# Travel Plan Instructional Guide Video Transcript unit 1

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Hi, my name is Ana, and this is a quick tutorial on how to create your first travel plan.

So, what exactly is a travel plan? A travel plan is a general brainstorm or rough draft of your ideal trip.

Your task in this course is to continually revise your travel plan in each unit as you learn about ways to save on your trip. The purpose of this video is to show you how to get started with your travel plan.

This video includes an example of one I would create for myself as if I were a student in this course to help you create your own, but keep in mind your plan doesn’t have to match mine, you can make it your own. I also listed multiple destinations – you don’t have to plan such a big trip, a single destination is just fine, but will follow the same format.

Let’s get started!

**Travel Goal:** In this section it helps you make a general statement or summary about where you want to go, how long you plan to be there, what month you may travel, and estimate how much you want to spend. At this point, we are just guessing, so pick a budget that you are comfortable spending for this trip. Keep in mind, that as you come across more resources, your budget may change.

**Target Destinations:** Is a sectionI like to list all the activities I want to visit in each location. I get the best tips from watching YouTube videos from travelers that have already been there. Type in “Top Free Things to Do in London” and see what comes up. I am sure there is a video for almost every destination.

**Stakeholders:** In this section you should list anyone who will be involved in this trip.

**Traveler Challenges:** Is where you would list any challenges specific to a person and how you plan to solve it.

**Accommodations:** In this section, you make a list of where you are comfortable staying and what your deal breakers are. For example, with a family, we may be willing to stay at an Airbnb or residence type hotel versus a luxury suite to gain amenities such a laundry machines in the unit and a full-sized kitchen.

**Transportation:** This is where you list what you are comfortable about renting a car, riding the train, or similar. Later we will determine costs, but this is where you make a list of what is acceptable.

**Credit Score Notes:** As you sit down with your partner or family make a list of where everyone is in terms of their credit scores. You don’t need to be specific. You can make general notes about who is willing to apply for credit, who cannot, and who will be the primary travel point earner for the family.

It’s is important to have fun with this assignment. It is not meant to be a burden. Have a conversation as a family and discuss what is universally acceptable across the board so as you plan your trip, you already have a work in process.

**Budgeting:** When you get to unit three in the course, this is where you make notes about note who and how each member can contribute travel points.

**Credit Card Research**: This section is to make about who would be the primary point earner and what types of rewards you decided to look for.

**Credit Card Strategy:** This area is where you would make a list or table of who would apply for what card, what the minimum spending requirements are, any annual fees, and other valuable information. You do not need to create a table. I include a Microsoft Excel file for you to download and print in unit five.

**Realistic Travel Specifics:** When you get to the last unit, this is where you take the information you have learned in each unit and apply it to what is currently in the market to help you finalize your travel plan.