take on holiday at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- | | |
|------------------|------------|
| • potato chips | • a book |
| • chocolate | • tea bags |
| • playing cards | • a pillow |
| • washing powder | • ketchup |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	F	d	T	e	T	f	T	g	T	h	F
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.