



Unit 21 Planning a trip

Task 08 The best option

Announcer: Listen to the conversation and find out what Anna's boss decides.

- Anna: Hi Melanie, I've just finished finding some options for flights and hotels. First of all, I think we should book Flight 7742 with Austrian Airlines. It leaves in the morning and it's a direct flight which takes about 10 hours. However, it's not the cheapest option.
- Melanie: How long do the cheaper flights take?
- Anna: Around 13-16 hours with stops in Frankfurt or London.
- Melanie: Okay (*hesitating*) ... Well, I think you're right about the direct flight being the best option.
- Anna: Great, ... then there's the hotel: Only a few of the hotels had four rooms available that suit our needs, with these three seeming like they could be good options ... but one of them is a little bit pricier.
- Melanie: Ok, so start with the most expensive hotel.
- Anna: The Marigold Hotel has a four-star rating, it's located right across from a subway station and has its own Indian restaurant on-site, but it's uptown on the east side of Manhattan. We'd need about 40 minutes to get to the convention center.
- Melanie: I don't think that'll work for us, it's too far away.
- Anna: Ok. So the other two choices are the Ideal Inn and Purcell Street Hotel. Purcell Street is an old hotel from the 1940s and it's only \$130 per night for a single room and breakfast is included as well. It's a ten-minute walk from the subway. There's an American restaurant on the top floor with nice views of the city. The only thing is ... some guests reported that the rooms were a bit dirty.
- Melanie: That could work, but tell me about the last choice.
- Anna: Ideal Inn is actually very close to the convention center. We could either walk 20 minutes or take a shuttle bus that brings us there in 10 minutes. It's a brand new business hotel that opened last year. It's \$140 a night for a double room, but breakfast is not included and there are few facilities.
- Melanie: So ... no restaurant?
- Anna: No, but the neighbourhood restaurants offer a lot of choices for food.
- Melanie: Hmm ... no restaurant ... but Ideal Inn sounds perfect. It's actually a little cheaper than Purcell Street and it seems very convenient. Let's stay there.
- Anna: Great, I'll complete the booking, then.
- Melanie: Your next task will be to look for a great restaurant for us to have dinner at, on Thursday night.
- Anna: Cool! I'm really excited about doing a bit more research on New York City!