

Mobile app

Adobe XD



Embark on an exciting, new travel experience with weGO. Plan your group trips & store everything all in one place.



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Overview

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Traveling in a group can be extremely **stressful** since often times one person is held responsible to coordinate and plan everything, while making sure everyone agrees with the given options.

Being the **only** planner puts immense stress & pressure on the individual and is unfair to those who did not take part.

Pain points

Goals

Lack of collaboration among group members

Use of multiple platforms to plan all travel details

Create a system that promotes group engagement

Allow users to plan & store everything on one platform

Create a plan that accomodates everyone's preferences & interests

Help the user create an efficient schedule that fits everyone's interests

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User Research

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I interviewed and surveyed users to understand how they plan their travels, what are factors they consider before booking a trip, and what they need during a trip to make their experience better.



18 - 64 years

gender

male - female

travel

minimal - frequent



Age		
18 - 34		83%
35 - 54		3%
55 +		14%

Do you use any tools/apps to assist with travel planning?



Do you like to travel?

yes	99%
no	1%

Do you create a packing list?



How often do you travel per year?

1 - 2		42%
2 - 3		42%
3+		16%

Do you participate in the plannning process?



Where do you save all your trip related information?



What challenges do you face when planning a trip?

communication + coordination	30%
itinerary + activities	25%
accomodations	14%
budgeting + expenses	13%
costs + pricing	13%
other	5%

What tools do you use to assist with travel planning?

tripadvisor	16%
expedia	13%
booking.com	13%
google drive	19%
google sheets + excel	12%
other google apps	6%
other travel planning apps	8%
accomodations (ex.airline's app)	8%
social media	3%
other	2%

Do you prefer booking through the company or a third party?

company		61%
third party		26%
both		13%

How do you log travel expenses?

bank statement			42%
notes			27%
sheets + excel			23%
other			8%

When traveling with others, how do you cover expenses?

1 person		56%
individually		33%
depends		11%

How do you find attractions or activities to do?



Do you read reviews on accomodations?

yes	92%
no	0%
sometimes	8%

How likely are you to leave a review?

not likely	26%
less likely	42%
maybe	18%
more likely	9%
absolutely	5%

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User interviews

- Name
- Age

Introduction

Participants

Methodology

- Occupation
- Travel frequency
- Personal or business?
- All participants are regular travelers or have had experience planning a trip
- Different ages ranges and occupations
- One man (50 year old), one woman (26 year old), one woman (21 year old)
- 3 participants
- Each session will be 30 45 minutes long and will include an introduction and a list of questions

• Who usually does the travel planning, one person (you or someone else) or everyone in the group helps? Why exactly?

- Describe your planning process
- What resources or applications do you use to find the necessary information and book accomodations?
- What difficulties did you encounter while planning your last group trip?
- What did you like about the resources or applications that you used on your last trip?
- What did you dislike about these resources or applications?
- How can the planning process be more efficient?
- Are there any examples of applications that perform similar tasks more effectively?
- When planning your next trip, what will you change in the process?

Research questions



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User statements • Understand the visual icons & queues **UI design** • Easily navigate the app • Access travel plans without internet • Create quick notes • Create a customizable itinerary Group • Collaborate with others • Share ideas & preferences • Send out polls

User must be able to:

- Read reviews for destinations & accomodations
- See realistic photos & descriptions
- Find recommendations on things to do
- Save items to favorites
- Connect to Google Maps
- Expenses • Record trip expenses

Entertainment

- Create budget & view progress
- Split expenses accordingly

User personas

Based on the research, I created two personas that demonstrate two different types of users that can use the application.



Lauren Hamilton

25 years old In a relationship Fashion & lifestyle influencer New York City, NY

The Planner

About

Lauren loves to travel and finds herself traveling at least three times per year. She likes seeing the world and discovering the fashion and lifestyles of different countries. Typically, she organizes trips herself, so she doesn't miss any important details and assures that she has a good time.

Lauren and her friends want to go on a two week trip together to Singapore in a few months. While Lauren loves planning, her friends don't know what they want to do and don't make an effort to help her which stresses her out.

> independent organized extroverted creative

Goals

- Discover new experiences
- Ensure that everyone enjoys everything planned
- Take beautiful photos for social media

Frustrations

- Planning takes time
- Having to figure out what everyone would be interested in
- Creating an efficient itinerary

"I find it annoying when I'm doing most of the planning, but nobody has a preference of what they want to do except me."



Cameron Garcia

41 years old single Chef & restaurant owner Pittsburgh, PA

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new cuisine Organize all expenses to revisit later

Goals

independent

extroverted

• Find the right

destination to

• Explore and try

relax & have fun

About

Cameron enjoys traveling, but only travels one or twice per year. He likes going on trips with his friends and exploring the rich cultures and foods found all over the world. Typically, he just goes along with what everyone else wants to do on the trip.

Cameron and his friends want to go on another trip together soon, but don't have a preference where. While Cameron is more laid back, his friends usually have different opinions and preferences which makes planning a little more difficult. Often times he is the one who comes up with a solution.

> organized creative

Frustrations

- Accomodating everyone's preferences & interests
- Having to use multiple platforms
- Expectation vs. reality

"It would be nice to have all the information that I need in one space instead of having to use multiple apps."

User statements

Says

- Relies on several apps to make a trip
- Looks for suggestions when traveling to a place
- Has to plan a lot before trips
- Getting people to agree is difficult



Does

- Asks people they are traveling with their preferences and interests
- Visits social media to finds things to do
- Watches YouTube videos and reads blogs
- Visits many websites for research

Thinks

- Booking through third parties is unreliable
- Would everyone be interested in this?
- Where can I find 'x' information?
- How can I create a good schedule?

Feels

- Frustrated with the amount of apps needed to plan everything
- Worried about how the trip will be organized
- Nobody cares due to the lack of participation
- Excited about new experiences

Affinity mapping



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user can explore accomodations, entertainment, and restaurants based on location

explore









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user can edit and change account settings

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user creates a trip based on information present during intial start up

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side navigation bar to help user store and find information

overview trip page



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to-do page: app automatically sends out tasks based on user participation











destination

destinations page: user already indicated destination

if not decided, voting options similar to dates and stays would be present





polls page: user can send out custom polls to gauge group interest and preferences











itinerary





expenses page: user can record personal and group expenses during trip to track costs and split accordingly

expenses





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transportation page: user can share details of transportation methods to inform group

transportation







notes page: user can add quick notes or upload documents for group use

notes







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