

Lab 1 – Product Description

Justin Corley

Old Dominion University

CS411W

Professor Sumaya Sanober

31 January 2025

Version 1

Table of Contents

1	<i>Introduction</i>	3
2	<i>WiseTraveler Product Description</i>	4
2.1	<i>Key Product Features and Capabilities</i>	4
2.2	<i>Major Components (Hardware/Software)</i>	4
3	<i>Identification of Case Study</i>	4
4	<i>WiseTraveler Prototype Description</i>	4
4.1	<i>Prototype Architecture (Hardware/Software)</i>	4
4.2	<i>Prototype Features and Capabilities</i>	4
4.3	<i>Prototype Development Challenges</i>	4
5	<i>Glossary</i>	4
6	<i>References</i>	5

List of Figures

<i>Figure 1</i>	<i>N/A</i>
-----------------------	------------

List of Tables

<i>Table 1</i>	<i>N/A</i>
----------------------	------------

1 Introduction

Traveling internationally or domestically offers opportunities for cultural immersion, exploration, and relaxation. However, travelers often face significant challenges due to fragmented information sources, cultural misunderstandings, and safety or health risks. In 2023, approximately 48.98 million U.S. residents traveled overseas (3), while global international tourist arrivals reached 790 million between January and July 2024, an increase of 11% when compared to 2023 (15). Despite these numbers, many travelers rely on incomplete research or outdated guides, exposing themselves to risks such as unfamiliar local laws, unsafe water, poor sanitation, and crime. These issues often force travelers to stick to crowded tourist hotspots or fall victim to tourist traps, limiting their ability to fully enjoy and explore new destinations.

The WiseTraveler platform provides a personalized and holistic approach to travel planning, consolidating vital information into a centralized, AI-powered travel guide. It combines tools and insights to address safety, cultural, and logistical challenges. WiseTraveler offers tailored recommendations for destinations, attractions, and activities based on user preferences, creating a seamless and individualized travel experience. Key features include real-time health and safety alerts specific to the traveler's region, concise guides on local laws and cultural customs for deeper cultural immersion, and tools to discover hidden gems and off-the-beaten-path attractions. It streamlines trip planning with personalized itineraries, optimized travel routes, and user-generated reviews to ensure every trip is both efficient and meaningful. By integrating all these capabilities, WiseTraveler eliminates the need for juggling multiple resources, empowering travelers to focus on enjoying their journeys. Its holistic design makes it a reliable companion for exploring confidently, immersing authentically, and creating unforgettable experiences.

2 WiseTraveler Product Description

2.1 Key Product Features and Capabilities

2.2 Major Components (Hardware/Software)

3 Identification of Case Study

4 WiseTraveler Prototype Description

4.1 Prototype Architecture (Hardware/Software)

4.2 Prototype Features and Capabilities

4.3 Prototype Development Challenges

5 Glossary

6 References

“Best Practices for Traveler Safety”. Travel.State.Gov. Feb 29, 2024.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/about-our-new-products/Best-Practices-for-Traveler-Safety.html>.

Booking.Com 2023 Sustainable Travel Report, Booking.com, 14 June 2023. (1)

Davies, William. “10 Useful International Travel Tips for First-Time Travelers”. GoOverSeas.

<https://www.gooverseas.com/blog/best-international-travel-tips-for-first-time-travelers>.

Johnson, Jake. “Security Risks of Traveling Internationally: The Five Greatest Safety Concerns

of Going Abroad.” Jensen Hughes, 9 June 2022, www.jensenhughes.com/insights/the-five-greatest-risks-to-your-security-when-travelling-internationally.

Kimberli, K. “The most helpful 27 tips for first time travelers.” Worldpackers. Sep 27, 2024.

<https://www.worldpackers.com/articles/first-time-travelers>.

Lehner, Virginia. “Safety & Security Overseas.” CDC Yellow Book 2024: Health Information

for International Travel, Oxford University Press,

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2024/environmental-hazards-risks/safety-and-security-overseas>.

Lisa, Andrew. “Strange Laws to Be Aware of in the Most Popular Countries for Tourists.”

Stacker, 14 Jan. 2020, <https://www.stacker.com/travel/strange-laws-be-aware-most-popular-countries-tourists>.

“Number of United States Residents Travelling Overseas from 2002 to 2023.” Travel: Overseas

Tourism US 2023, Statista Research Department, 11 June 2024,

www.statista.com/statistics/214774/number-of-outbound-tourists-from-the-us/.

Swanson, Maisha. “This Is How Much Time Travelers Spend Researching before Booking a

Trip.” TravelWires, 27 July 2023, www.travelwires.com/this-is-how-much-time-travelers-spend-researching-before-booking-a-trip.

“Survival Guide to Safe and Healthy Travel.” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 30 Nov. 2022,

www.cdc.gov/travel/page/survival-guide.

“Travel Alerts”. Office of Financial Management. October, 2024.

<https://www.commerce.gov/ofm/offices/office-financial-reporting-policy-internal-controls-and-travel/travel-management/travel-alerts>

“Travel Advisories.” Travel Advisories, US Dept of State - Bureau of Consular Affairs,

<https://www.travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>.

“Travel & Safety Tips to Know Before You Go”. PennState Global. June, 2024.

<https://global.psu.edu/article/travel-safety-tips-know-you-go>.

Turner, Matt. “Stats: 53% of U.S. Adults Say Cultural Immersion Essential to Travel.” Travel

Agent Central, 17 Sept. 2019, [www.travelagentcentral.com/your-business/stats-53-u-s-](http://www.travelagentcentral.com/your-business/stats-53-u-s-adults-say-cultural-immersion-essential-to-travel#:~:text=Half%20want%20to%20explore%20a,the%20destination%20(48%20percent))

[adults-say-cultural-immersion-essential-to-](http://www.travelagentcentral.com/your-business/stats-53-u-s-adults-say-cultural-immersion-essential-to-travel#:~:text=Half%20want%20to%20explore%20a,the%20destination%20(48%20percent))

[travel#:~:text=Half%20want%20to%20explore%20a,the%20destination%20\(48%20percent\)](http://www.travelagentcentral.com/your-business/stats-53-u-s-adults-say-cultural-immersion-essential-to-travel#:~:text=Half%20want%20to%20explore%20a,the%20destination%20(48%20percent))

“UN Tourism: Bringing the World Closer.” UN Tourism World Tourism Barometer | Global

Tourism Statistics, UN Tourism, [https://www.unwto.org/un-tourism-world-tourism-](https://www.unwto.org/un-tourism-world-tourism-barometer-data)

[barometer-data](https://www.unwto.org/un-tourism-world-tourism-barometer-data).

Woolf, Max. “Falling for the Hype? How to Evade Tourist Traps [New Study].” PhotoAiD, 15

Oct. 2024, www.photoaid.com/blog/tourist-traps/.

“Your Survival Guide to Safe and Healthy Travel”. CDC: Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention. <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/survival-guide>.