

The AI Travel Prompt Library

Ten honestly good prompts for planning trips with ChatGPT, Claude and friends, plus the limits nobody tells you about. From typeatrip.com, as of 08/2026.

A good prompt turns an AI into a useful travel assistant. A bad one delivers nicely worded generalities. The difference almost always comes down to three things: concrete details about your group and budget, one clear task, and asking for honest caveats. Copy the templates below word for word and replace the brackets.

The 10 prompts

- 1. Find the destination** "We are [2 adults, kids 4 and 7], traveling [late August, 1 week], budget [\$2,500 total], starting from [Chicago]. We like [beach, short distances, no party towns]. Name 5 fitting destinations with 3 sentences of reasoning each, the price level, and the biggest catch of each destination."
- 2. The honest day plan** "Plan one day in [place] for [group]. At most [2] main activities, realistic travel time between them, one food break with a concrete type of restaurant. For each item, tell me roughly what it costs and when it gets crowded."
- 3. Packing list** "Create a packing list for [destination] in [month], [length], [group], [specials like hiking or a baby]. Grouped by category, with quantities, without stating the obvious twice."
- 4. Budget reality check** "Estimate the total cost for [trip] as ranges per block (lodging, getting there, food, activities, buffer). Use typical price levels for [destination] in [season] and tell me where the estimate is shaky."
- 5. Food without the tourist trap** "Name 5 places to eat in [city/neighborhood] where locals actually eat: cuisine, price level, and one dish worth ordering at each. No chains. Mark which details you are not sure about."
- 6. Traveling with kids** "Which 5 activities in [region] genuinely work with kids aged [4 and 7]? One sentence each on why that age loves it, rough cost, and how long you realistically stay."
- 7. The rainy day** "It is raining in [place]. Name 5 genuinely indoor options (not a partly covered zoo), sorted by distance from downtown, with rough prices. Be honest if the place has little to offer in rain, and name the nearest town worth the drive."
- 8. Road trip legs** "Split the route from [start] to [destination] into daily legs for [driving style, e.g. family with breaks every 2 hours, max 5 hours per day]. Per leg: distance, realistic driving time with buffer, and one stopover that is actually worth it."
- 9. Devil's advocate** "Here is my itinerary: [paste plan]. Tear it apart: where is it overloaded, where unrealistic, which drives are longer than they look, what would a local cut? Answer as a numbered list of criticisms."
- 10. The follow-up that fixes everything** "Which 5 questions should you have asked me before making this suggestion? Ask them now, I will answer, and then revise your suggestion."

The limits, honestly

These four weaknesses apply to every language model when planning travel, no matter how good the prompt:

1. **Hours and prices are memories, not facts.** The model knows the state of its training data. The museum may have closed for renovation, the restaurant may be dark on Mondays, admission may have gone up. Verify every time and price on the official page before you travel.
2. **Exact-looking numbers are often invented.** "Admission \$12.50" sounds researched but may be a guess. Trust ranges more than cents.
3. **No live availability.** Only the provider knows whether the hotel has a room on Aug 12 or the timed-entry slot is sold out.
4. **Popular gets recommended because it is popular.** Suggestions resemble the top-10 travel blogs, because that is what the model learned from. For hidden gems, use prompt 9.

And if you want someone to verify it for you

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