

Traveler

Complete the five steps to earn your Traveler Badge.

Watch the attached video for tips on how to complete this badge.

1. **Research destinations:** Start brainstorming some places that you would like to visit. You can include your family in part of your brainstorming. Ask family and friends about vacations or places they have visited. Or watch some documentaries for inspiration. Once you have completed your list pick a destination.
2. **Look into fun itineraries:** Look into what you can do while on your trip. Some people book vacations with tour groups or through a guide service, others create their own itinerary by doing their own research into what they can do. Find at least one itinerary from a tour group or a guide service. Then do your own research and create your own itinerary. What type of itinerary do you prefer? What are the benefits of each style? What are some downsides of each style?
3. **Find out how to create a budget, including ways to travel inexpensively:** Look at your two itineraries and cost them out. Some tour groups or guide services have a flat rate but may require you to pay for your own transportation or food. With the itinerary that you make calculate the cost of each item. When taking a trip it is important to remember to budget for the following items:
 - Transportation to the destination and while there
 - Food
 - Admission to parks, museums, or other entertainment places
 - Lodging
 - Souvenirs or spending money
 - Emergency money

4. **Gain travel expertise before you go:** Depending on where you are planning on traveling to there may be some more information to consider. For example if you travel outside the country, you may need certain documents or health forms. If you are traveling somewhere you have not been before you may want to know how to get from place to place. Take a look at a map of that place and figure out how long it will take to get to each location you plan on going. If you are camping, backpacking, or even fishing on your trip be sure to look into any permits you will need. Based on where you are planning on traveling either look into travel documents and requirements, maps, or permits.

5. **Take your trip - and make a memory:** Be sure to capture the memories of your trip. Either take pictures or videos of your vacation. When you get home create a movie, slide show, or photo album. Share you videos or photos with your family and friends.