Introduction

Where would you go if you could travel anywhere in the world? For many people, such an extravagant trip is impossible. Not everyone has the financial resources to take such a vacation. Fortunately for you, you have won $5,000 from the lottery! You have now been given the responsibility of planning your 2015 summer vacation! Your task will be to choose 3 vacation spots you have always dreamed of visiting, prepare a spreadsheet displaying the expenses associated with each trip, and determine which of the three vacations you will be taking! THIS IS YOUR FINAL PROJECT FOR THE MICROSOFT EXCEL UNIT AND WILL BE WORTH 100 POINTS!
Directions

1. You will be given $5,000 to finance your vacation. You will need to consider transportation, accommodations, food, recreational activities, and spending money.

2. Your goal is to stay within the allotted budget and create a spreadsheet using Microsoft Excel. Your spreadsheet must also include a pie chart illustrating what percent of total each area of your vacation represents.

3. Using the Internet, you will locate an estimated cost for each travel expense (see attached handout for helpful websites).

4. Create a spreadsheet for THREE different vacations in order to analyze which trip will give you the most value for your money. (HINT: Use different sheets contained in ONE document to create each budget).

5. Each vacation must include accommodations for 5 nights/6 days. This does NOT include travel time!

6. If driving by car you must allocate money for fueling costs. If you are traveling by train or plane, keep in mind transportation throughout the week. You may want to consider renting a car or public transportation! (HINT: You may find it cheaper to book transportation and hotel accommodations together! Ex. www.expedia.com)

Required Elements

- $5,000 MAXIMUM budget
- 3 vacation plans
- 5 night/6 day accommodations for each
- AT LEAST 2 recreational activities per trip
- AT LEAST TWO miscellaneous items (ex: camera, sunscreen)
• Spreadsheet with PIE CHARTS (3 different worksheets)
• 40% Accent2 cell style applied (do not include cells that contain the title!)

Helpful Websites

Accommodations and Transportation

• www.travelocity.com
• www.expedia.com
• www.priceline.com

Recreation/Food

• www.vacation.com
• www.recreation.gov
• www.viator.com
• www.tripadvisor.com
Project Calendar

Below you will find your checkpoints for each day. Failure to meet each project checkpoint will result in points deducted from your overall grade, so remember to STAY ON TASK!

FWI: NO LATE PROJECTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!!!! THIS PROJECT WILL BE WORTH 100 POINTS AND IS DUE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10!!!

Monday, November 2

CHECKLIST:

• 3 vacations chosen

• Labels/Titles on all 3 spreadsheets
  (ONE document, 3 sheets – SAVE TO F DRIVE as “Vacation Project!!)
  
  Teacher’s Initials

Comments:

Tuesday, November 3

CHECKLIST:

• Research for Vacation #1 COMPLETE

• Vacation #1 Budget Sheet complete

  Teacher’s Initials

Comments:
Wednesday, November 4

CHECKLIST:

- Research for Vacation #2 COMPLETE
- Vacation #2 Budget Sheet complete

Teacher's Initials

Comments:

Thursday, November 5

CHECKLIST:

- Research for Vacation #3 COMPLETE
- Vacation #3 Budget Sheet complete

Teacher's Initials

Comments:

Friday, November 6

CHECKLIST:

- Vacation #1 Spreadsheet COMPLETE!

Teacher's Initials

Comments:
Monday, November 9

CHECKLIST:

• Vacation #2 Spreadsheet COMPLETE! __________

    Teacher's Initials __________

    Comments:

Tuesday, November 10

CHECKLIST:

• Vacation #3 Spreadsheet COMPLETE! __________

• ALL spreadsheets
  STAPLED and HANDED IN! __________
  (ANSWERS AND FORMULAS!)

• ALL REQUIREMENTS MET!
  ◦ REFER TO RUBRIC! __________

    Teacher's Initials __________

    Comments:
Vacation #1 Budget Sheet

Vacation Destination: ________________________________

Expenses:

• Cost to get to destination (flight, train, gas money) $____________
  Transportation (company) using: ________________________________

• Cost of hotel (total cost for all 5 nights!) $____________
  Name of hotel: ____________________________________________

• Cost of food (breakfast, lunch, & dinner) $____________

• Cost of activities (2) $____________
  Name of Activities: _____________________________________________

• Miscellaneous expenses (souvenirs, magazine, etc.) $____________
  What are they?: _____________________________________________

• Total cost of Vacation #1 (must be $5,000 or LESS) $____________
Vacation #2 Budget Sheet

Vacation Destination: ________________________________

Expenses:

- Cost to get to destination (flight, train, gas money) $_____________
  Transportation (company) using: ________________________________

- Cost of hotel (total cost for all 5 nights!) $_____________
  Name of hotel: ________________________________

- Cost of food (breakfast, lunch, & dinner) $_____________

- Cost of activities (2) $_____________
  Name of Activities: ________________________________

- Miscellaneous expenses (souvenirs, magazine, etc.) $_____________
  What are they?: ________________________________

- Total cost of Vacation #1 (must be $5,000 or LESS) $_____________
Vacation #3 Budget Sheet

Vacation Destination: _____________________________

Expenses:

- **Cost to get to destination (flight, train, gas money)** $_____________
  Transportation (company) using: _______________________________

- **Cost of hotel (total cost for all 5 nights!)** $_____________
  Name of hotel: _______________________________________

- **Cost of food (breakfast, lunch, & dinner)** $_____________

- **Cost of activities (2)** $_____________
  Name of Activities: _______________________________________

- **Miscellaneous expenses (souvenirs, magazine, etc.)** $_____________
  What are they?: _______________________________________

- **Total cost of Vacation #1 (must be $5,000 or LESS)** $_____________