Skype interviews

Conducting interviews via Skype offers employers all the advantages of a telephone interview in terms of cost-effectiveness, with the bonus of being able to see the candidate. They are particularly helpful for international recruitment when interviewing the candidate in another country – e.g. for TEFL teachers. Universities often use them when interviewing candidates for postgraduate study and research.

As the candidate, you are likely to find that face-to-face contact with the interviewer helps to make the interview a slightly less unnatural experience. The disadvantage is that you will have to dress as smartly as you would for a real-life interview and it won't be quite as easy to refer to your notes or application form during the interview, although you could have them to hand (out of shot!). You may also be called upon to participate in a Skype interview whilst on holiday. Follow the tips for doing a good video or Skype interview, stay calm and you will be fine.