

# Travel Bro iOS App

## Project Proposal

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**Objective:** Build an IOS Application that helps a user discover people who like to travel together to new places and also hire a local travel guide.

**Application Name:** Travel Bro

**Brief Overview:** When a person visits a new city, its very unclear initially to decide which is good place to visit. If the person has come alone to a new city, it would be really good to find a travel companion for a quick visit. At times, hiring local guide would be the best option. Our IOS application incorporates the above features to the user thus making travelling to new places even better.

**Login:** We use Facebook API to log in to the application and building the user profile.

**User Profile:** Apart from the data that comes from the API, we also use GPS to detect user's current location. We intend to use SQLite database to store all the profiles.

**App Model:** Ask weather user wants to **visit a new place** or **contribute information** to an existing place and selecting an option to become a local tour guide.

**Populate Places:** Search results are narrowed down based on Category, Distance and City. *Ex: I **want to Visit** a New Place in **Category** Scenic Places within **10 miles** of **Syracuse, NY**.* This custom search query is used to populate results from Google Maps or TripAdvisor API.

**Select a Place:** Upon user selecting a place that he wishes to visit, a new screen containing detailed information populates. An option to take a photo and upload it. Mark as favorite place. Add to wish list. Etc. There is also an option to get a Travel Guide in the end.

**Travel Guide Screen:** Once a user decides to get a local travel guide, based on various parameters, a list is displayed along with the credits required to hire. This screen also shows current available credits and a Buy option to purchase more.

**Payment Modes:** User will be given various modes of payment to choose from. This feature will be incorporated via an API call.

**Emergency Contact:** If a user is confused in a new place and finds difficult to explore, an emergency call feature can be used to reach the central office. We plan on implementing a “**Call Now**” button phone service.

**Mapping Service:** This will be used in multiple places. 1) A map will be displayed next to the new visit place photo. 2) A map will be displayed on the user guide screen showing how far is he located.

**Local Travel Guide Concept (Credits):** Users who have very good knowledge on specific places to visit will contribute their views to this app for credits. If a traveler finds it helpful and up votes, Users gain credits. Contrarily, if there is spam or irrelevant information, it results in a down vote thus making it hard to gain credits.

**Monetization:** Since this app matches new visitors to existing experts, we charge a fee to make this match based on the above credits thus benefiting both.

**Database:** We plan on maintaining the following databases. 1) User profiles. 2) Reviews of the places written by the users. 3) Local Travel Guide list

**Conclusion:** Followed the guidelines as per requirements and provided tentative screenshots of the prototype below.



