

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 09: I have been to Rome
レッスン 09: ローマに行ったことがあります

Target: Talking about experiences using the present perfect tense
 目的: 現在完了形を使って、体験した事について話しましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• mind boggling	信じられないような	• breathtaking	息をのむような
• to die for	非常に素晴らしい	• hike up	ハイキングで上る
• by far	間違いなく	• architecture	建築
• pleasantly	愉快地に	• dine on...	晚餐に～を食べる
• go for	売られている	• backpack	バックパックで旅行する
• steer clear of...	～を避ける	• alcohol content	アルコール度
• meditating	めい想している	• a monk	修道士
• the Forbidden City	〔北京の〕紫禁城	• fine cuisine	洗練された料理
• moreover	さらに	• tops	最高の

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I love food and I love to travel. I have experienced so many things in the past few years while being overseas that I can't even begin to count them all. Just the sheer variety of food I've had is mind boggling. Where should I start?

I have eaten a ton of different food here in Asia and almost everything has been to die for. By far my favorite is the takoyaki in Osaka. I've even tried raw whale and horse meat which I must say were both pleasantly delicious. However, at the rate they usually go for in restaurants I don't typically order them. They can be quite expensive! Also, I steered clear of the blowfish as I'm not that adventurous.

I've drunk many, many different kinds of beer. I've probably drunk over 100 different types. I've drunk frozen beer in Tokyo, a beer with a 52% alcohol content in Scotland, and I've even drunk a beer I made myself. It wasn't very good through.

I've traveled through China, South Korea, Southeast Asia and Japan. I've ridden an elephant in Thailand, watched meditating monks in South Korea, seen the Forbidden City in Beijing and stayed at a hot springs resort in Fukuoka. Moreover, I've even hiked up Mt. Fuji in the summertime which had some of the most breathtaking views I've ever seen.

I've also spent some time in Australia. I had lots of great experiences there. I've climbed the Sydney Harbor Bridge. I've seen Sydney Tower and the Opera House. I've swum with lots of different fish at the Great Barrier Reef. I've climbed Uluru, also known as Ayer's Rock. I've taken part in some different festivals and parades, and I've even met the prime minister. I can't remember his name, though.

There's still so much that I want to do. I really want to backpack through Europe and experience all there is to see and do there. I've never driven on the Autobahn, but it's tops on my "to do" list. Rome is famous for its architecture and history, but Paris is where I really want to go to dine on all the fine cuisine. There is truly nothing like the bread and cheese in France.

I really should start planning my next big trip soon.

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Answer the questions below

- Has he eaten a ton of different food in Asia?
- Has he tried raw whale?
- How many different kinds of beer has he probably drunk?
- What countries has he travelled through?
- What different things has he climbed?
- Has he ever met the prime minister of Australia?
- What's something he has never done, but would like to?
- How many examples of "present perfect" can you find?

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