Senior Economics Project - Budgeting a Dream Vacation

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

All Power Point Presentations are expected to be downloaded onto the classroom PC by the due date. Presentations will start the same day and continue for three days. Late penalties will apply.

Guidelines:

Use the following guidelines to complete your dream vacation:

* + Your group of 3 has been allocated a budget of $10,000
  + Your trip must last a minimum of 7 days and last no more than 20 days
  + Your flight must cost at least $500 roundtrip per person
  + You must fly outside the United States & territories
  + Include a map at all opportunities including countries, cities, hotels, restaurants & activities
    - * Option # 1 - Create a custom Google map & embed it in your project to show the class
      * Option #2 - Take small screenshots and include them in individual slides
  + You must visit at least 1 foreign country (any more is up to the group)
    - * Where did you go? Why did you choose this country(ies)?
  + You must visit at least 3 different cities (any more is up to the group)
    - * Where did you go? Why did you choose this country(ies)?
      * How did you travel from city to city?
  + You must book a hotel room each night. (You can get multiple rooms if necessary.)
    - * Where did you stay? Where is it located? Did they offer anything freebies/discounts?
  + You must participate in at least 1 activity every 2 days
    - * What activity did you participate in? Describe the experience. How much did it cost?

including at least 1 UNESCO Site (refer to <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list>)

including at least 1 museum

including at least 1 local sporting activity

including at least 1 outdoor activity (nature based)

* + You must visit at least 5 local restaurants/eateries during your trip
    - * Where did you go to eat? Why did you choose there? How much did it cost?

including at least 2 local dishes you tried

including at least 1 street food stand/cart you visited

Restrictions:

The purpose of this project is to design and budget out your own trip. Many of these restrictions will require you to do real trip planning and budgeting. Violating these restrictions will result in a significant loss of points and also run contrary to the provided guidelines in the previous section. At no point are groups allowed to use any of the following options when designing their trip:

* + No Multiple Day Tour Groups (with the exception of single day trips/excursions)
  + No Group Package Deals (you’re not allowed to choose an pre-made Expedia package)
  + No All Inclusive Resorts (you will not be able to complete the guideline tasks)
  + No Cruises (you will not be able to complete the guideline tasks)
  + No trips to the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico &/or Colombia. This is a dream vacation not a trip to revisit family members you have seen numerous times before.
  + No mention of alcohol &/or drugs. Be professional. What you choose to do as an adult is your prerogative, but as long as you are in high school under my watchful eyes I don’t want to hear it.

Expenses List:

Make sure to include the following information on your expenses list. The more detailed the better!

* + Flight Information (including flight dates, times, etc.)
  + Additional Transportation (including airport connections, taxis, buses, boats, etc.)
  + Hotel Information (include any financial benefits &/or perks offered; e.g. - free breakfast )
  + Food & Beverage Allowance (average the prices of the 5 restaurants you visited to determine the price of your average meal; do not forget to include water & other beverages)
  + Daily Activities (including day trips/excursions, sports, entry tickets for historic sites, etc.)
  + Travel Insurance (make sure to compare packages & purchase the sports option)
  + Souvenirs (how much will you spend on gifts for friends & family, items for yourself)
  + Tips & Gratuity (make sure to do your research as gratuities vary by country)
  + Miscellaneous Expenditures (additional random purchases not included on the expense list;

e.g. - visa fees - not all countries require them, but some do so budget accordingly)

Rubric:

Part 1 - 60% - Written Components - Completion of assigned questions & expense list.

(execution of all questions (40%) & expense list (20%); comply to guidelines & restrictions)

Part 2 - 20% - Visual Presentation - Completion of Power Point Presentation

(total number of slides will vary with a minimum 15 slides)

Part 3 - 20% - Oral Presentation - Completion of a 10 minute presentation

(all group members must participate and share their portion of the completed assignment)

Note: All components will be scored on our standard 0-5 scale. Raw score will be multiplied to reach the total:

Part 1 = [(Raw Score x 8 = Questions)+(Raw Score x 4 = Expenses List) = 60%]

Parts 2 = Raw Score x 4 = 20%

Parts 3 = Raw Score x 4 = 20%

Group Information:

Group Member #1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Group Member #2:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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