

TRIP PLANNING CHEATSHEET

Build a Complete Itinerary Without Losing the Plot

Use this quick guide to match your planning style with the right tool, then turn scattered ideas and bookings into a practical day-by-day plan. The best trip planning site is the one that connects the parts of your journey you actually need to manage.

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Choose by your main planning need

Choose Wanderlog for an all-in-one visual itinerary with destinations, bookings, maps, daily activities, collaboration, budgets, packing lists, and offline access.

Choose Google Maps for a familiar free starting point and saved places, but expect to build the daily itinerary yourself.

Use Rome2Rio for discovering connections across rail, bus, ferry, and air networks.

Choose Triplt when your bookings already exist and your priority is automatically organizing confirmation emails into a chronological plan.

Consider a route-focused service when driving order and transport connections matter more than attraction research.

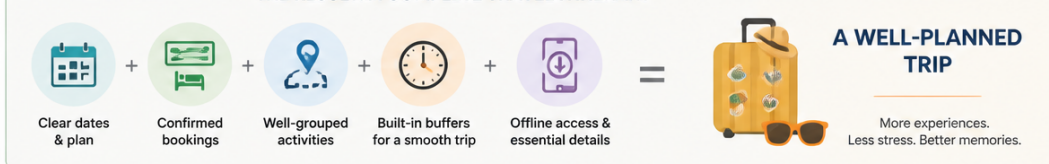
Use XE when you need a currency conversion tool while traveling internationally.

HOW TO BUILD A COMPLETE TRAVEL ITINERARY

A step-by-step guide to plan with confidence and travel stress-free



THE RESULT: A COMPLETE TRAVEL ITINERARY



PRO TIPS

- Review your itinerary daily and adjust as needed.
- Prioritize must-see experiences.
- Stay flexible and embrace the journey!

♥ Plan thoughtfully. Travel confidently. Create unforgettable memories.

INFOGRAPHIE English flowchart showing the five steps for building a complete travel itinerary without overplanning

Best fit at a glance

Planning situation	Most suitable option	Why it fits
Complete, flexible itinerary	Wanderlog	Brings maps, reservations, activities, collaboration, budgets, and offline plans into one workflow.
Existing bookings to organize	Triplt	Creates a chronological itinerary from forwarded confirmation emails.
Simple free place saving	Google Maps	Provides a familiar way to save locations and create custom maps.
Transport discovery	Rome2Rio	Helps search connections across several transport networks.
Currency checks abroad	XE	Provides a currency conversion tool for international travelers.

BEST TRAVEL PLANNING APPS AT A GLANCE

COMPARE TOP APPS TO PLAN SMARTER, TRAVEL BETTER

	WANDERLOG	TRIPIT	GOOGLE MAPS	ROME2RIO
				
 USE	 Complete visual itinerary	 Confirmed booking organization	 Free place saving	 Transport discovery
 FEATURES	• Maps • Reservations • Collaboration • Budgets • Offline plans	• Forwarded confirmation emails • Chronological itinerary • Alerts	• Saved places and custom maps	• Rail, bus, ferry, and air connections
 PLATFORMS AVAILABLE	   Web, iOS, Android	   Web, iOS, Android	   Web, iOS, Android	   Web, iOS, Android
 COST	 Free plan available; Paid plans for advanced features	 Free plan available; Triplt Pro with subscription	 100% Free	 Free plan available; additional features with subscription

 **NOTE:** Features and use cases are qualified, not universal rankings.

COMPARISON INFOGRAPHIC Compare trip planning tools by itinerary building, booking organization, mapping, and transport use.

Check whether a planner can handle your whole trip

-  **Save destinations and possible activities**
Look for editable notes and a way to keep optional ideas separate from confirmed plans.
-  **Add or import reservations**
Check whether flights, hotels, and other bookings can be stored in the same itinerary.
-  **Arrange activities by day and time**
You should be able to move stops, adjust times, and reshape the plan without starting over.
-  **See the itinerary on a map**
Map context helps reveal inefficient routing and unrealistic day plans.



Share and edit the plan

For group travel, check collaboration features and permission settings.



Access essential information with weak connectivity

Verify whether offline access is included and whether it depends on a subscription tier.



Review pricing and availability

Check the current product page, supported devices, country availability, and plan conditions.

Five steps to build a usable itinerary



1 Start with the fixed commitments

Add confirmed flights, hotels, transport, and other reservations before planning activities around them.

2 Collect destinations and ideas

Save places you may want to visit, adding notes or links so research does not get lost.

3 Group stops by day and location

Use the map to bring nearby places together and reduce unnecessary backtracking.

4 Add realistic timing and transport

Check opening hours, travel connections, and the time needed at each stop rather than relying only on map order.

5 Prepare the travel version

Share the plan with companions, keep essential booking details accessible, and review what must be available offline.

! Do not trust automation blindly

No planner reliably accounts for every local opening hour, realistic pace, or transport connection. Review the finished itinerary yourself, especially after a reservation or route changes.

The practical decision rule

If you are building a multi-stop trip with several people, changing plans, and many itinerary layers, Wanderlog is the strongest overall fit described here. If the work begins after booking, Triplt may be more efficient. For a short trip with only a few bookings, a simpler setup such as Google Maps may provide enough structure without adding unnecessary complexity.

Feature availability, subscription tiers, supported devices, and country access can change. Verify current product information before moving all bookings and saved locations into one service. This comparison is based on manufacturer and merchant pages and published tests; the platforms were not all tested directly by the editorial team.