

# Ecotourism



## This week...

Scott is taking some time off work next month and he is asking Tina to go away with him on an ecotourism adventure.

## Lesson Targets

- Ecotourism destinations
- Ecotourism activities

## Daily English Conversation

**Basic Class**

## Warm Up – Topic Question



Do you like spending time in nature?

# Picture Description

Where are those people in the canoes going?



A

What time of the day is it?

B



\*Create a short story using the following format

- 1. Who
- 2. Where
- 3. When
- 4. What's happening?

\*Create a simple sentence using these words.

1. trip
2. interested
3. swim
4. ferry
5. adventure

I want to go on a **trip** to Aomori Prefecture next month.



1. I'm thinking of going camping next month.
2. I'm interested in Japanese history lately.
3. I heard you can see a beautiful waterfall there.
4. The only way to get there is to take a train.



- Words
- Phrases

**Scott** I'm thinking of going away for a trip next month.

**Tina** Where are you thinking of going?

**Scott** I am interested in ecotourism lately, so I was thinking of going to Chichijima in the Ogasawara Islands.

**Tina** I heard you can swim with dolphins there.

**Scott** I have swum with dolphins in Australia, but it would be fun to do it in Japan.

**Tina** Do you know how to get to Chichijima?

**Scott** The only way to get there is to take a ferry. It takes about 24 hours.

**Tina** That sounds like a nice adventure. I am going to take some time off work and come with you.

**Scott** Great!



Let's create sentences using your own words!

1. I'm thinking of going .....
2. I am interested in ..... lately.
3. I heard you can .....
4. The only way to get there is to .....

## Correct Responses

1. *Where are you thinking of going on your trip?*

A: I thinking of going camping.

B: I want to spent time in nature.

C: I am thinking of visiting an island.

2. *I heard you can go scuba diving there.*

A: Great. I have never done that, but I want to tried.

B: Really? I love scuba diving.

C: I hear that, too.

3. *I am going to take some time off and come with you.*

A: That's great. I look forward to traveling with you.

B: It would be nice if you are able to took some time off.

C: I want to came with you, too.

4. *It takes about 24 hours to get there by ferry.*

A: That sounds like it was a nice adventure.

B: That is a very long trip.

C: That tooks a very long time.



# Role Play – Ecotourism

Student A and Student B are talking about some ecotourism destinations they would like to go to. They are also talking about some activities they can do.



**A:** I am interested in ecotourism lately.

**B:** Do you know any good ecotourism destinations in Japan?

**A:** Yes. I know **Destination**.

Continue the conversation using the **Key Phrases** and the **Destination/Activities** from below.

## Key Phrases

- What can you do there?
- Do you know how to get to ....?
- What else can you do there?
- That sounds like a nice adventure!
- I heard you can .... there.
- We have to take the ....
- Let's go there for a few days.
- *Other*

## Destinations/Activities

- **Ogasawara Islands** – You can swim with dolphins. You can also go whale watching
- **Okinawa** – You can go scuba diving and snorkeling.
- **Tone River** – You can go rafting and kayaking.
- **Yakushima Island** – You can go on forest and mountain walks.



- Do you prefer to spend time in cities or nature when you go on a trip?
- What ecotourism activities would you like to try?
- Can you think of any ecotourism areas in Japan?

- adventure - *I want to go on an **adventure**.*
- depart - *What time does the train **depart**?*
- ferry - *We can only get there by **ferry**.*
- interested - *I'm **interested** in protecting the environment.*
- lately - *Have you been to any good places **lately**?*
- nature - *This place has so much beautiful **nature**.*
- takes - *It **takes** about three hours to get there.*
- waterfall - *I really enjoy going to see **waterfalls**.*