



Going on Holidays | INTERVIEW SCRIPTS

Exploring real experiences of holidays
with friends.

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“Design begins by understanding people — not pixels.”

Introduction

This document includes six real interviews conducted with different people around Oujda, Morocco. Each participant was a stranger met in a public or semi public place, such as cafés, a library, a bar, and a park. The goal was to capture authentic, emotional, and practical perspectives about holidays with friends their joys, frustrations, and small details that shape the group experience.



Interview #1 | Café L'Marsa

Context:

Date: October 18, 2025

Location: Café L'Marsa, Oujda

Interviewee: Amine, 24 years old, University Student (Stranger)

Duration: 15 minutes

Main Notes:

"Honestly, it's always the same problem one person wants the mountains, one wants the beach, and then we end up nowhere," Amine laughed while stirring his coffee.

He said most of their trips happen last-minute, and sometimes they lose motivation because no one takes initiative.

He mentioned using WhatsApp groups and Google Maps for planning but joked that "no one ever reads the messages."

When asked what frustrates him most, he said: "I like organizing things, but my friends just show up without helping and then complain."

Observations:

He laughed often, seemed comfortable but slightly annoyed by his role as the 'organizer'. He leaned forward when describing group stress, showing genuine frustration.



Interview #2 | Library

Context:

Date: October 18, 2025

Location: Library Ibn Khaldoun, Oujda

Interviewee: Rania, 27 years old, English Teacher (Stranger)

Duration: 30 minutes

Main Notes:

Rania was calm and reflective. She said she rarely goes on trips with friends because “planning

with too many people is exhausting.”

She mentioned she loves the idea of traveling together but prefers smaller groups: “Four people

max. After that, it becomes a debate club.”

She uses Excel sheets to split costs – “It’s nerdy but it avoids drama.” She said the best trip she

had was spontaneous: “We went to Saidia without overthinking it – that’s why it worked.”

Observations:

Spoke slowly, looked thoughtful. Smiled when mentioning good memories. Used her hands to illustrate how chaotic big groups get.



Interview #3 | School Campus

Context:

Date: October 19, 2025

Location: School Campus, Oujda

Interviewee: Reda, 21 years old, IT Student (Stranger)

Duration: 10 minutes

Main Notes:

Reda was energetic and distracted, often checking his phone during the talk.

He said: "My friends plan everything at the last minute, then someone always cancels."

He added: "We argue about who drives, who brings what... in the end, it's a mess."

When asked what could make it easier, he said: "Maybe an app where we all put what we want and the app decides for us."

Observations:

He laughed a lot but rolled his eyes several times. Body posture relaxed but fidgety. Clearly used to disorganization.



Interview #4 | Local Bar

Context:

Date: October 19, 2025

Location: Local Bar, Oujda

Interviewee: Hajar, 29 years old, Freelancer (Stranger)

Duration: 20 minutes

Main Notes:

Hajar had a lot to say. "It's fun until people start arguing about money," she said immediately.

She explained how one friend always pays less, another forgets to contribute, and it ruins the vibe.

She said: "We tried using Splitwise, but half the group refused because they said 'it's too serious.'"

Despite the issues, she smiled and added: "Still, I'd rather travel with my friends than alone, chaos is better than boredom."

Observations:

Talked loudly, expressive hand gestures. Smiled often despite complaints.

Looked confident and open.



Interview #5 | PlayRoom Gaming

Context:

Date: October 19, 2025

Location: PlayRoom Gaming Café, Oujda

Interviewee: Youssef, 23 years old, Graphic Designer (Stranger)

Duration: 15 minutes

Main Notes:

Youssef was relaxed, playing on his phone when approached.

“We always say we’ll go somewhere, but then it turns into a gaming night,” he joked.

He admitted they never plan properly: “Everyone wants a different date, and when someone says let’s confirm, silence.”

He added: “We once drove to Berkane randomly – no hotel booked – best trip ever.”

Observations:

Friendly tone, casual body language. He laughed easily and seemed nostalgic when mentioning Berkane.



Interview #6 | Park Lalla Meryem

Context:

Date: October 20, 2025

Location: Park Lalla Meryem, Oujda

Interviewee: Samira, 32 years old, Nurse (Stranger)

Duration: 18 minutes

Main Notes:

Samira sat on a bench reading when approached. She was kind but cautious at first.

She said: “When you grow older, it’s harder to find time for group trips – and when you do, people change.”

She talked about emotional expectations: “Sometimes it’s not the destination but feeling disconnected from your friends.”

She concluded: “We used to travel for fun, now we travel to remember who we were.”

Observations:

Friendly tone, casual body language. He laughed easily and seemed nostalgic when mentioning Berkane.



Reflection Summary

From the six interviews, several strong patterns appeared:

- Decision chaos: Most people struggle to agree on destination, timing, or budget.
- Money tension: Financial imbalance is one of the top sources of frustration.
- Last-minute planning: Trips often happen spontaneously, which some enjoy but others find stressful.
- Emotional side: People miss the feeling of unity they had in younger years.

Overall, the findings reveal that while holidays with friends bring joy, they also highlight issues of communication, fairness, and coordination. These raw insights will be used to build the Affinity Diagram and Empathy Map in the next phase.

