**Disclaimer:** The template provided in the form of Visual Studio project is meant to act as a starter kit for Windows 8 Store apps development. You are recommended to change or modify the look and feel to suit the branding that is required for your app. The template by no means restricts you to stick to the layout, navigation or other aspects indicated.

**Description**

Travel Dark Background template is an emulation of a travel app with placeholders for Vacation destination, group destination and destination detail data. Add to favourite features are left out of the template intentionally as they are better dealt during actual implementation.

You can leverage this template even if you are not building a travel app, but the implementation scenario is closest to the template. Please refer to the “snapshots” folder under the root template folder to get a glimpse of the template look and feel.

Images in the Template -> The images in the template are included as an indicator of the look and feel. You are expected to use relevant images as you deem it right for your app. In addition, while you build an app using this template, make sure to address the below images as part of branding the app.

* App Tile (Default and Wide Logo)
* Splash Screen
* App Logo in the app ( currently positioned at top Right of each page in the header)
* Live Tile
* Travel Destination Images as per the scenario

How does the template help? -> The template has been created keeping in mind the Windows 8 style & experience. Just by binding the relevant data, you should have a good looking app that runs in the paradigm of Windows 8. The template addresses the following

1. App Views (Landscape, Fill, Snap and Portrait)
2. Search Contract
3. Live Tile
4. Settings (Place holders for About Us, Contact Us, Privacy Policy, Terms and Conditions etc.)
5. Top App Bar to depict navigation
6. Bottom app bar to depict commands

**System requirements**

The template has been built using Visual Studio 2012 RTM Release and Windows 8 RTM Release. Opening this template is earlier versions will break the template.

**Build the sample**

1. Start Visual Studio 2012 RTM for Windows 8 and select **File** > **Open** > **Project/Solution**.
2. Go to the directory in which you unzipped the template. Go to the directory named for the sample, and double-click the Solution (.sln) file.
3. Press F6 or use **Build** > **Build Solution** to build the sample.

**Run the sample**

To debug the app and then run it, press F5 or use **Debug > Start Debugging**. To run the app without debugging, press Ctrl+F5 or use **Debug > Start without Debugging**.

**Install the Package**

If you want to check on the template before opening the source, you can install the template package from Package folder after you have unzipped the template. Follow the below instructions to install the package

1. Right click on the “Add-AppDevPackage.ps1” file and choose ‘Run with PowerShell’ command to install
2. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation
3. Once installation is done, you will a Wide App Tile on the start screen