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Dear John,

~~I know~~ Ireland is a wonderful place: You did ~~not~~ a wonderful thing choosing Dublin as a holiday destination. You will not regret it one bit.

~~Don't worry about the~~ The scenery is there is like a picture frame of lush ~~see~~ hills and ~~see~~ beautiful landscape come to life. The ~~see~~ steep cliffsides and contrast of rolling meadows and ~~see~~ serene green grass is an ~~relaxant~~ ~~relaxant~~ ~~entire~~ of relaxation for the soul. ~~For~~ This getaway would be more than just a vacation for the sights and experiences that Ireland has to offer it would be a nice change of pace from the stress you under

-take daily. A fitting experience for you would be to attend St. Patrick's day while you there. The clean ^{drab} and uniform streets of Dublin become ~~as~~ awash with colors, ~~from~~ the city switches gears from a mechanical ^{clockwork} city to a fairytale.

Drinking, singing and dancing dominates the cityscape. The ~~parades~~ with floats of Leprechauns and other celebratory figures run throughout the streets. The people, who are normally quite cheerful and friendly ~~become~~ go into a jovial frenzy, enjoying the day to the utmost socializing with strangers and trying every possible avenue to enjoy themselves.

Ireland does ~~not~~ get negative publicity for being a boring country, drab scenery, ~~boring~~ ~~or~~ boorish city life and what-not. It is true that the heart of the ~~entire~~ city itself is quite industrial but in all honesty the peaceful city center is a nice change of place.

My tip? Grab a cup of coffee and sit in the park ~~and~~ contemplating life. ~~Also~~ Have an amazing time John. Don't forget to send pictures.

Yours sincerely

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Dear John,

How are you? Fine, I hope? I am doing well but a little bit under the weather. Nothing too serious.

Listen, I heard you plan to go abroad this year. I understand that it can be a bit difficult for you (even nerve-racking for that matter) but its

nothing, really, to be afraid of. We were all 'first-timers' ^{once} in our life ~~once~~ and, honestly, most of us were too distracted enjoying ourselves to be actually afraid of it! Think of it like your first time going to school. The ~~minute~~ fear stops gnawing within you the ~~minute~~ ^{moment} you start making friends.

Anyway, if you're still scared, here's a few tips and tricks I picked up during a few of my 'foreign endeavours':

1. Try to steer clear from ~~be~~ a back seat. More often than not, you'll end up being the last to leave which can easily translate to a few more hours waiting at the immigration hall. Do yourself, and your legs, a huge favour.

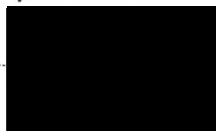
2. Most airports have their own taxi terminals. Use these instead of shady cabbies that might offer cheaper rates. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

3. Try to avoid sleeping—succumbing to the jet lag. Chances are, if you're able to adjust early on, you can enjoy the nightlife of your destination.

while still ^{being able to get} ~~getting~~ a good night's sleep.

Anyway, other than this, try to visit the tourist destinations of your country when you can. Take a break the following day (so as to not exert yourself too much) before resuming your adventures once more. Oh, and don't fret too much about the language barrier. I have ~~that~~ often found that a puzzled look, followed by a warm smile, can often do wonders in this world!

Your Friend,



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Dear Imran,

It's very good to hear that you are going abroad for the first time and I know you are very excited. New York is a great city, at least I've enjoyed it a lot.

New York is not only about Time Square, there's Empire State buildings, the fast city life and more. What has been most mesmerizing to me was standing at the top of Empire State building and watching the

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sunset as skyscrapers raced to beat ~~you~~ me but I was still standing firm at the top clenching the railings. The experience at New York was unique. You can ~~go~~ also visit the country sides and be lost in the nature ~~and~~ imagining the humming of bees and butterflies sweeping by, but New York city is a place where you enjoy the city life.

Do you remember John? You can stay at his apartment if you want. The last time I went to New York I stayed with him.

The city is ~~for~~ bulging with enormous buildings stand like they have emerged from the ground, and people ~~at~~ walking down the footpath attending to their own busy life careless of what others think. It was disappointing to realise ~~so~~ how fast life was here.

Chill! There are a lot, hundreds of things that you can enjoy. I can guarantee ~~and~~ that every once in a while you will find yourself in a place which will be vaguely familiar. Don't panic. Most of New York, especially Manhattan, ~~and~~ are filmed in most movies. I found it really funny. One thing I really liked were the street coffee!

I mean, I had coffee a lot but those street coffees ~~felt nice~~ tasted good. Put ~~this~~ this in your 'to do' list! My recommendation, there are many malls and parks and other places to visit such as the ~~measiam~~ museums and the cinema. Don't take taxis much, walk throughout the city. You will see many interesting thing such as the "Walk / Don't walk" Signs that we always see in movies. If you have the time, talk to different people. New York city is full of people from different countries who ^{go there} ~~come here~~ for differ purposes. I'm sure you are going to love the city. The night life there is amazing! so ~~color~~ vibrant and colourful. You can go to the bars too!

It's going to be a great trip believe me. People who like to travel always have New York at the top of their 'places to visit' list. And I mean, Don't forget to bring chocolates for me!

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Dear, Rahim

It's been a nice pleasure to hear about that you are going to UK. I also knew that it was your first time in travelling to abroad. I had been there for the first time three years to study in South Wales. So I prefer some information of the place where are you going and it will help you a lot there.

So, you decided to travel to London. If this so, the people in their citizen is so strong and there each and every rule should be maintained. Not so Bangladesh like there. There, each and every place is neat and clean and if you fell any dust on the

ground, you should be fined upto 10 to 20 pounds. Their the nature, the trees, the flowers, the birds looks so beautiful that you are like in the heaven. Their food is pure and full fresh. In Bangladesh, every food is not good. But I can guarantee to you about the food there that even green vegetables and fruits are fresh with no formalin like Bangladesh. There are many beautiful parks, amuzement parks, cinema hall and many entertainment places.

There the police forces and night guards are friendly with each good person but if you broke the law, you will be taken to jail. The laws in there is very strict. If you overdrive cars in the night, the police force will arrest you. There, the houses like bungalow, is amazing, beautiful! Though I had been living there for three years for studying, I knew how will be the houses there. At night the whole street becomes silent and there are many horror stories in the street. I heard some of them.

But the crime is greater than Bangladesh. There, in day, in a narrow street, every time I saw they are fighting and firing. OHH! Its so ridiculous. I have never see this like in Bangladesh.

As well as, I am telling you, each country have a good and bad things. We have to live between these things. We have to survive for food, for education, for our future. Thank you.

Your best friend,

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