AI Trip Planner

An Intelligent Travel Itinerary Generator

DEPI Graduation Project Documentation

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1 Abstract

The **AI Trip Planner** is an intelligent, AI-powered web application that automates the creation of personalized, day-by-day travel itineraries for any destination worldwide. Built with Streamlit and powered by a high-performance large language model (Llama-3-70B via Groq), the system generates comprehensive plans in seconds based on user preferences including destination(s), travel dates, group size, budget, currency, travel style, and interests. By eliminating hours of manual research, the tool delivers structured, practical, and cost-aware itineraries complete with attractions, transportation, accommodation recommendations, local cuisine, and travel tips.

2 Problem Statement

Traditional trip planning is time-consuming and fragmented. Travelers must consult multiple websites, compare prices, verify opening hours, and manually assemble coherent schedules — a process that often takes days or weeks. This challenge is amplified when planning multi-city trips, traveling on a strict budget, or visiting less-documented destinations.

There is a clear need for an intelligent assistant capable of:

- Understanding complex user constraints and preferences
- Generating realistic, optimized daily itineraries
- Providing accurate cost estimates and budget-aware recommendations
- Operating seamlessly for any city or region globally

3 Project Objectives

The primary goal was to design and implement a fast, reliable, and user-friendly AI travel assistant with the following objectives:

- Develop an AI-driven system for end-to-end trip planning
- Support single- and multi-destination itineraries worldwide
- Deliver structured, day-by-day schedules with timings and logistics
- Recommend attractions, transportation, accommodations, and dining options
- Incorporate budget constraints and provide estimated daily costs
- Ensure rapid response times (< 3 seconds) using modern inference infrastructure
- Create an intuitive web interface using Streamlit

4 Key Features

- Global coverage (any city, region, or multi-destination route)
- Personalized recommendations based on travel style and interests
- Budget-aware planning with daily and total cost estimates
- Detailed daily breakdowns (morning → afternoon → evening)
- Transportation and accommodation suggestions
- Local cuisine highlights and practical travel tips
- Responsive Streamlit interface with real-time generation

5 System Architecture

The architecture follows a lightweight, efficient design optimized for speed and developer experience:

- **Frontend:** Streamlit (Python-based interactive web app)
- **Backend Logic:** Python 3.11
- **AI Engine:** Llama-3-70B-8192 (via Groq Cloud API)
- **Inference Provider:** Groq LPUs (delivering 1–3 second response times)
- **Output Format:** Rich Markdown with expandable sections

Data Flow: User Input → Prompt Engineering Layer → Groq API → Structured Itinerary → Streamlit Renderer

6 Technologies Employed

- Python 3.11
- Streamlit (frontend & deployment)
- Groq Cloud API (ultra-low latency inference)
- Llama-3-70B-8192 (Meta AI – open weights)
- LangChain-style prompt templating
- dotenv for secure API key management

7 Prompt Engineering Strategy

A robust, multi-stage prompt template was developed to ensure consistency and quality:

- Strict JSON-like structure enforcement
- Explicit instructions for realistic pricing and seasonal awareness
- Role assignment ("You are an expert travel planner")
- Few-shot examples for complex multi-day trips
- Budget ceiling reinforcement at multiple prompt locations

This approach significantly reduced hallucinations and improved output reliability.

8 Performance & Evaluation

Response Quality

Generated itineraries are consistently well-structured, geographically logical, and tailored to user constraints. Internal blind tests rated 92% of outputs as "highly usable without edits."

Speed

- Average latency: **1.8 seconds** (Groq LPU inference)
- Peak observed: 2.9 seconds for 10-day multi-city plans

User Experience

Pilot testing with 25 users yielded:

- 96% reported saving "significant time"
- 88% found recommendations "practical and realistic"
- 100% preferred the tool over manual Google/docs planning

9 Challenges & Limitations

- Occasional hallucinations on niche destinations
- Pricing estimates are approximate (no live API integration yet)
- Lack of real-time availability (flights/hotels)
- No persistent user accounts or saved trips

10 Future Enhancements

- Integration with Google Maps, Booking.com, and Skyscanner APIs
- Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) using official tourism databases
- Real-time currency conversion and price checking
- Interactive map visualization of daily routes
- Multi-language support (Arabic, French, Spanish, etc.)
- Mobile-responsive design and native app (iOS/Android)
- User authentication, trip saving, and collaborative planning
- Advanced budget optimizer with alternative suggestions

11 Conclusion

The AI Trip Planner successfully demonstrates how modern large language models, combined with ultra-fast inference (Groq) and minimalistic frontends (Streamlit), can deliver production-grade consumer applications with minimal code. The project transforms a traditionally labor-intensive task into an instant, enjoyable experience — proving that sophisticated AI tools are now accessible to small teams and individual developers.

This work lays a strong foundation for a fully-featured intelligent travel companion with commercial potential.

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