

ACTIVITY B2 M1 051

Read the text below and choose the best option (A, B, or C) for items 1-5.

1. Which section mentions a cheap place to stay in October?
 - A. Dalmatian Coast, Croatia.
 - B. Reclining, Mykonos.
 - C. Island hopping, The Aeolians.
2. Which section mentions an activity holiday?
 - A. Dalmatian Coast, Croatia.
 - B. Reclining, Mykonos.
 - C. Shopping, St Tropez.
3. Which section mentions a particular restaurant?
 - A. Reclining, Mykonos.
 - B. Island hopping, The Aeolians.
 - C. Shopping, St Tropez.
4. Which section mentions a place that is too hot in the summer?
 - A. Dalmatian Coast, Croatia.
 - B. Reclining, Mykonos.
 - C. Shopping, St Tropez.
5. Which section mentions a place that has no cars?
 - A. Dalmatian Coast, Croatia.
 - B. Island hopping, The Aeolians.
 - C. Shopping, St Tropez.

Dalmatian Coast, Croatia

Yachts are expensive and environmentally unfriendly - the new eco-chic way to explore the Dalmatian coast is from your own sea kayak. Dubrovnik's medieval walls and the lovely harbours and deserted beaches of the Elafiti Islands are best viewed from a canoe. The temperature is far too high to be comfortable in the peak season, so you need to wait until it drops but the sea is still warm. Dubrovnik-based Adria Adventure offers sea kayak tours, and the Hotel Bellevue is the ideal place to stay in Dubrovnik.

***Reclining, Mykonos***

Mykonos is back in fashion, but the notorious meltemi winds can be a real problem in high summer. Later in the season, they are much calmer and you can spend your time lying on the beach without being blasted by the sand. The best address is the Hotel Belvedere, but the best bargain is the Mykonos Grace, which is good value in September, but even better a month later.

Island hopping, The Aeolians

Sicily's magnificent seven islands regularly attract Oscar-winners like Robert de Niro and Russel Crowe, and are also Hollywood stars in their own right. Salina was the location for *Il Postino*, while Stromboli was chosen for Roberto Rossellini's classic. September is the time to go island-hopping without the crowds, as the ferry companies are still operating and the tourists have gone. Don't miss Panarea, where the only way of getting around is on foot, and make sure you include Salina, the greenest island in the chain.

Shopping, St Tropez

St Tropez is a nightmare in high season, but come the end of August, it soon returns to being the chic French Provencal fishing town of 1960s legend.

You can wander through its narrow streets in peace and drop into its fashionable boutiques without the crowds. It's also much easier to get a meal at glamorous places such as Alain Ducasse's spoon, or to drop into bars like Nikki Beach for a drink. The best places to stay are the elegant La Ponche Hotel or Le Beauvallon, a 10 minute boat ride across the bay in St Maxime.

ANSWER KEY

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. A
5. B