

Question 22

These days, people enjoy a lot of time away from their work and school obligations. Many people use this time to visit new places and learn about them. What do you think is the best way to learn about a place you are visiting for the first time?

- Going to a museum
- Joining a guided tour of popular attractions
- Visiting a popular shopping area
- Talking to a local resident
- Watching a local television station

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. Do not use memorized examples.

Most people agree that it is important to spend our leisure time properly. There is a great debate about as to how to spend our free time. Many people like to stay indoors and relax whereas some may spend their time visiting other places. I personally prefer to join a guided tour of popular attractions. There are several noticeable reasons two of which I will aptly elucidate in the following paragraphs.

The most significant reason is that I want /wish to find out more and more about my country. Tours usually visit beautiful landscapes or ancient places such as buildings. Most of these places which contain fascinating anecdotes and interesting stories. My own experience demonstrates this concept. When I visited Naqshe Jahan Square in Isfahan, I learned a lot about past rulers of Iran like what kind of weapons they had or what kind of plates they used to eat. If I had not visited this venue/Naqshe Jahan, I would have missed such valuable information about my country's history which I really like to read about.

Another equally noteworthy point supporting my choice is that these tours provide a great chance to meet new people. Visitors can socialize on the way to their destination in the tour's vehicle and on the site they are visiting. My friend's story is a compelling example of this. Three years ago, he joined a tour to travel to Rasht, a city in the northern parts of Iran, and the tour's vehicle was an old bus. It takes so much time to get to Rasht by bus and it is a six-hour ride. So eventually, he started talking to a girl who was sitting next to him. They got along really well and stayed in touch after the tour. Now they are engaged and they are getting married next month. This example demonstrates how these tours can help people find new friends and partners.

All in all, I personally prefer to go on a guided tour because I can obtain important information about my country's past. Furthermore, these tours are great opportunities to meet new people and make new friends.

Questions:

1-It takes so much time to get to Rasht by bus and it is a six-hour. (Hyphen needed or not???)

2- So eventually, he started talking to a girl who was sitting next to him. (Or the girl sitting next to him???)

3- Furthermore, these tours are great opportunities to meet new people and make new friends. (Or to meet new people and to make new friends?)