

Global Learning: Preparation

Travel Planning Assignment and Rubric

Assignment

Research at least two options for air transportation to your destination. A chart is provided on page 2 that might help with comparing options, but you are welcome to use any format. Explain the following:

- How do the itineraries themselves compare? Are there differences in the total travel time, time spent on layovers, or other conveniences/inconveniences to the itineraries?
- How do the terms and conditions compare for changing the airline ticket?
- Are there any other factors that you would consider in picking one of these options?

Additionally, plan a side trip that you could do before, during, or after your program. Part of the response may be in an outline form, but do include a descriptive writing to answer the questions as well.

- What do you hope to do or see and why? Does this side trip contribute to the goals you outlined in your first essay, and if so, how?
- What is your itinerary for this travel? Specifically outline the means of transportation and the dates and times of a possible trip. Example: "On Friday, June 12, I plan to take the Eurostar train that departs London St. Pancras International at 10:24am for Paris."
- Are there any holidays or other events that impact when you would travel or what you would see? Are there any other factors that impact your planning?

Due to the personal nature of travel planning, this essay likely will not require references but you are welcome to use them if they are helpful. If you do use references, you must cite them but you may use whichever method of citation is most common in your field.

Grading Rubric

Requirement	Satisfies Requirement	Does Not Satisfy Requirement
FORMAT The essay is 500-1000 words or an equivalent amount of work, and does not contain any significant spelling, grammar, or formatting errors.	Yes	No
FLIGHT ITINERARY The essay describes and compares two options for travel to the host location.	Yes	No
SIDE TRAVEL OUTLINE The essay describes plans for a side trip during the study abroad experience.	Yes	No
SIDE TRAVEL ANALYSIS The essay explains the motivation for the side travel, considerations, and connects it to the student's personal goals.	Thoughtful Consideration	Needs More Consideration
CITATIONS The essay includes appropriate citations (if needed).	Citations Included	No Citations Included

OPTION 1	
Itinerary	
Total Travel Time	
Layover Lengths (Note any concerns about layovers that are too short or too long.)	
Fees for Changing Ticket	
Other Considerations	
OPTION 2	
Itinerary	
Total Travel Time	
Layover Lengths (Note any concerns about layovers that are too short or too long.)	
Fees for Changing Ticket	
Other Considerations	

In addition, please explain below which of these two itineraries you would select and why you would choose it.