

Travel Questionnaire Results 2025

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey and for your input which is very much appreciated. 152 people or 30% of U3A members replied to the survey, 57% of those members had been on a Travel outing, whilst 43% hadn't, and 27% had been on a Travel Group holiday compared to 73% who hadn't.

For day trips historic buildings were the most popular place to visit. Historic houses came second and coach trips to places of interest came third. The Travel team provides trips to these places already and has also planned coach trips this year too. The mornings after 9.00am and 10.00am are the most popular start times. Members would also like day trips at the weekends, with Saturday more popular than Sunday, and this is being considered by the Travel Committee.

When asked what other day trips the Travel team could include, the seaside came out as the top destination. Gardens were also popular, but there is a Garden Group which organises trips to gardens. The Travel Group doesn't cover other Group's subjects.

For day trips £20 to £30 was the most popular price to pay. The Travel Group's average price is £20 for trips. For 65% of people price does not affect them coming on trips..

For holidays in Britain the most popular price was £600-£700, then £700-£800. Every hotel charges a single room supplement (which can be substantial), so if members are willing to share a room it will reduce the cost. For holidays abroad the most popular price was £1,000-£2,000, then £2,000-£3,000.

Members suggested plenty of places to go on holiday in Britain including Wales, Cornwall, Yorkshire or anywhere. The most popular things to do on holiday, in order of preference, were walking, sightseeing, historic buildings, museums, historic houses and wildlife and scenery.

56% of people would like to holiday abroad compared to 44% who don't. Europe and Scandinavia were the places most people wanted to visit. Of the people who answered the question 34% of people would like to go on a cruise compared to 21.5% who don't.

There were several comments about the booking system. Bookings are taken once the Travel Bulletin is published. This is posted to those people who do not have a computer and emailed to those who do, two weeks before the monthly meeting. The Travel Bulletin is produced to ensure that all members have the same opportunity to book for an outing even if they cannot attend the monthly meeting.

When the Travel Bulletin is received, if you want to book an outing, please return the fully completed booking form as soon as possible, indicating the method of payment,

to the organiser of the outing. Members can also book in person to go on an outing at the Monthly Meeting.

Please be aware that the venues dictate the maximum group number. We tend to take groups of 20-25 people on outings but sometimes we can only take fewer people. We operate a waiting list for cancellations. If an outing is oversubscribed, we can book a second visit if there are sufficient members on the waiting list.

Travel Committee