

TRAVEL FINAL PROJECT

Congratulations! You have just been chosen to get an \$8,000 (imaginary) travel scholarship! The scholarship was created so that YOU can experience new cultures, customs, histories, & standards of living.

You get to pick the destination, but you must fully plan your trip step by step.

The main conditions are this: you must visit another country (you cannot visit anywhere in the United States) and you cannot stay with family or friends abroad. No cruises! No all-inclusive packages! This is the trip of a lifetime!

- Your trip must be booked during the summer break, and must include seven days (**minimum**) in your foreign location.
- You must pay for all expenses with your 8,000 US dollars. You can not go over the amount or your trip will be cancelled (which means you fail the project).
- You can use any resource to help you with your trip planning but you must make sure they are reliable... you DO NOT want to get scammed out of your money! (You must list all sources that you use for planning. No sources = a zero).
- You must research the requirements for international travel. Look to see if the country you choose has requirements for visitors (passports, visas, vaccines). You must list all requirements and add up the cost. Remember, you must pay for these expenses from your \$8,000.

All travel information should be organized into the following sections:

- **Flight** plan and tickets (you must print out and show me a copy of actual flights to your destination). Flights change quickly, print it when you see the one you want!
- **Hotel** information (price per day quote, total price, hotel rating, type of room, check in/out days and times)
- **Transportation** while at destination and price (public transportation, bus, rental car, train, trolley, boat, airplane, bicycle, or walking). Remember you can save money by walking. You must also include rental prices per day and parking expenses.
- You must include a complete **itinerary** for each day you are traveling. This means you must plan each day and include when and where you plan on going. **Each day must have at least two activities: one that relates to the history and one that relates to the culture of the area.** You must also figure in expenses (tickets, museums, souvenirs).
- You must research the native **foods** of your chosen destination and decide where and what you will eat on your trip. Remember to chose wisely and consider your budget, but also sample the native foods!
- You must also research the **climate** and remember to pack appropriately! You must give examples of the yearly climate and the vegetation that is native to your travel destination.
- In order to not offend the locals, you must research local customs, traditions, and holidays.

You have multiple options for the form of your final project. You can turn in a PowerPoint, a Prezi, a travel booklet, a scrapbook, a brochure, a three-fold poster board, or a journal *if you have other ideas, ask me ahead of time so that I can okay them*. Pictures should be included and all parts should be turned in by the assigned date. This project is intended to get y'all thinking about traveling and experiencing the world. **Pick a place that you enjoyed learning about or choose a place that interests you.**

CHECK LIST:

You must include ALL of the following to receive credit for your project.

I do not want you to turn in the following pages stapled together as your final project; doing so will result in a failing grade.

- Flight and hotel(s) with printed quotes that show price
- Transportation at destination
- Itinerary
- Foods and restaurants (with at least three recipes)
- Climate, weather, and vegetation
- Lifestyle and culture (culture, religion, holidays, traditions, etc.)
- Expense log (how you spent your money)
- Requirements for international travel (passport, visa, travel requirements, research to see if you have travel warnings for your destination)
- Work Cited Page
- Pictures and map of travel destination

Helpful websites for planning your trip:

- <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
- <http://finance.yahoo.com/currency?u>
- <http://www.state.gov/> (travel information: Warnings, Passports, and Country Info.)
- <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>
- <http://www.religionfacts.com/>
- <http://www.everyculture.com/>
- <http://www.expedia.com/>

It might be helpful to go sit down at a bookstore or a library and read a travel book on your destination. Travel books will not only inform you about the culture and customs, but will also offer great sight-seeing destinations.

****If you do not want to write everything in this packet you are free to type it up as you work OR take notes on this packet and type everything when you have completed the packet. If you have bad handwriting, I highly suggest you type this packet. You will get full credit for organization if you do.****

HOTEL AND FLIGHT

Destination (may include multiple destinations):

Dates of trip (day you leave Austin and day you return to Austin):

Flight Information (what airport, time, flight duration, layovers, etc):

Hotel Information (hostels, bed and breakfasts, and apartments are great alternatives):

Cost of hotel (nightly and total):

Cost of flight:

Total travel cost:

Websites Used:

****Include your printed quotes from websites that show the price of flights and hotels stapled or glued to the back of this page****

TRANSPORTATION

What types of transportation are available at your destination?

What type of transportation will you use on your trip? Things to consider: bus passes, metro passes, trains, bikes, walking, etc.

If you will be going to different cities, explain how you will get to each city below.

Total cost for transportation: _____

Websites Used: _____

****If your travel time takes longer than six hours, that does not count as one of your seven days in the country (unless you are taking a night train). Your seven days must be seven full days****

DAILY ITINERARY

Your daily itinerary should be somewhat specific. An example **could** be:

“Woke up and ate breakfast at the hotel, then walked from the hotel to the Naschmarkt, where I got a coffee. I took the U-Bahn to the museum area, where I went to the Leopold Museum and the Kunsthalle Wien. I grabbed lunch from a street vendor, and took a bus to the Belvedere, where I spent the rest of my afternoon. For an early dinner, I ate a sandwich from a local bakery. At night, I made my way to the Staatsoper to watch the Vienna Symphony.”

Feel free to be as creative as you want. Write it as a journal entry or as a report.

Day 1: _____

Day 2: _____

Day 3: _____

Day 4: _____

Day 5:

Day 6:

Day 7:

Total cost for 7 days (museums, souvenirs, etc): _____

Websites used: _____

****You must include an itinerary for every day if your trip is longer than seven days****

CLIMATE AND VEGETATION

Climate of destination (apply knowledge of climate regions. Keep in mind: summer in the northern hemisphere is winter in the southern hemisphere):

Types of vegetation (apply knowledge of vegetation regions, use Geo Alive):

What will the weather be for your trip? (www.weather.com)

What clothes would you pack for your trip? Shoes? (Keep in mind: will you be walking a lot?
What kind of streets are there? How do the locals dress?)

Websites Used: _____

LIFESTYLE AND CULTURE

Major Holidays:

Local customs and traditions:

Major religions/forms of worship found at destination:

Clothing rules/restrictions *this is VERY important – you do not want to look like a tourist* (ex – most Europeans rarely wear shorts; you need to wear clothes that cover your legs if you go to Southeast Asia):

Websites used: _____

LANGUAGE

What is the national language of your destination? _____

You should research important phrases in the language of your destination so you will be able to communicate with the locals. List the phrases below in the native language and in English. If your country's main language is English, write down local phrases or slang that they use. Part of fitting into a different culture is understanding and knowing slang.

1. Native phrase:

English phrase:

2. Native phrase:

English phrase:

Websites Used: _____

RESTAURANTS AND FOOD

This can be the most expensive but best part of the trip. As I always say, the best way to experience culture is through food! Research the price of street food/restaurant food and figure out about how much you will plan to spend daily. Don't forget snacks and drinks! While you will probably be eating out for every meal, **you need to look up three restaurants or places that you will eat** and list out the name of the place, how much the food was, and what you ate. It is better for you to **overestimate** the cost of your food than to underestimate it!

Food place #1: Include price, place visited, and what you ate

Food place #2: Include price, place visited, and what you ate

Food place #3: Include price, place visited, and what you ate

Total estimated cost for meals: _____

Total estimated cost for snacks: _____

Total estimated cost for drinks: _____

Total Cost of Food: _____

Websites Used: _____

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

Use the website <http://www.travel.state.gov> to research the following information. Search for your country name and click on the link that includes /content/passports.

Travel requirements (include **visas**, passports, medication, shots, etc):

Are there any travel warnings for your destination?

List three important facts from the "Safety and Security" or "Travel and Transportation" sections of the website and include a contact number to call in case of an emergency.

Total cost for passport and any visas or medicine necessary: _____

EXPENSE LOG

Flight and hotel: _____

Transportation: _____

Restaurants/food: _____

Daily itinerary costs (museums, tours, etc): _____

Travel requirements (passport, visas, medicine): _____

Emergency money fund: _____

Other _____:

Other _____:

Other _____:

Souvenirs: _____

TOTAL SPENT for TRIP: _____

REMEMBER You CANNOT go over 8,000 US dollars for your trip. ***