1. Define Your Objective (The "Why")

• Establish the goal of your journey first. This establishes the basis for all decisions, much like when a business problem is defined in data analytics.

• Example Goal:

"I want a relaxing beach vacation to unwind after a busy quarter, prioritizing quiet beaches, affordable stays, and minimal travel time."

2. Prepare: Scope Your Resources (The "What")

• Determine your needs and limitations, much like you would when establishing project specifications in analytics.

• Budget Breakdown (Example):

o Total: ₹50,00

- Categories:
- 1. Flights (₹15,000)
- 2. Accommodation (₹20,000)
- 3. Food (₹10,000)
- 4. Activities (₹5,000).

Non-Negotiables:

o Direct flights, Wi-Fi, safety, and vegetarian food options.

3. Collect Data (The "How")

Gather structured and unstructured data to inform decisions—mirroring data sourcing in analytics.

Data Sources:

- Structured Data: Flight prices (Skyscanner), hotel rates (Booking.com), weather averages (AccuWeather).
- Unstructured Data: Traveler reviews (TripAdvisor), Instagram travel blogs, Reddit threads.

• An example of insight

"Goa has monsoon rains in July, but Kerala's monsoon ends by September, making it a better fit for a November trip."

4. Analyse & Compare Options (The "Insights")

Use analytical techniques to evaluate choices, like cost-benefit analysis.

• Comparison Framework:

Destination	Cost (₹)	Weather	Travel Time	Reviews
Goa	48,000	Sunny	2h	4.5/5
Andaman	62,000	Humid	6h	4.8/5
Kerala	45,000	Mild	3h	4.7/5

5. Collaborate & Validate (The "Peer Review")

Share findings with stakeholders (friends, family) to avoid bias—similar to peer review in analytics.

• Example Questions to Discuss:

- o "Does Kerala's slower nightlife align with our goal of relaxation?"
- "Is the budget realistic for a 7-day trip?"

6. Execute & Monitor (The "Implementation")

Book tickets, pack, and prepare—like deploying a data-driven solution.

Checklist:

Confirm bookings (flights, hotels).

- o Pack essentials: sunscreen, travel docs, emergency cash.
- Set up expense-tracking.

Linking with Data Analytics

This process mirrors the **Data Lifecycle**:

- 1. Plan: Identify the issue (a pleasant holiday).
- 2. **Prepare**: Set the scope (requirements, budget).
- 3. Process: Gather and clean data (filter irrelevant destinations, compare costs).
- 4. Analyze: Find trends (trade-offs between cost and weather).
- 5. **Share**: Verify with interested parties.
- 6. **Act**: Put the solution into practice (make the travel arrangements).