Dream Vacation

How can we plan a dream vacation?

Step 1: Introduction: Where is your dream vacation?

Where would you love to go on vacation?

Watch the video Travel's Best Family Adventures 2015, and then complete the Rank & Reason below.

Compare your rankings with other students.

- Has anyone persuaded you to change your rankings?
- How do your results compare to the class average?

Resources

Step 2: Project Launch

Wow! You just received $15,000 dollars to plan your dream vacation. You need to bring at least one parent on the vacation with you. However, you can also take one other person, as long as you stay on budget.

First, think about what types of things you like to do on vacation.

Next, you need to decide where you want to go. Research some destinations using the links below or some of your own searches.

Your final project will be a detailed travel brochure about your trip with all the information and details. Other students will be looking at these to choose their favorite dream vacation.

Resources

- 10 places to visit: [http://travel.ca.msn.com/specials/dream-vacations/10-places-to-visit-before-you-die#image=1](http://travel.ca.msn.com/specials/dream-vacations/10-places-to-visit-before-you-die#image=1)
Step 3: Dream Vacation Location Research

You need to find out a bit more about your destination and where you will be going. Research your location online finding out all of the information below.

Keep notes on your Dream Vacation Location Research handout as you research.

- What country would you like to travel to?
- What continent is it located on?
- What is the capital city?
- What are some other major cities?
- Where are the main airports?
- What famous attractions are there?

Print out any images that you would like to include in your vacation information brochure.

Write an introductory paragraph to tell other students about the location you have chosen.
Step 4: Set Your Travel Dates - Climate Research

When is the best time to visit your destination?

Using the Dream Vacation Climate Research handout, research the following information:

- What is the annual average temperature?

- When is the best average temperature? (Think about the temperature you enjoy.)

- What is the annual average rainfall?

- When is the lowest rainfall?

Take a look at any other weather information about your destination and then select the date you want to leave.

Create at least two graphs to show some of the weather/climate information you have learned. Write 2-3 sentences to go with each graph, explaining what the graph shows.

Then write a short paragraph explaining the time of year you have chosen to go and why.
Step 5: Flights and Accommodations

Use the Flights and Accommodations Planning handout to keep track of your research.

**Flights:**

Using the airports you found in your destination, research flights.

Keep in mind that everyone needs a ticket (unless they are under the age of two). Some airports may not have direct flights from your local airport, so you may need to book multiple flights.

You can use the airline's website directly or a website that looks at lots of different airlines (like Kayak.com).

You can adjust your travel dates if it makes it cheaper. Remember that first class plane tickets are a lot more expensive than coach. Check the prices of both.

Copy down all the details of your chosen flight including the total cost of all the tickets, including taxes.

**Accommodations:**

Now you need to decide where you are sleeping.

Research some hotels or other types of accommodations in the area. You could use some of the websites below to help you work out where to stay.

Depending on how many people are coming with you, one room may not be enough. Make sure to read the details to understand if they offer extra beds. Check whether breakfast is included as this will save you other costs later.

Copy down all the details of your accommodations, including the total cost of all rooms and taxes.
Step 6: Budgeting for Travel

Fill in the Travel Budget sheet to show the costs of your travel itinerary.

Include:

- cost of transportation to the airport or the cost of parking at the airport
- cost of flights
- cost of transportation to accommodation from airport/car hire
- cost of accommodation
- cost of return transportation to the airport
- cost of transportation from airport to home
- any other travel costs between locations

Find the total and work out how much of your budget remains.
Step 7: **Activities and Food**

What is there to do at your destination?

Depending on where you chose to go, the costs in your destination may not be in your local currency.

Fill in the **Budgeting Other Costs** sheet below to include all of your other costs including costs of activities.

Remember your money will have to go toward feeding all the people on your trip and the activities for all of you.

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Step 8: **Day to Day Itinerary**

Add up the costs of travel and your other costs to check that you still within your budget. You can make changes if you need to.

Write a draft itinerary of your trip day by day, breaking down the costs into costs per day.

Once your draft is complete, complete the **Day by Day Itinerary** with as much detail as possible and neatly, for all the days of you trip.
Step 9: **Finalize the Budget**

Make sure your budgeting sheets and day to day itinerary are neat and correct.

Then calculate your total trip cost! Compare this to your total budget of $15,000. How did you do?

At the bottom of your itinerary, note your overall vacation total and any leftover money. Then, write a few sentences to explain what you intend to do with any leftover money.

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Step 10: **Create a Map**

You are now going to produce some extra information to go into your booklet.

Draw a map of your location, using resources from the internet to help you.

Label your map with images and notes to make it easy to understand for the reader.

On your map or in the notes around it include:

- the number of inhabitants of at least 1 location

- the airport or direction to the airport

- the hotel(s) you will be staying in

- any geographic features (sea, river, lake, mountain etc)
Step 11: Create Your Brochure

Using all of the information you have collected so far, create a travel brochure that you could use to sell others on your vacation idea.

Take a look at some Samples before you get started.

You will want to include the following in your brochure:

- Location
- Climate
- Geographical Information (map, pictures, description)
- Flight and Hotel information
- Things to do
- Total cost of the trip

Your brochure should be colorful and eye-catching! Remember, you are trying to convince your audience that this vacation will be the best way to spend their vacation budget!

Step 12: Critique

Go through the Project Checklist with a partner to make sure your project is the best it can be.

Highlight or check off each of the questions where your answer is yes.

If you answer no, discuss ways that you might be able to revise your project. Complete a copy of the Critique Form for each partner.

Remember, feedback should be kind, helpful, and specific.
Step 13: Revision

Once you have finished meeting together, read through your completed Critique Form and reflect on the feedback you received.

Next, work to make any needed improvements to your proposal. You may want to follow up with a second meeting with the partner who critiqued your work. This cycle should continue until you are satisfied that your project is complete.

You may want to practice presenting your brochure to prepare for sharing with the class.

Step 14: Presenting Final Products

Make sure your brochure is complete and that you are prepared to share your vacation destination with the rest of the class.

Remember to be respectful of other groups as they present!

Step 15: Gallery Walk

Walk around the room to take a look at the projects of other students in the class. As you look, think about what vacation locations might be fun to visit!

Use the Voting Cards to vote for your favorite vacation idea. Consider the bullet points on the cards before you vote.
Step 16: Reflection

Complete the Reflection Sheet.