Destination Shortlist Worksheet

Compare, evaluate, and choose your next travel destination

Planning a trip but can't decide where to go?
Use this worksheet to shortlist your top destinations and compare them side by side. You'll look at factors like cost, experience, travel style fit, and that all-important "gut feeling". By the end, you'll know exactly which destination is right for you.

✈️ Step 1: Your Shortlist

Instruction: *List up to three destinations you're considering for your next trip.*

Destination Option			
Name of Destination			
Country / Region			
Type of Trip (city, beach, cultural, adventure, etc.)			

☀️ Step 2: Quick Snapshot

Instruction: *Get an overview of key travel facts and logistics for each destination.*

Destination Option	Destination	Destination	Destination
Best time of year to visit			
Average flight time / distance			
Approximate flight cost			
Average daily costs (budget–midrange–luxury)			
Safety level / travel advisories			
Visa requirements			
Language(s) spoken			
Ease of travel (infrastructure, transport, accessibility)			

💸 Step 3: Budget Overview

Instruction: *Estimate what you'll spend on each destination to see how they compare (per person costs).*
💡 **Tip: Use the Budget Planning Checklist to refine these numbers.**

Expense Category	Destination	Destination	Destination
Flights/ Transport to get there			
Accommodation (avg. per night)			
Meals & Drinks			
Activities / Attractions			
Local Transportation			
Total Estimated Cost			

💬 Step 4: Travel Style Compatibility

Instruction: *Rate how well each destination matches your personal travel preferences.*
*Score from **1 (low match)** to **5 (perfect match)**.*

Factor			
Matches my preferred travel style (e.g. relaxation)			
Offers experiences that align with my "why" for traveling			
Feels manageable in terms of language, culture, and comfort			
Suitable for solo/couple/family/group travel			
Opportunity for authentic local experiences			

🏞️ Step 5: Pros & Cons

Instruction: Base this on your previous findings

	Pros	Cons
Destination		
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❤️ **Step 6: Gut Feeling & Final Decision**

Instruction: *Sometimes your intuition says it all.*

Ask yourself:

- Which destination excites me most when I imagine being there?
- Which one fits my current goals, energy, and travel companions?
- Which one feels right for this moment in my life?

> **Your Final Choice:** _____

📝 **Notes & Next Steps**

Instruction: *Use this space for any extra thoughts, links to research, or next actions.*

Where to go from here?

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