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An EFL lesson created from the web site

Intermediate

2 class periods

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In this project, students enter the web site to plan, reserve and budget a two-week vacation, including on-line bookings of flight, hotel and rental car. The project is divided into four parts: (1) Choose a destination; (2) Hotel reservations; (3) Flights; (4) Rental cars, and (5) Adding up the cost of the trip

1. Let's **choose a destination** before we book a flight, hotel and rental car. Your teacher will assign you ONE of the destinations below by circling it on your paper (every student gets a different destination):

Las Vegas, Nevada	San Antonio, Texas	Los Angeles, California	Miami, Florida	Honolulu, Hawaii
San Francisco, California	Key West, Florida	London	Houston, Texas	Stockholm, Sweden
Chicago, Illinois	San Diego, California	New York City	Paris	New Orleans, Louisiana
Seattle, Washington	Reno, Nevada	Montreal, Canada	Seattle, Washington	Amsterdam Netherlands

2. First make **hotel reservations**. Click on and type the City, American State or international country names into the dialog boxes (your teacher has circled them in the table above). Choose also the dates of check-in and check-out. **MAKE ALL RESERVATIONS FOR 10 DAYS**. Then click on . Here's an **example**. (your city destination will be the one your teacher circles in the box above).

Search near:
 City or point of interest Address (US and Canada) Airport

Where

Check-in **Check-out**

Guests Total guests in all rooms **Rooms**

OPTIONAL

Specific hotel chain

Specific hotel

Star rating **Amenities** Let me choose amenities

When you reach your search results page, you will a map, and to the right of the map, “Area” and “Lowest price by star rating.” Play with these links until you find a hotel you want to stay in. Think of the AREA you would like to stay in: Do you want to be downtown? Or in a suburb? Where?

Hotel name	Address	Phone	Hotel type (motel, hotel, rooming house)	Price per day

Hotel Amenities	✓
Swimming pool	
Beach	
Golf	

Free parking	
Restaurants	
Room service	
Cable/satellite TV	
Tennis	
Health club	

Now you are ready to book **flights**.

Important: **You are departing from BOSTON, Massachusetts (MA), USA.**

- 3. On the home page click on the **Flights** box and choose the same dates as you did in the hotel reservations: (Remember, the Amsterdam destination is only an example!)

Round-trip One-way Multi-city
 City name (e.g. Boston), or [airport code](#)
From
 Also search airports within 70 miles
To
 Also search airports within 70 miles

Flexible dates - power search for savings ([US & Canada](#))
Leave Sep Anytime
Return Sep Anytime
 I prefer non-stop flights

Travelers ([up to 9](#))
 Adult (18-64) Senior (65+) Youth (12-17) Child (2-11)

[Expand search options](#) (Cabin, infants)

- 4. On the next page, you'll see an easy-to-read chart of your possible flights.
 - (a) How much is the cheapest flight? **Ticket price: \$** _____
 - (b) Write the flight details, based on Question 3 above, into the boxes below from Boston to your destination.

Example:

Airline/ Flight no.	From:	Departure Date	Departure Time	To: (your city destination)	Arrival Date	Arrival Time
Air Tran 281	Boston	April 28	11:28 AM	Atlanta, GA	April 28	2:20 PM
Air Tran 53	Atlanta, GA	April 28	5:30 PM	San Francisco	April 28	7:55 PM

Now do your own. If your flight is non-stop, you need fill in only the top row of boxes.

Airline/ Flight no.	From:	Departure Date	Departure Time	To: (your city destination)	Arrival Date	Arrival Time
	Boston					

(c) Of course, you also need to return to Boston! Write the flight details below for the return flight to Boston:

Airline/ Flight no.	From:	Departure Date	Departure Time	To:	Arrival Date	Arrival Time

5. All right—you've booked your hotel and flights. Good work! There is one more thing you need: a **rental car**.

City of [Amsterdam, Netherlands](#)

Pick-up Amsterdam, Netherlands

Drop-off same as pickup

Pick-up Sep 3 9 am

Drop-off Sep 17 9 am

OPTIONAL

Discounts If you have a corporate or association discount, select the car rental company below.
 (You'll enter the number on the next screen.)

Car rental company

[Expand search options](#)

The next page should show you a selection of cars from different rental companies. Choose the cheapest one.

(a) What is the Total Rate of the car for your vacation? \$ _____.

6. It's time now to **add up the cost of your trip.**

Rental car \$ _____

Round-trip flight _____

Hotel (price per day X 10 days) _____

Food/entertainment (about \$40 per day X 10 days) _____

Total vacation cost _____

End of lesson..