History of Seaside Holidays

The First Seaside Holidays

Seaside holidays first started in Britain during the 1700s. At this time, it was only the rich people who went to the seaside. Very rich people often owned a second home at the seaside. The first British seaside town was in Scarborough.

Changes to Seaside Holidays

Seaside holidays have changed lots over the years. They started to become more popular with people who were not so rich after the invention of the railway in the 1840s. More hotels were built for people to stay in and the beach became a well-liked place. Victorian people did not like to show their bodies, so little huts called bathing machines were available.

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A Comparison: Then and Now

	Then	Now
Travel	People went by train to the seaside.	People usually go by car to the seaside.
Food	People liked to eat fish and chips. Ice cream was also popular.	People like to eat fish and chips. Ice cream vans are still seen by the beach.
Activities	People liked to have a donkey ride on the beach, or walk on the promenade to listen to a band.	People still enjoy donkey rides on the beach. They also like to go to the funfair or play on the arcade machines.
Clothing	People did not like to show their skin. They often went into the sea fully-clothed.	People wear shorts, costumes or bikinis in the water. Some people wear wetsuits to protect themselves from the sun.