

# SPRING BREAK VACATION PLANNER

**DATE OF TRIP**

**BUDGET**

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE**

## HOW MANY DAYS DO YOU WANT TO BE GONE?

- Will you have any flexibility in your dates?
- Do you already have the time off work or do you still need to request it?
- Do you have to work around any sports/previous engagements?

## WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

- Do you want to go somewhere you have never been to?
- Do you tend to visit the same area?
- Will your visit include visiting family or friends?
- Is the destination a popular location during spring break?
- Do you want to visit more than one destination during the trip?
- Is price a factor?
- Do you have a specific budget?
- Would you consider going to a destination that is off-season during spring break?
- Is distance a factor?
- What type of weather/activities do you enjoy?

## **WHO IS GOING WITH YOU?**

- Do you want to invite friends or family members to join you?
- Will you be responsible for planning their overall trip as well?
- Who will be staying with you?
- Will they be traveling with you?
- Do they have any special needs?
- Do you have travel insurance for your trip in case someone becomes ill or you need to change lodging or flights?

## **ARE YOU CONSIDERING A STAYCATION?**

- What activities are important to you for a staycation?
- Do you want to go on day trips?
- Will you be staying at home?
- Do you need overnight accommodations?
- Will you be planning any overnight mini-trips?

## WHERE WILL YOU STAY?

- What type of accommodations are important to you? (\*hotel, cabin, suite, cruise ship, treehouse, etc)
- What amenities are important to you? (\*free breakfast, parking, pool, kitchenette)
- Is it important for activities to be close to where you are staying?
- Do you want activities available on-site?
- Do you plan on visiting family during your trip?
- Will you be renting from a friend?
- Will you be using a vacation rental?

## **HOW WILL YOU GET THERE?**

### **Will You Fly There?**

If yes, answer the following questions.

- Have you checked if you have any airline points accumulated?
- Will you be checking bags or bringing a carry on?
- Do the flights go directly to the destination?
- Will you need airport transfers?
- Will you need to park your vehicle at the airport?
- Do you need to rent a vehicle from the airport?

## **IF YOU DRIVE TO THE DESTINATION**

- Will you use your vehicle or rent one?
- If using a rental do you have a credit card that has extra insurance for car rentals?
- Do you need to break up the drive with an overnight to/from the destination?
- Will you be using public transportation, cabs, Uber, or Lyft?

## WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE?

What's your vacation style?

- Do you enjoy unplanned activities?
- Does your family like to have an idea of what you are doing each day?
- Do you enjoy lots of activities during your vacation?
- Are there rare/unique experiences that you want to try? (If so, do you need a reservation prior to arrival)
- Do you enjoy the outdoors, museums, sporting events, the arts, etc?

## WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR MEALS?

- Will you be cooking a lot of your meals?
- Will you be dining out? (How often?)
- Do you have any special dining needs? \*glutton free, vegan, special diet
- Will you be taking any food tours?
- What do you look for in a restaurant? \*\*kid-friendly, fine dining, local cuisine, budget-friendly

## HAVE YOU RESEARCHED FOR DISCOUNTS?

- Credit card points/discounts
- Warehouse clubs
- AAA
- Military
- Groupon, Get Your Guide, Expedia, Viator, Priceline, Stay22, Booking.com, etc.

## FORGOTTEN EXPENSES

- Tips \*housekeeping, transportation, guided activities, and tours
- Luggage fees
- Items needed specifically for the trip (gear, special clothing, sunscreen, beach items, snow gear)
- Meals while traveling
- Souvenirs
- Travel Insurance if you are going out of the country or planning an expensive trip
- Parking fees/meters
- Spontaneous activities (ice cream, mini-golf, movies)
- Forgotten items