



### Segment 2 (Units 1–4)

#### *Around the world on a dollar*

Genre: Travel program

Viewing Time: 3:25

#### Background Information

Travel programs have been popular on TV for many years. They give a glimpse of places around the world, pointing out famous sites and natural wonders. The title of the show suggests that it will offer tips on how to save money when traveling to these places. Many large cities have tall buildings with observation areas from which a large area of the city can be viewed. The London Eye is an observation wheel, similar to a Ferris wheel at a carnival or fair. Tourists ride in capsules and view the city of London as the wheel turns them around.

#### Language Notes

*Must-see* is an idiomatic expression in which *must* is used as a noun, here meaning something that is very important to see or visit.

#### Vocabulary for Comprehension

*Preview the vocabulary with your students.*

destination: *the place that someone or something is going to*

double-decker bus: *a bus with two levels, the one on top usually open to the air; used mostly as tour buses*

exotic: *unusual and exciting because of a connection to a foreign country*

fascinating: *extremely interesting, especially because you are learning something new*

fjord: *a long narrow area of sea between high cliffs*

fort: *a strong building or group of buildings used by soldiers or an army for defending an important place*

geyser: *hot water and steam that suddenly rise into the air from a natural hole in the ground*

gorgeous: *very beautiful or pleasant*

holy: *relating to God or religion; very religious and morally pure*

monument: *a building or other large structure that is built to remind people of an important event or famous person*

must-see: *something that you have to, or is very important to, see*

peak: *the pointed top of a mountain, or a mountain with a pointed top*

royal: *relating to or belonging to a king or queen*

stand guard: *to be responsible for guarding (protecting) a person or place for a specific time*

stunning: *extremely attractive or beautiful*  
sun yourself: *to sit or lie outside when the sun is shining*

symbol: *a picture, person, object, etc. that represents a particular quality, idea, organization, etc.*

temple: *a building where people go to worship in some religions*

wildlife: *animals and plants that live in natural conditions*

worship: *to show respect and love for a god, especially by praying in a church, temple, etc.*



### Answer Key

*Previewing* (Answers may vary—as long as they are appropriate guesses, accept them for now.)

1. River Thames, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Red Fort, Taj Mahal, Jama Masjid Mosque, Kaikoura Canyon, Mount Victoria
2. They are in England, India, and New Zealand.
3. They are all English-speaking.
4. It's about visiting three English-speaking countries: England, India, and New Zealand.

### *In-Depth Viewing*

England:

River Thames  
Houses of Parliament  
Big Ben  
Buckingham Palace  
double-decker buses

India:

exotic plants and animals  
Jama Masjid Mosque  
monuments, forts, and temples  
Red Fort  
Taj Mahal  
holy cows and holy men

New Zealand:

Mount Victoria  
sheep  
a powhiri  
whales and seals  
peaks, fjords, and geysers  
Kaikoura Canyon

### Video Script

**Narrator:** Welcome to *Around the World on a Dollar*. I'm your host, Bob Macy. Our program tonight is for those of you who want to travel to countries where you can speak English. Well, there are plenty of fascinating places you can go! For example, I just returned from a tour of England, India, and New Zealand.

My first stop was London, one of the greatest cities in the world. I began my tour at the London Eye, a giant observation wheel located on the South Bank of the River Thames. From here you get a fantastic view of the city.

My next stop was the Houses of Parliament. The British government has met here for more than 700 years! You'll probably recognize Big Ben, one of the best-known symbols of London. Here's an interesting fact: Big Ben isn't the clock tower itself—it's actually one of the bells inside.

Buckingham Palace, the London home of the royal family, is another must-see. And don't forget to take a ride through London's streets on one of its famous double-decker buses—it's a great way to meet friendly Londoners and practice speaking "the Queen's English"!

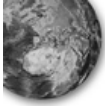
From England, it was on to India. In this huge country, many different Indian languages are spoken, but many people speak English, too.

India is full of impressive monuments, forts, and temples. In Delhi, I saw the gorgeous Red Fort, and then I went to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal. It's one of the most famous monuments in India—and the world.

India is home to many different religions. I went to the Jama Masjid Mosque, which is one of the largest Muslim places of worship in the world. I visited Hindu temples, and I also stepped into a Sikh temple. It was totally fascinating.

One of the most interesting things to do in India is simply to walk the streets. There are holy cows—and holy men—almost everywhere. And the countryside is beautiful, too, home to exotic plants and animals. But best of all are the friendly, warm Indian people.





My final destination was New Zealand. Most people think of sheep when they think of New Zealand, and it's true that many parts of the country are full of them! But there's much more to see in New Zealand—from the stunning peaks and fjords of the South Island, to the geysers of Rotorua on the North Island.

There is also a wide variety of wildlife in New Zealand. For example, in Kaikoura Canyon, on the South Island, I went whale watching and saw families of seals sunning themselves on the rocks. What a sight!

I was fascinated by the culture of the Maori, who were the first people to live on the islands of New Zealand. I went to a "powhiri," which is a welcoming ceremony. The powhiri I attended was held on February 6, Waitangi Day, a national holiday that celebrates the "birth" of the country in 1840.

New Zealand's cities are as beautiful as the countryside. Wellington is the capital city and is built around a beautiful harbor. Nearby, Mount Victoria stands guard.

When we come back, we'll look at the cost-saving websites used to plan this trip. Stay tuned.