

Unit 1

Planning a Trip

Warm-Up

Ask a partner these questions and share your own ideas.

1. Do you like traveling by yourself or in a group? Why?
2. What skills does a good tour guide need?

Vocabulary 2



explore (v.)



budget (n.)



hostel (n.)



group tour (n.)

Travel Itinerary

DESTINATION: _____ STARTING PERIOD: _____
BUDGET: _____ FLIGHT NO: _____

	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE TO EAT
DAY 01			
DAY 02			
DAY 03			
DAY 04			
DAY 05			

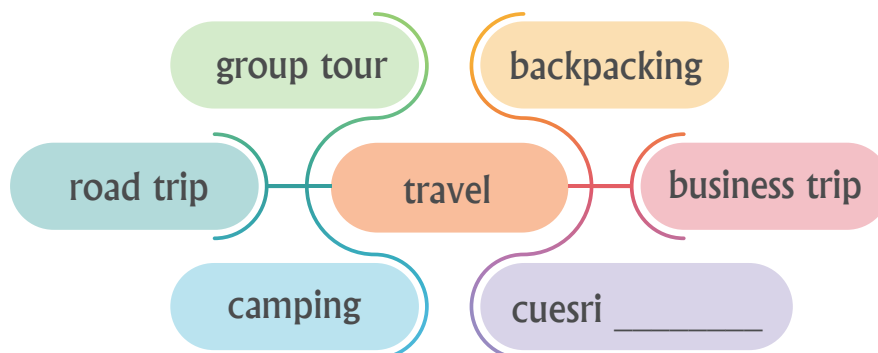
itinerary (n.)

Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from above.

1. This _____ is clean and cheap, and it has 20 beds for travelers.
2. We're taking a(n) _____ tomorrow. The bus will take us to the mountain, and the guide will teach us about the plants and flowers.
3. I have a small _____, so I can't spend too much on food and hotels.
4. Paul can't wait to _____ Paris! He wants to spend three days just walking, eating, and shopping.
5. This is a 7-day _____, including meals, hotels, and places to visit.

Word Map

There are many different kinds of travel experiences. Look them up and unscramble the last one.



Listen Up

Listen to the conversation and fill in the blanks.

(TA = Tour Agent W = Woman) 3

TA: Hello, Peak Tours. How may I help you?

W: Hi! I'd like some help _____ a vacation to Thailand.

TA: Sure! I can help you with that. There are so many beautiful places to see there. How long do you want to go for?

W: Two weeks. I'd like to stay a few days in Bangkok, and the rest of the time I want to _____ other areas.

TA: Are you a beach person or a mountain person? Thailand has both.

W: Well, can I go to the beach and the mountains in only two weeks?

TA: For sure. What is your hotel _____?

W: Actually, I want to stay in hostels. They're cheaper, and I can meet other travelers.

TA: That's great. Are you interested in doing any group tours?

W: Yes. I love learning about _____ history and culture on tours.

TA: Fantastic. I can put together three possible itineraries for you and email them by tomorrow.



Choose the correct answers.

1. How long does the woman want to stay in Bangkok?
a. Two weeks b. A few days c. Two days
2. Why does the woman want to stay in hostels?
a. They have fewer travelers. b. They are not expensive. c. They are near beaches.

Your Turn

In pairs, replace the underlined parts with your own words.

A: Hi! I'd like some help planning a vacation to Thailand.

B: Sure! I can help you with that. There are so many beautiful places to see there. How long do you want to be there?

A: Two weeks. I'd like to stay a few days in Bangkok, and the rest of the time I want to explore other areas.



Think More



Imagine you are a travel agent who is planning a trip for a customer. What information do you need? List 3 things you need to know.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

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What Is the Camino de Santiago?

There are many long-distance hikes around the world. One, though, stands out among all the others. This is the Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St. James, in Spain. It has over 400,000 hikers every year. The end of the hike is a cathedral in northwestern Spain, but travelers can start in Spain, France, or Portugal. The shortest **trail** is 119 km, and the longest is 1,000 km.

Many choose to do this for **religious** reasons; however, a lot of visitors do this simply because it is a fascinating cultural experience. During the hike, they pass by roads and towns that were built over a thousand years ago. This is also a budget-friendly way to travel, as there are cheap hotels and restaurants all along the **routes**. Going on a group tour is best because you can travel with others and have all the **accommodations** organized.

So, if you're looking for a unique vacation, consider this healthy, **affordable**, once-in-a-lifetime European adventure!

Choose Your Tour

- Camino Frances: 800 km, 40 days, 3,300 Euros
- Camino Portugues: 619 km, 35 days, 2,700 Euros
- Camino Primitivo: 315 km, 16 days, 600 Euros

[More Routes](#)



Comprehension

Circle True (T) or False (F).

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|--|---|---|
| 1. Hundreds of thousands of hikers do the Camino every year. | T | F |
| 2. All hikers begin the trail in Spain. | T | F |
| 3. Some people do the hike because of their religion. | T | F |
| 4. It takes about two weeks to walk the Camino Frances. | T | F |
| 5. The hikers need to find accommodations on their own. | T | F |

Make It Work

Imagine you are a travel agent who is promoting a group tour to the Camino de Santiago. Complete the advertisement below. Try to make it sound fascinating!

Camino de Santiago: 

A Journey of a Lifetime!

 **Length:** days

Route: Start in (country); End in Santiago, Spain

Tour group size: (number) people

 **Highlights:**

(best things about the trip)



(1 sentence to encourage travelers to book the tour)

Buen Camino



Takeaway 9

A tour leader usually stays with a tour group throughout the trip. This person keeps everything organized and accompanies the group to and from their home country. A local tour guide is different. This person only works at one place, and does not travel with the group beyond this place. A local tour guide's job is to explain the history and tell related, interesting stories.

How would a tour agent arrange an itinerary for a traveler?
Work with a partner.

A. Complete the table below individually as a traveler first.
List the details of your trip.

Details	Example	My Trip
Where	Okinawa, Japan	
How long	5 days	
Activities	1. Visit an aquarium 2. Eat Okinawa soba and Ishigaki beef 3. Go to a beach	
Budget	USD\$1,500	

B. Take turns being the traveler and the tour agent. Use the following questions to find out your customer's travel details.

Where would you like to go? / What places would you like to go to?

How long/many days would you like to go for?

What activities/things would you like to do/see?

What is your budget? / How much are you looking to spend?

C. Plan a vacation for your customer! Using the information you get, plan the first three days of the travel itinerary.

Itinerary	Example	My Plan for the Customer
Day 1	2 pm: Check in at Ocean Hotel 4 pm: Explore Kokusai Street 6 pm: Have dinner at a local soba restaurant	
Day 2	9 am: Head to the Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium 12 pm: Have lunch at the aquarium's restaurant 2 pm: Visit Kouri Beach, Kouri Bridge, and Kouri Ocean Tower 6 pm: Enjoy grilled Ishigaki beef at the hotel	
Day 3	9 am: Head to Gyokusendo 12 pm: Have lunch at a nearby café 1:30 pm: Visit Shuri Castle 6 pm: Free dinner time	

Now You Can...

- ☐ Answer questions about tours
- ☐ Describe popular tourist destinations
- ☐ Plan a travel itinerary

