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Ancestry travel

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Vocabulary: family trees & holidays 词汇: 家谱和假期

Everyone loves a holiday! A little **time off** for some much-needed **R & R** can be exactly the thing to **rejuvenate** and **refresh**. That said, if you're struggling to think of your next **destination** then look no further. Don't waste time debating, let your **blood** decide.

Everybody has a **lineage**. Recently, finding out more about our family origins has become popular. By the start of 2019, 26 million people had taken an **ancestry** DNA test at home, according to a report by MIT Technology Review. They believe by 2021 this number will have risen to 100 million.

This trend has been noticed by opportunistic **travel operators**. Some are looking to provide a service that both allows people to trace their **heritage** - by literally going back to their **roots** - and travel to the destinations where their ancestors **originated** from.

Airbnb, an online lodging marketplace, recently partnered with 23andMe, a DNA testing and analysis company, to offer recommendations that encourage travellers to **walk in the footsteps** of their **forefathers**. And they aren't the only ones.

The Shelbourne hotel in Dublin has its own '**genealogy** butler'. Hellen Kelly offers consultations to help guests **trace** their Irish **line of descent** using official records. This allows them to '**fill in the blanks** of their Irish ancestry', she told Good Morning America.

The Conte Club, a luxury travel company, offers custom **itineraries** based on DNA tests. 'These experiences are about **delving** deeper into who we really are,' says Conte Club CEO Rebecca Fielding in an article in the Condé Nast Traveller. 'It might be the most meaningful trip we can take.'

So next time you think of going on vacation, why not take a DNA test first? Once you know how far your family has come, take the time to holiday back.

词汇表

time off	休息, 休假
R & R	休息放松 (rest and relaxation 的缩写)
rejuvenate	使人恢复精神、活力
refresh	使人恢复, 消除疲劳
destination	目的地
blood	血液
lineage	血统, 世系
ancestry	祖先
travel operator	旅行社
heritage	遗产
roots	根
originate	始于, 来自
walk in the footsteps	追随……脚步
forefathers	祖先
genealogy	家谱学, 家系
trace	查明……源头, 追溯
line of descent	同一血统的后代
fill in the blanks	填补空白
itinerary	旅程, 旅行计划
delve	探索

测验与练习

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3. What is Hellen Kelly's official title at the Shelbourne hotel?
4. What does a consultation with Hellen Kelly allow guests to do?
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time of	R & R	blood	trip
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2. "Let's go! We have a very full _____ and we can't be late," said the tour guide.

destination	heritage	itinerary	trip
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3. Latin is part of many European languages' common _____.

blood	heritage	trace	blanks
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4. I wonder how many families can _____ their family line back 1000 years.

rejuvenate	refresh	originate	trace
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blood	roots	forefathers	descent
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答案

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