You and a companion are planning a one week trip this winter. This vacation is the most special one you have ever taken. You would like to take this trip *within the US*. Based on what you have learned in this class, think about what kind of trip you would like to take.

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Make plans for this vacation, considering the following parts as a starting point to plan your vacation:

1. Destination or destinations - 2 points
	* Include one or two map(s) with your destination(s) marked on it (within one page)
	* Include one or two paragraphs explaining why this area interests you
	* Based on lectures on travel motivation, which theory (-ies) best describe your motivations for travel?
2. Trip preparation - 1 points
	* Ways of getting information (places to visit, reviews) on your chosen destination(s)?
	(This could be traditional or social media, or common media specific for tourism/trip planning)
	* List a couple websites or travel agents that you may use for booking for your trip
3. Entertainment and sights to see - 4 points
	* List some of the things you would like to see and do in the area to which you are travelling
	* Why you want to visit them or do these activities?

\* Think of the possible impacts of visiting these places (i.e., cultural, environmental, etc.) and be sure to address this in the *reflection section*.

1. Transportation - 1 points
	* How will you travel?
	* What will the travel cost be to reach your destination? (include this in *budget*)
	* How will you travel around after get to the destination and what will this cost? (include this in *budget*)

\* Does this form of transport have a relatively high or low carbon footprint? Include this in the *reflection*.

1. Accommodations - 2 points
	* What type of accommodations will you choose and why so?
	* What are some of the alternatives available for accommodation (and why did you not select these)?
	* What is the estimated cost of your accommodations? (include this in *budget*)
2. Money/Economy and budget - 2 points
	* Think of the ways in which you plan to spend money. In what ways will you spend money that will stay in the local economy, minimizing leakages and maximizing linkages?
	* Provide a table with expenses you think you may have to pay to go on your trip
	(i.e., Plane ticket to California - $1,500; Hotel for one week in San Francisco - $700; One week pass - $200)

\* Itemize as much as you can, and be as specific as possible!

\* Be sure to indicate the number of people on your trip, the cost per person and the total cost.

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| **Expense** | **Amount** | **Cost/person** | **Total cost** |
| Plane ticket to California | $1,500 |  |  |
| Hotel for a week in San Francisco | $700 |  |  |
| One week city pass | $200 |  |  |
| Gifts/Souvenirs | $100 |  |  |
| …. |  |  |  |
| …. |  |  |  |
| ***Sum*** |  |  | ***$2,500.00*** |

1. Reflection - 3 points
	* Include a minimum 1-page reflection on the potential impacts of your trip.
	(Is there any way you could further increase positive impacts while minimizing negative impacts during the trip?)

\* Integrate what you have learned this semester, explain your thoughts on tourism impacts and on how to be a better/more responsible tourist?

**References and Resources (listed in APA style)**

Suggested resources: Travel brochures, Travel information from travel agencies, Travel books, Library resources, Internet sites. **DO NOT GUESS!**