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### Summer in Britain

### 英国夏季的节日和活动

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#### Vocabulary: tourism 词汇: 旅游

Britain is on the go-to list for tourists worldwide but, with the value of the pound reaching historic lows after the **Brexit** vote, a visit has become more **timely**.

The summer is a great time to be in Britain. **The British Museum**, the Natural History Museum, the Tate Gallery are all a **must-see** for everybody who comes to the country, but there's also a lot of interesting things to do for those who love the **outdoors**.



The Notting Hill Carnival started in 1964

**The Notting Hill Carnival** changes the face of the famous London borough in the last weekend of August. It's the largest **street festival** in Europe. First held in 1964, it's a celebration of **Caribbean** culture but now includes Brazilians, Africans, Europeans and anybody else who likes to dress colourfully and feels the **urge** to dance to the sound of a beat.

With its **popularity** growing it's estimated that 50,000 performers will take part in the parade, attracting more than 1 million people over the weekend.

Outside the capital there's also plenty to do. Early in August there's the **Robin Hood Festival** in Sherwood Forest Country Park, Nottinghamshire. The legendary characters of books and movies – Robin Hood and the evil Sheriff of Nottingham - can be found there amid **jousting tournaments** and **comedy acts**. For those into nature, there's always the forest to enjoy.

In mid-August, in Bristol, a city about 200km from London, the sky is filled with colour during its annual **balloon** fiesta. If the weather is good, more than 100 hot air balloons rise up from the Fiesta's site in Ashton Court.

Britain is full of traditions and sometimes just stopping at a **country pub** for a beer or having **cream tea** in a small tea room can make a moment special. Just be careful where you end up, though. **Coaches** full of **sightseers** went to the small village of Kiddlington early this month. As the visitors were taking pictures of the houses and entering private gardens, the **locals** were taking pictures of them. To this day, nobody knows what the tourists were doing there. Always be sure where you are, and learn enough English to ask for directions. Have a nice holiday!

## 词汇表

<b>Brexit</b>	英国脱离欧盟
<b>timely</b>	适时的
<b>The British museum</b>	大英博物馆
<b>must-see</b>	必须要看的
<b>outdoors</b>	户外, 野外
<b>The Notting Hill Carnival</b>	诺丁山狂欢节
<b>street festival</b>	街头庆祝活动
<b>Caribbean</b>	加勒比地区的
<b>urge</b>	欲望, 冲动
<b>popularity</b>	受欢迎程度, 人气
<b>Robin Hood Festival</b>	罗宾汉节
<b>jousting tournament</b>	马上长矛比武赛
<b>comedy act</b>	喜剧表演
<b>balloon</b>	气球
<b>country pub</b>	乡村酒吧
<b>cream tea</b>	奶油茶点
<b>coach</b>	长途客车
<b>sightseer</b>	观光客, 游客
<b>local</b>	当地居民

## 测验与练习

### 1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. What makes this summer better for travelling to Britain?
2. What kind of event happens in Notting Hill in August?
3. Where do you go to see performers telling jokes?
4. Where do you go if you want to see England's green and pleasant land from above?
5. Which noun in the article refers to music?

### 2. 请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. It's hot and I'm thirsty. Let's go to a \_\_\_\_\_!

street festival	parade	pub	borough
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2. If you go to New York, the Empire State Building is \_\_\_\_\_.

a must-see	go-to	outdoors	a parade
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3. The mayor was sure the new suspension bridge would attract many \_\_\_\_\_ from different countries.

locals	sightseers	performers	legendary characters
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4. Manchester is a bustling city. There's \_\_\_\_\_ to do there.

nothing	many	anything	plenty
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5. If you are \_\_\_\_\_ shopping, you can't miss the high-street sales.

outside	into	outdoors	up
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## 答案

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1. What makes this summer better for travelling to Britain?  
**Not only the attractions but also the cheap pound, which is making travelling less expensive.**
2. What kind of event happens in Notting Hill in August?  
**A street party known as 'the Notting Hill Carnival'.**
3. Where do you go to see performers telling jokes?  
**There are comedy acts in the Robin Hood Festival, in Sherwood Forest Country Park.**
4. Where do you go if you want to see England's green and pleasant land from above?  
**You go to the balloon fiesta in Bristol.**
5. Which noun in the article refers to music?  
**'Beat' - it's a reference to the rhythm in music.**

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2. If you go to New York, the Empire State Building is a **must-see**.
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4. Manchester is a bustling city. There's **plenty** to do there.
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