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### How to Make the Most of Your Time While on Holiday

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Holidays are precious times for escaping our daily routines and exploring new places. But it's easy to come home from a trip feeling you didn't make the most of your break. With some advance planning and a focus on meaningful experiences, you can ensure you get the maximum enjoyment and enrichment from your holiday time. Follow these tips to come home feeling refreshed, inspired and recharged.

## Plan Ahead for Your Holiday

The key to maximising your holiday time is planning ahead. Before you go, spend some time researching your destination and make a list of the top things you want to see and do. Look at opening times for major attractions and work out an itinerary that allows you to fit in your must-see sights. Booking tickets for big attractions in advance will also save you time queuing when you're there. Packing strategically can also help – make sure you have comfortable shoes and clothing suitable for the activities on your itinerary. And pack some Lift Glucose Activ **Energy Boost** for when you need a pick-me-up between attractions.

#### Be Flexible

While advance planning is useful, don't be afraid to be spontaneous and go with the flow when you're actually on holiday. Talk to locals and fellow travellers for insider tips on hidden gems or events worth checking out. Allow time each day for wandering around and discovering things unplanned. Build in some spare time each day that can be used for either relaxing or doing an activity that takes your fancy at the last minute. Remaining flexible means you can take advantage of unexpected opportunities that enhance your trip.

## Focus on Holiday Experiences

Holidays are a time to step out of your daily routine and **create memorable experiences**. Don't just aimlessly wander around ticking off a list of sights – take time to really immerse yourself in the local culture. Join a walking tour to hear fascinating stories from an expert guide. Take a cooking class to learn about local cuisine. Seek out festivals or community events that offer insight into traditional customs and ways of life. Trying new foods, learning local skills and connecting with local people will make your holiday time more meaningful.

#### **Look After Yourself**

It can be tempting to pack your holiday schedule full of non-stop activities and late nights. But this can easily lead to burnout, leaving you needing a holiday after your holiday! Be sure to build in ample time for relaxation. Don't feel like you have to be on the go from morning to night. Take a lazy afternoon to lounge by the pool or beach with a good book. Have an early night every few days to catch up on sleep. Stay hydrated and fuel your body with healthy food to keep your energy up. Looking after yourself will help you get the most out of your precious holiday time.

#### **Disconnect from Devices**

It's easy to let screens suck away huge chunks of holiday time. Be disciplined about **limiting time on your phone** checking emails and social media. Disable notifications so you're not constantly interrupted.

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