BUDGET SURFING

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How it's done today?

There are some platforms to organize and manage travel plans (such as Hopper, WorldMate, MakeMyTrip) via managing hotel booking, flight itineraries, tracking the status of your flights, and rental car reservations.

But those platforms have the following limitations:

- There is no way to connect with locals and understand their culture.
- There is no platform that keeps the track of travel specific expenses.
- Expensive food and stays in a hotel.
- No knowledge about money saving tricks while travelling.
- No travel groups in which travelers can find companions and split bills





New approach



Track your personal expense while travelling



Find a place to stay with locals during travel



Keep a record of expense you share with travel partners.



Benefits of the new approach

- Will save money on accommodation and food.
- Manage or split the expense if travelling in a group.
- Allow travelers or hosts to rate each other, which in turn will help other hosts to decide.
- Get to know about hidden tourists' spots and money saving advice from locals.
- Help to identify and eliminate poor spending habits while travelling using expense tracker.
- Will help tourists to build a travel itinerary based on experiences shared by other travelers.
- Connecting travelers to others who have the same travel dates and locations.



Who Cares? What difference could it make

- This service is for regular travelers.
- Will make travelling more economical.
- Will equally divide and manage the expenses among travelers.
- Timely Notifications if exceeding budget limits.
- Provide statistical reports on expenses incurred during the previous trips and will help to plan budget travel in future.
- Will give opportunity to explore the place in the best possible through proper guidance of the local community.



Risks

- Incorrect review/information about traveler/host.
- Personal Identification can be leaked.
- Sometimes no host available on short notice.



Mid-term and Final exams to check for success -

Mid Term -

- User Registration, Account verification through OTP sent on registered email, Login Module.
- Profile creation of users.
- Expense tracker and budget planner module.
- Timely notifications if exceeding budget limits.

Final Exam -

- Creation of request by traveler.
- Acceptance of request by host from the list of all pending requests.
- Notification to traveler upon acceptance/cancellation of request by host.
- Feedback or Rating about host and traveler.







