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## ***TRAVEL + TECHNOLOGY***



### **OBJECTIVES:**

1. *UNDERSTANDING THE TRAVEL TECH GOALS*
2. *MUST-HAVE TECHNOLOGIES AND PREP*
3. *BEFORE YOU LEAVE CHECKLIST*

# PART ONE

## Demo 1: *UNDERSTANDING THE TRAVEL TECH GOALS*

1. **THE CONCEPT:** To spend some time *well in advance* of your trip getting all of your information organized into various apps and locations on your Apple devices

### 2. THE TOOLS:

1. *The Maps App* lets you plot important travel locations like airports, hotels, museums, places of interest
2. Travel App *Triplt*, the *Notes App*, the *Numbers App* (spreadsheets), the *Mail App*, the *Calendar App* and *Apple Wallet App* are all tools for tracking your important travel information
3. Communication tools like *FaceTime Audio*, *FaceTime Video*, *WhatsApp*, the *Translate App* (+AirPods Pro!) and *Airalo* for an ESIM will help you stay connected while traveling
4. iPhone, iPad, Mac hardware, AirPods Pro, the *Music App*, the *Journal App*, charging solutions and MagSafe Battery chargers, RFID Blocking sleeves, USB to Ethernet adapter, HDMI Cable + Adapter, AirTags also worth considering!

### 3. THE RESULTS:

1. NO SURPRISES when it comes to pre-booked travel plans, whether it's flight info, accommodations, transportation, etc
2. ALL information at your finger tips-ideal for having everything handy on your iPhone, easily accessed without having to ever open your bag for another device; access everything instantly
3. You are able to easily communicate with others both near and far using a VARIETY of different methods; you can EASILY navigate any city you are in; you can document your thoughts and impressions while on the go; you can leverage AI for other inspiring ideas; you can sample music from the region you're about to experience and more!

# PART TWO

## Demo 2: *MUST-HAVE TECHNOLOGIES AND PREP*

1. The first and most important part of your trip is the RESEARCH, the PREPARATION and the DOCUMENTATION
2. Make a Spreadsheet that contains all of your important travel information-consider adding phone numbers, confirmation numbers, physical addresses, etc THIS IS YOUR TRIP DATA!
3. In the Notes App on any Apple device, create a folder for your trip and then individual notes for each leg-then add pertinent shortcuts of info for each leg for easy access-flight times, confirmation numbers, seat numbers, the Terminal at the airport, arrival times and the name, address and phone number of your hotel; also rental car confirmation / train info for once you arrive
4. (Some people love the app called *Triplt*, which allows you to forward confirmation emails to an email address that then adds all of the details of that booking directly into their app)
5. In the Calendar App you may want to also add this information, so that you can look at the details of your trip on a Calendar
6. I mimic the Trip as a folder in the Mail App, with subfolders of each leg, and all of the confirmation / receipt emails from all travel and accommodation vendors gathered there-great for reference if there is an issue, because it all syncs to your iPhone
7. Download the WhatsApp App to your iPhone and add the top ten people that you will want to contact both at home and abroad; it's nice to have this already to go; add FaceTime Audio and Video shortcuts to the Favorites section of the Phone app
8. Now the fun stuff! Create a "Guide" in the Maps app for each of the cities that you will be visiting. Then add the airport, hotel, or AirBnB locations into the guide for that city; from here you can lookup great restaurants, museums, places of interest, hospitals and ANYTHING else of interest for that city, and now every location is at your fingertips, with instant directions from where you are!
9. Checkout [atlasobscura.com](http://atlasobscura.com) to find unique spots for the cities you'll visit and add them to the Guide in the Maps App!

# PART THREE

## **Demo 3:** *BEFORE YOU LEAVE CHECKLIST*

### Your PRE-TRIP Checklist

1. Make sure that you setup an international plan with your cell phone carrier prior to leaving
2. Download any and all OFFLINE Maps in the Maps App
3. Use the Guides feature in the Maps App to setup your Hotels and Places of Interest in the Maps App
4. Make sure you have (We like Nord VPN) a VPN solution in place
5. Document your flight info, hotel info, car rental confirmations, train ticket confirmations, etc in a spreadsheet, and a “QuickLook” version in the Notes App. You can also try the ‘Triplt’ app to document these bits of info
6. Organize all travel emails into Mail Folders in the Mail App
7. Organize all important events in the Calendar App (with the appropriate time zones added to the event names)
8. Take photos of ALL travelers’ Drivers Licenses and Passports, and make sure that all members of your travel group have one another’s documentation-everyone has everyone else’s drivers license and passport information
9. Visit AAA to obtain an international drivers permit if needed
10. Take some time leading up to your trip to download some content onto your iPhone, iPad and/or Laptop for OFFLINE VIEWING. Make sure you test the content while in AirPlane Mode before leaving
11. Make sure you have the proper travel adapters, car chargers and cables; consider also packing a MagSafe charger
12. Consider creating a WhatsApp account. After creating your account online, download the WhatsApp App to your iPhone, login with your WhatsApp credentials and then add your US and foreign friends as contacts in the WhatsApp App
13. Consider adding your Drivers License and your Passport to the Apple Wallet App on your iPhone
14. Share all of your travel documents and info with a loved one prior to leaving

# USING THE MAPS APP!

## What is a Guide in Apple Maps?

A Guide is a saved collection of places—like “Favorite Restaurants,” “Hotels,” “Chicago Trip,” or “Best Museums.” You can build it over time and share it if you want.

### Before you start (quick check)

1. Open Maps.
2. Make sure you’re signed into your Apple ID (usually already is).
3. If you don’t see your saved items easily, tap your profile icon (top right) or swipe up from the bottom panel.

### Part 1 — Create a new Guide

1. Open the Maps app.
2. Tap your profile icon (top right).
  - If you don’t see one, swipe up on the bottom panel and look for Library or Saved.
3. Tap Guides.
4. Tap New Guide (or a + button).
5. Type a name for your guide (example: Palm Springs Favorites).
6. (Optional) Add a description like “Places I want to take friends.”
7. Tap Done (or Create).



You now have an empty Guide.

### Part 2 — Add locations to a Guide (2 easy methods)

Method A (best): Add from a place you searched for

1. In Maps, tap the Search bar.
2. Type the place name (example: “Elmer’s Restaurant Palm Springs”).
3. Tap the correct result.
4. A place card appears at the bottom—tap Save (or the + / More button).
5. Choose Add to Guide.
6. Tap the Guide name you created.

7. Confirm it shows as saved (often you'll see a checkmark or "Saved").

 That place is now inside your Guide.

### **Method B: Add while you're already looking at a place on the map**

1. Tap a place pin on the map (or a business label).
2. On the bottom place card, tap Save (or More).
3. Tap Add to Guide.
4. Choose your Guide.

 Added!

### **Part 3 — View your Guide and confirm the places are there**

1. Open Maps.
2. Tap your profile icon (top right).
3. Tap Guides.
4. Tap your Guide name.
5. You'll see your saved places listed. Tap any place to navigate, call, or get details.

### **Part 4 — Remove a place from a Guide (if you make a mistake)**

1. Open the Guide (Maps → Profile → Guides → select Guide).
2. Find the place in the list.
3. Tap More (three dots) or swipe left on the place (depending on iOS).
4. Tap Remove from Guide (or Delete).

### **Part 5 — Share a Guide (optional)**

1. Open the Guide.
2. Tap Share (box with an arrow) or More (...) → Share Guide.
3. Choose Messages, Mail, etc.

*Some tips (that prevent common "oops" moments)*

*If you don't see "Guides", swipe up on the bottom panel and look for Library or Saved.*

*If "Save" only offers Favorites or Want to Go, look for "Add to Guide" or "Add to Collection."*

*Create guides by theme: Doctors, Restaurants, Family Visits, Vacation, Walks & Parks.*

*Use short names you can recognize quickly (e.g., "Chicago 2026" instead of "Trip Places").*

## OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES:

*In macOS Tahoe, the Tips App has everything you need, literally manuals for all devices, apps and software. The most incredible resource there is!*

The App icon looks like this:



*Don't forget that there is a website dedicated just to this class, with downloadable versions of these files. I will also post tutorial videos of the class based on your feedback!*

[www.theicreative.com/travel](http://www.theicreative.com/travel)

Other Helpful Products:

RFID Blocking Card for your purse or wallet, one card protects your entire wallet or purse from RFID Scanning Theft:

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