

DREAM TRIP

STARTER KIT

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STEP-BY-STEP TRAVEL GUIDE



WELCOME

Planning a trip can feel overwhelming. This guide cuts through the noise so you can go from "someday" to "booked."

I'm Sam, a custom travel planner based in Chicago. I specialize in building trips around you: your pace, your budget, your people. Whether you're dreaming of a solo adventure, a romantic escape, or a group trip that actually works, I've got you

ANSWER THESE TO START YOUR JOURNEY:

- Who is this trip for? (Solo / Couple / Group / Family)
- What's the vibe? (Relaxing / Adventurous / Cultural / Romantic)
- How many days do you have?
- What's your rough budget per person?
- Do you have a destination in mind, or open to suggestions?
- Any non-negotiables? (Beach, specific cuisine, no long flights...)

PRO TIP: Don't know the answers yet? That's exactly what a travel planner is for. Book a free consultation and we'll figure it out together.

KNOW YOUR TRAVEL STYLE

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Pick what matches your wants/needs.

ACCOMODATIONS

- Boutique hotel
- All-inclusive
- Airbnb
- Hostel
- Luxury Resort

PACE

- Slow & relaxed
- Packed with Activities
- Mix of both

FOOD PRIORITIES

- Local Spots Only
- Familiar
- Adventurous
- Fine dining

PLANNING STYLE

- Fully planned
- Loose itinerary
- Spontaneous

TRIP LENGTH

- Long weekend
- 1 week
- 2 weeks
- Extended

BUDGET RANGE

- Budget-friendly
- Mid-range
- Splurge-worthy



THE PRE-TRIP CHECKLIST

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HANDLE THESE BEFORE YOU GO:

DOCUMENTS & LOGISTICS

- Passport valid 6+ months past travel date
- Visas secured for your destination
- Travel insurance booked
- Copies of all documents saved digitally
- Emergency contacts noted
- Bank notified of travel dates

FLIGHTS & STAYS

- Flights booked (flexible dates = better prices)
- Accommodations confirmed
- Confirmation codes received
- Airport transfers arranged
- Check-in times noted

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

- Wishlist tours/activities researched
- Restaurant reservations made
- Local customs & etiquette reviewed
- Tipping norms checked

TECH & GEAR

- Offline maps downloaded
- Translation app installed
- International phone plan set up
- Adapters packed for destination outlets
- Camera / memory cards ready

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Vaccines / health requirements checked
- Prescriptions filled for trip duration
- Travel health kit packed

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THE EASY WAY

WORK WITH A TRAVEL PLANNER

I CAN HELP WITH:

- Custom itineraries for any destination, any budget
- Solo trips, couples' getaways, family vacations, & honeymoons
- Group travel coordination (yes, even with that one friend)
- Hotels, tours, transfers, restaurants & more

READY TO START PLANNING?

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