

Euro Rail “à la carte”

You are boarding the “Deer Valley Express” train for a week-long ride from Lisbon to Moscow. You are travelling in a couchette compartment, which you have to share with three other people. With which of the following passengers would you prefer to share?

1. A Serbian soldier from Bosnia.
2. An overweight Swiss financial broker.
3. An Italian disc-jockey who seems to have plenty of dollars.
4. An African woman selling leather products.
5. A young artist who is HIV positive.
6. A Roma man (Gypsy or traveller) from Hungary just released from jail.
7. A German rapper living a very alternative life-style.
8. A blind accordion player from Austria.
9. An Ukrainian student who doesn't want to go home.
10. A middle-aged Romanian woman who has no visa and a 1-year old child in her arms
11. A wrestler from Belfast apparently going to a football match.
12. A Polish prostitute from Berlin.
13. A French farmer
14. A Kurdish refugee living in Germany who is on his way back from Libya.

Instructions

1. Individually select your three first choices of the people you would most like to travel with and the three you would least like to travel with. You have 5 minutes to do this.
2. In group, share your choices of the 3 best and the 3 worst companions, and discuss the reasons which led to your decisions. Then try to come to a consensus on a common list of the three most favoured and the three least favoured companions.