

# Travelling

This year it's your turn to plan your family's summer holidays. Well, your parents said that they will have the final say but at least you can make suggestions on where to go and how to get there. The best of it: You don't have to leave the comfort of your living room to find out all the necessary details. Just use a number of online resources and you're good to go!

## 1 Step 1: Who will travel with you? What is your budget?

Before planning your journey you should make up your mind about the needs of the people travelling with you and the budget you will be able to spend on transportation and hotels.

- a) Collect details on the following aspects in a mind map:
- Who will travel with you?
  - What are their hobbies and interests?
  - Does anyone have any special needs you need to take into consideration?



Online mind maps – Create mind maps online:

<https://www.mindmup.com/>

- b) Write down how much money you may spend per person. Draw up a first rough calculation for the estimated costs of:
- transportation
  - hotels
  - food
  - activities and souvenirs

## 2 Step 2: Finding the right climate

Based on your mind map from step 1, find the best region in the world to match your family's needs.

- a) Visit the vacation and travel planner or the vacation finder and find out which region/country you should consider when planning your family's holiday. Come up with a choice of at least three regions/countries to be flexible later when prices and offers matter.



<https://weather.com/travel>



[Weatherbase vacation finder](#)

- b) Get weather statistics for the regions/countries you have chosen to be able to evaluate average temperature, hours of sunshine and average rainfall. Compile your results in the chart below.

Region/Country	Month	Temperature (average)	Hours of sunshine (average)	Rainfall (average)

### 3 Step 3: Where to go?

Now it is time to make up your mind where to go. Millions of hotels worldwide offer accommodation for travellers. Which ones will you pick?

- a) Visit one of the online travel agencies listed below and find offers that:
- match your family's preferences and needs
  - match the budget at your disposal



Online travel agencies:

<http://www.expedia.com/>

<http://www.hotels.com/>

<http://www.booking.com/>



- b) It is always a good idea to check reviews before placing a final booking. Various internet sites offer real travellers' accounts of their trips and their experiences. Check the reviews of the hotels you have chosen to come to a final verdict.



Hotel reviews by travellers:

<http://www.tripadvisor.com/>

<http://www.holidaycheck.com/>

### 4 Step 4: How to get there?

Next you need to take care of the transportation. Which means of transport will you choose? Do you prefer to travel by car, train, plane or boat? Which factors will influence your decision: distance, comfort or the environment?

- a) First, have a look at Google Maps to find out where exactly your hotel is and how far away it is from the place where you live.



Google Maps:

<http://maps.google.com/>

- b) Choose one or two means of transport and check how much a ticket is online. Use one of the resources listed in step 3 or another internet service of your choice.
- c) Compare prices choosing different means of transport. Make sure to consider environmental questions as well.

### 5 Step 5: Compile a final offer for your family

Finally it is time to present your plans to your family to convince them to book the trip you have planned.

Compile your plans and all the relevant details in a document to present to your family. Make sure to consider the following aspects:

- basic information about the destination including cultural and climate information
- some photos to get an idea of where you want to go
- reasons why this destination is ideal for your family's preferences and needs
- a detailed travel itinerary (travel plan)
- a detailed budget plan