



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Transportation and Lodging

Topic: Travel Planning

Level: Novice-Intermediate

Practice on Your Own

- Make a plan for a trip. First figure out where you want to travel to. How far is it? Write out the distance in letters.
- When do you want to leave? Write down the length of your trip – the number of days; from X (calendar date) to when? Is there a difference between the Western/Gregorian calendar and the calendar used in the country/ies where the language is spoken?
- How will you travel? By bus, by train, or by plane? How long does it take using each one of these ways? For instance, “It is eight hours by bus,” “It is one hour by plane,” etc. How much difference is there in terms of cost?
 - How much is a bus ticket? It is X...
 - How much is a plane ticket? ...
- Pay close attention to the use of prepositions/postpositions. In planning a trip, prepositions/postpositions are of great use – **from A to B** (dates); I will travel **to** X (place)...
- Where will you stay and for how long? Think of the vocabulary such as hotel, room, stay...

Practice in Conversation Session

- Be prepared to present a short narrative about your trip, connecting the answers to the questions that were talked about above. This narrative includes talking about when, where, how, how long, how much...
- Be prepared to answer your conversation partner’s questions about your trip.
- Be prepared to ask about your conversation partner’s next trip (or previous trip) – where, when, how long, where he/she will stay...
- Check with your conversation partner that you are asking the questions correctly.