

Project Proposal

Name of the Project:

GUIDE: Guided User Itinerary & Destination Explorer

The URL of the Project Web Page:

<https://tunakodal.github.io/quad-core/>

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Project Description:

The GUIDE (Guided User Itinerary & Destination Explorer) system is an intelligent, context-aware travel planning and guidance platform designed to revolutionize how tourists explore Turkiye's rich cultural and historical destinations. The system addresses the critical problem of fragmentation in current travel planning tools, where users must navigate between multiple disconnected applications—navigation apps, guidebooks, review sites, and translation services, leading to inefficient planning and suboptimal travel experiences.

GUIDE provides a unified, web-based solution that combines preference-aware route planning, AI-driven point-of-interest (POI) recommendations, interactive map visualization, and multilingual audio guidance within a single integrated platform. The system combines advanced technologies, including OpenStreetMap [1] for geospatial data, OSRM (Open Source Routing Machine) [2] for optimized route calculation, and ElevenLabs API [3] for high-quality text-to-speech functionality in Turkish, English, and German. By analyzing user preferences such as region, trip duration, distance constraints, and interest categories (historical sites, museums, natural landmarks, etc.), GUIDE generates customized multi-day itineraries that maximize traveler engagement while respecting time and accessibility constraints. The platform features an intuitive user interface with real-time map visualization powered by Leaflet.js [4], destination information enriched with visual content from reliable sources (UNESCO [5], Wikipedia [6], Flickr [7], Pixabay [8]), and comprehensive audio descriptions that enhance the exploration experience for all users, including those with language barriers.

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