

Activity:

PLAN A TRIP TO _____



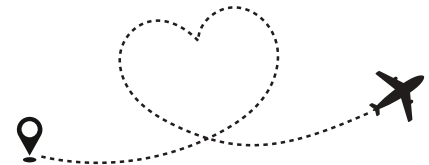
LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

INTRODUCTION:

Yay! You're going on a trip to another country! As you plan your trip, think about the following questions. Discuss possible answers with your partner or group. Record your answers here and be prepared to share with your class, partner, or small group. You can use your Culture Connector magazine and research online to help answer.

MY TRIP PLAN



Why did you choose this country? Or, what sounds interesting about traveling to this country if it was assigned?

Who will travel with you?

When would be the best time to go based on weather, season, etc.?

How will you get there?

What things would you like to do/experience?

What is your budget? Estimate how much money the trip will cost. Set a budget using the attached budget sheet.

Activity:

CURRENCY EXCHANGE



DIRECTIONS:



Fill out the chart below to continue the discussion on foreign currency exchange.

✓ Look at the current foreign currency exchange rate at

<https://www.oanda.com/currency-converter/en/?from=ILS&to=USD&amount=1>

Name of Currency	Symbol	What is the current exchange rate for the currency of the country you are traveling to? This is usually represented in decimal or percentage form.

Choose a few of the bills from the country you plan to visit and calculate how much American money you will get for each. Practice with several denominations

Write the banknote you chose here	Write the U.S dollar amount you chose here	Write how much American money you get for the other country's bill.



Do you believe that the people living in this country like to use U.S. Dollars or their own currency when making purchases? What do you think is the reason behind their preference?

Activity:

MY TRAVEL BUDGET



Your task is to plan a **trip for two** to _____.
You have a budget of **\$7,000** to spend for a **5-night trip**.

Keep this amount in mind as you think through these categories:

- **Transportation:**
How will you get there?
How will you get around once there?
- **Accommodations** (Where will you stay?)
- **Food** (Will you eat out, buy groceries, or both?)
- **Souvenirs** (What will you bring back for friends and family to share the culture?)



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use the sections on the next page to record your expected costs and manage your budget. Remember, your goal is to be at or under **\$7,000**. Can you stay on budget?

2. Make a **pie chart** to see what percent of your budget each category cost. Visit one of these websites to do this:

- https://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/graphing/classic/bar_pie_data.asp?ChartType=pie
- <https://piechartmaker.co/>

3. When you are finished, **discuss** your trip plans with your class.





REFERENCE LIST

Choose the cost from the charts below to help inform your budget decisions.

Region	Avg. Airfare Per Person by Season			
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Africa	\$1,300	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,100
Asia	\$1,800	\$1,900	\$2,200	\$1,700
Central America	\$700	\$400	\$600	\$500
Europe	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$900
Middle East	\$1,200	\$900	\$1,300	\$800
North America	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$400
South America	\$800	\$500	\$900	\$600



Helpful tip:

The prices listed in the chart to the left show how much it will cost for each person to fly so be sure to multiply the ticket cost you choose by 2.

Region	Avg. Hotel Cost Per Night			
	2 ★	3 ★	4 ★	5 ★
Africa	\$75	\$150	\$300	\$400
Asia- China	\$50	\$75	\$150	\$250
Asia- India	\$30	\$50	\$100	\$130
Asia- Other	\$30	\$45	\$100	\$245
Central America	\$40	\$85	\$100	\$175
Europe	\$60	\$120	\$200	\$250
Middle East	\$50	\$100	\$200	\$400
North America	\$85	\$125	\$200	\$400
South America	\$40	\$53	\$100	\$175



Helpful tip:

The lodging costs in the chart to the left shows how much it will cost each night you stay in the hotel so be sure to multiply the cost by the correct number of nights.



Helpful tip:

Hotels are often rated using a system of stars, typically ranging from 1 to 5. The more stars a hotel has, the fancier and more comfortable it tends to be.



REFERENCE LIST

Choose the cost from the charts below to help inform your budget decisions.

Region	Avg. Transportation Cost		
	Bus Per Ride	Taxi (per 2 miles)	Rental Car (for 5 days)
Africa	\$0.90	\$3	\$400
Asia	\$1	\$3	\$550
Central America	\$1	\$4	\$600
Europe	\$1	\$8	\$250
Middle East	\$1	\$4	\$500
North America	\$1	\$6	\$700
South America	\$0.50	\$3	\$350



Helpful tip:

If you choose the bus or taxi option you will need to estimate how many rides you might take to come up with a total estimate to use for your budget. Don't forget to save a little bit of money for gas if you choose the rental car option.

Region	Avg. Meal Cost Per Meal		
	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Africa	\$3 - \$10	\$5 - \$15	\$10 - \$25
Asia	\$2 - \$8	\$4 - \$12	\$8 - \$20
Central America	\$3 - \$8	\$5 - \$12	\$10 - \$20
Europe	\$5 - \$15	\$10 - \$20	\$15 - \$30
Middle East	\$5 - \$15	\$8 - \$18	\$15 - \$35
North America	\$5 - \$15	\$10 - \$20	\$15 - \$30
South America	\$3 - \$10	\$6 - \$15	\$10 - \$25



Helpful tip:

If you choose to eat out every meal you can decide if you want to spend more or less per meal – pick a dollar amount in the range provided. Don't forget to multiply it by each person eating.

REFERENCE LIST

Here's a rough estimate of the average cost of the TOP 8 FUN ACTIVITIES a tourist might want to do in various regions.



AFRICA

Activity	Average Cost
Safari (per day)	\$100 - \$600
Visit to historic sites	\$5 - \$20
Beach activities (per day)	\$10 - \$30
Cultural tours	\$10 - \$50
Local food and dining	\$5 - \$20
Guided hikes/treks	\$20 - \$100
Wildlife reserves entrance fee	\$10 - \$50
Water sports (per hour)	\$20 - \$50

ASIA

Activity	Average Cost
Visit to temples and monuments	\$2 - \$10
Street food and local dining	\$2 - \$10
Shopping (per item)	\$5 - \$50
Cultural performances/shows	\$10 - \$30
Scenic hikes/treks	\$10 - \$30
Water activities (per hour)	\$10 - \$50
Cooking classes	\$20 - \$50
Guided tours	\$10 - \$40

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CENTRAL AMERICA

Activity	Average Cost
Mayan ruins entrance fee	\$10 - \$20
Zip-lining	\$40 - \$80
Surfing lessons	\$20 - \$50
Jungle tours	\$40 - \$100
Beach relaxation (per day)	\$10 - \$30
Local cuisine	\$5 - \$15
Scuba diving (per dive)	\$40 - \$80
Canopy tours	\$40 - \$80

EUROPE

Activity	Average Cost
Museum entrance fee	\$10 - \$20
Dining at local restaurants	\$20 - \$50
Guided city tours	\$20 - \$40
Theater or opera tickets	\$30 - \$100
Boat cruises	\$20 - \$60
Skiing or snowboarding (per day)	\$50 - \$100
Wine tasting	\$10 - \$30
Hot air balloon rides	\$100 - \$200

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MIDDLE EAST

Activity	Average Cost
Desert tours	\$50 - \$150
Visiting historic sites	\$5 - \$20
Camel rides	\$20 - \$50
Arabian cuisine	\$10 - \$30
Dhow cruises	\$30 - \$80
Scuba diving (per dive)	\$50 - \$100
Shopping in markets	\$10 - \$50
Skiing in the mountains (per day)	\$40 - \$80

NORTH AMERICA

Activity	Average Cost
Theme park admission	\$50 - \$150
National park entrance fee	\$20 - \$40
Dining at restaurants	\$20 - \$50
Concert or sports event tickets	\$30 - \$100
Beach activities (per day)	\$10 - \$30
Hiking and nature trails	\$5 - \$20
Whale watching tours	\$40 - \$100
Casino and nightlife	\$20 - \$50

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SOUTH AMERICA

Activity	Average Cost
Machu Picchu tour	\$30 - \$70
Amazon rainforest tours	\$50 - \$150
Tango shows	\$20 - \$50
Local cuisine	\$5 - \$20
Wine tasting	\$10 - \$30
Adventure activities (e.g., rafting, zip-lining)	\$30 - \$80
Beach relaxation (per day)	\$10 - \$30
Visit to ancient ruins	\$5 - \$20

REFERENCE LIST

Here's a rough estimate of the average cost of the TOP 8 SOUVENIRS a tourist might want to buy in various regions.



AFRICA

Souvenir	Average Cost Range
Handcrafted Jewelry	\$10 - \$50
Traditional Textiles	\$5 - \$30
Wooden Carvings	\$10 - \$40
Beadwork	\$5 - \$20
Local Art	\$10 - \$50
Safari Souvenirs	\$5 - \$30
Musical Instruments	\$20 - \$100
Tribal Masks	\$10 - \$50

ASIA

Souvenir	Average Cost Range
Silk Scarves	\$10 - \$30
Handmade Pottery	\$10 - \$50
Tea and Spices	\$5 - \$20
Traditional Clothing	\$20 - \$80
Calligraphy Art	\$10 - \$40
Wooden Crafts	\$5 - \$30
Buddhist Artifacts	\$10 - \$50
Decorative Fans	\$5 - \$20

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CENTRAL AMERICA

Souvenir	Average Cost Range
Mayan Handicrafts	\$5 - \$40
Colorful Hammocks	\$10 - \$30
Coffee and Chocolate	\$5 - \$20
Artisanal Cigars	\$5 - \$20
Beaded Jewelry	\$10 - \$30
Traditional Art	\$10 - \$40
Panama Hats	\$20 - \$80
Traditional Instruments	\$10 - \$50

EUROPE

Souvenir	Average Cost Range
Local Wine and Spirits	\$10 - \$50
Hand-painted Ceramics	\$10 - \$40
Christmas Ornaments	\$5 - \$20
Leather Goods	\$20 - \$100
Designer Fashion	\$20 - \$200
Swiss Watches	\$50 - \$500
Souvenir Eiffel Towers	\$5 - \$20
Handmade Chocolate	\$5 - \$20

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MIDDLE EAST

Souvenir	Average Cost Range
Persian Rugs	\$20 - \$200
Ornate Carpets	\$30 - \$300
Middle Eastern Spices	\$5 - \$20
Hookahs	\$20 - \$80
Arabian Perfumes	\$10 - \$50
Traditional Clothing	\$20 - \$100
Hand-etched Glassware	\$10 - \$50
Exquisite Jewelry	\$50 - \$500

NORTH AMERICA

Souvenir	Average Cost Range
Native American Art	\$20 - \$200
Cowboy Hats	\$20 - \$80
Western Apparel	\$20 - \$100
Maple Syrup	\$5 - \$20
Handmade Quilts	\$50 - \$200
Souvenir T-Shirts	\$5 - \$20
Local Craft Beers	\$5 - \$20
Hollywood Memorabilia	\$5 - \$20

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SOUTH AMERICA

Souvenir	Average Cost Range
Alpaca Wool Products	\$20 - \$100
Andean Textiles	\$10 - \$40
Handmade Pottery	\$10 - \$50
Mate Gourds	\$10 - \$30
Amazonian Crafts	\$5 - \$30
Pisco and Cachaça	\$10 - \$30
Gemstone Jewelry	\$10 - \$50
Traditional Instruments	\$20 - \$100



BUDGET PLAN TEMPLATE

Add the amounts you think you will spend in each category below:

1



Airline Travel (x2):

2



Transportation:

3



Lodging (x5):

4



Food:

5



Activities:

6



Souvenirs:

TOTAL BUDGET: \$7,000

TOTAL COST: _____

HOW MUCH IS THIS IN THE OTHER COUNTRY'S CURRENCY?: _____



TRIP EXPENSE TRACKER

Total Budget = \$7,000

Now, use the provided cost-charts to get a more realistic idea of what you might spend. How close were you?



Destination: _____



Trip Dates: _____

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

AMOUNT (\$)



Flight



Transportation:



Accommodations:



Food:



Activities:



Souvenirs:

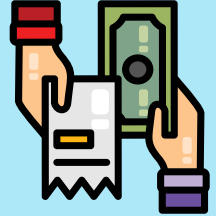
TOTAL EXPENSE:

Are you spending less than or more than your budget of \$7,000?

What decisions did you have to make in order to do the things you wanted during your trip while also staying within your budget? Explain and give examples.



EXPENSE DETAILS



Flight	
Flight Ticket	\$ _____
Total Flight Cost	\$ _____

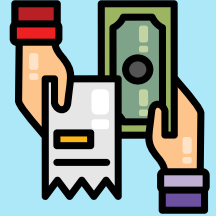
Transportation	
Bus	\$ _____
Rental Cars	\$ _____
Taxis/ Uber	\$ _____
Total Transport	\$ _____

Accommodations	
Hotel	\$ _____
Total Accommodations	\$ _____

Food	
Dining Out	\$ _____
Groceries	\$ _____
Snacks/ Dinner	\$ _____
Total Food	\$ _____



EXPENSE DETAILS



Activities	
Museum/ Attractions	\$ _____
Tours/ Excursions	\$ _____
Entertainment	\$ _____
Total Activities	\$ _____

Souvenirs	
Souvenir Shopping	\$ _____
Gifts for Others	\$ _____
Total Souvenirs	\$ _____

Total Expenses	\$ _____
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ADDITIONAL NOTES

Track your spending daily to stay within your budget. Review your expenses periodically to ensure you're on track.



USEFUL VOCABULARY & DEFINITIONS

The U.S. Currency is the Reserve Currency:

The U.S. Reserve Currency is like the super special money that lots of countries like to use. It's a bit like the king or queen of all the different types of money in the world.

When a country wants to trade with other countries, they often use U.S. dollars to buy and sell things.

That's because many countries trust the U.S. dollar and think it's really strong and stable.

So, being the U.S. Reserve Currency means that the U.S. dollar is like the superhero money that everyone feels safe using when they trade with other countries. It's kind of like the most popular and trusted money in the whole world!

Exchange Rate:

Think of currency exchange rate like a magic number that helps you change your money into money from another country.

For example, if you have \$100 in U.S. dollars and you want to exchange it for Japanese yen, the exchange rate tells you how many yen you'll get for your \$100.

So, if the exchange rate is 100 yen for every dollar, you'll get 10,000 yen in total.

It's like a conversion tool that helps you know how much one type of money is worth in comparison to another, making it easier to use money from different countries when you travel or trade.

The U.S. Dollar is weakening:

When you hear that "the U.S. Dollar is weakening," it means that the value or power of the U.S. dollar is going down compared to other currencies. So, if you had one U.S. dollar, it might not be able to buy as much of another country's money or goods as it could before. This can happen for various reasons, like if the economy isn't doing well or if there's too much U.S. money circulating. It's like saying the U.S. dollar is losing some of its superpower, and it can't buy as many cool things from other countries as it used to.

The U.S. Dollar is strengthening:

When you hear that "the U.S. Dollar is strengthening," it means that the value or power of the U.S. dollar is going up compared to other currencies. So, one U.S. dollar can buy more of another country's money or goods. This often happens when the U.S. economy is doing well, and people have more confidence in the U.S. dollar. It's like saying the U.S. dollar is becoming even more powerful, and it can buy more cool stuff from other countries.