

The background of the slide is a collage of various vintage postage stamps and travel documents. Visible elements include a red stamp with the word 'PARAVION', a yellow circular stamp with a star, a red circular stamp with 'MADRID', and a red rectangular stamp with 'POSTAGE'. There are also various numbers and dates scattered throughout the collage.

Tips for Making the Most of Your UK Research Trip

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Plan, Plan, Plan

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

[Benjamin Franklin](#)

It's An Iterative Process

1. Family History Research
2. Broad travel planning
3. Location & archive research
4. Detailed travelling planning
5. Planning for fun
6. Absorbing new information on site
7. Detailed archive research
8. Exploring cemeteries & villages

Getting Practical

- What is your budget?
- How much time do you have?
- Who are your travelling companions? Can they walk long distances?
- Are you able to drive in the UK?
- Where do you really, really want to go?
- Where would you like to go, if you have the chance?
- What do you want to do or experience?
- What is your energy level?
- Negotiating with travel companions.

How Much Does It Cost?

- Flights
 - \$1000 – 1200/ person
- Accommodation (for two)
 - B&B Top Rated \$300/ night
 - B&B Mid Range \$100/ night
 - Mid-range hotel \$150/ night
 - Luxury \$300 plus/ night
- Rental Car \$600
- Food \$60 – 75/ person/ day
- Other – Ferries, Scotlandspeople, tours, entry, fuel, parking

Are You Up to Driving



Protect Yourself Insurance Options

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Benjamin Franklin

- Check your coverage before you book :
 - Employer insurance
 - Credit card
 - Automobile
- Best price/coverage options:
 - Group Insurance – Johnson Medoc
 - Premium credit cards
- IMG – Globber Hopper Single Trip
- When purchasing flight



Before You Book

- Plan where you will be every night.
- Expect to accomplish one or two activities per day.
- Plan an extra “unplanned day” for the big destinations
- Book flights no later three months in advance.
- Aim for a good deal, not the best deal.

Before You Book

- Use Google Flights and Expedia.ca to plan
- Buy insurance when you book your flights if you do not already have coverage.
- Book directly with the B&B or Hotel.
- High season reservations at least two months in advance.
- Low season, at least four weeks in advance.
- Read the reviews.

Before You Book

- Contact must see relatives and friends, so that you will be sure your itinerary will work for them.
- Check hours and dates of operation of must see archives & sites.
- Book ferries when you are booking your accommodation.
- To get the best prices create ferry and train accounts now to receive sales & discounts.
- Mix it up. Try all forms of travel – plane, trains, boats and cars.

📍 Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

🔍 What are you looking for?

Search

Europe › United Kingdom (UK) › Scotland › Edinburgh › Edinburgh Hotels

Edinburgh Bed and Breakfast

Hotels(146)

B&B and Inns(443)

Speciality Lodging(190)

Vacation Rentals(1,113)

Special Offers(70)

13/10/2015



14/10/2015



Change dates

Clear dates



BUDGET

SPA


RECOMMENDED

CITY CENTRE

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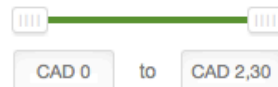
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City Centre Internet

Free Breakfast 

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Price



Hotel class

- ☐ ★★★★★
- ☒ ★★★★
- ☒ ★★★
- ☐ ★★

Style

- ☐ Family-friendly
- ☐ Green
- ☐ Boutique
- ☐ Romantic

[See All](#)

Location

- ☒ City Centre
☐ New Town
☐ Arthur's Seat
☐ West End

[See All](#)

Amenities

- ☐ Pool
- ☒ Internet
- ☐ Beach
- ☒ Free Breakfast

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Sort by:

Availability

Ranking

Price (low to high)

Price (high to low)

Distance

Slideshow



Before You Go

- Read the history of your village and region
- Learn the culture, the economics & reasons for leaving
- Search using google.uk not just google.ca/google.com
- Make appointments at critical locations
- Have a “plan B” - appointments may be cancelled



On the Ground

- Be open to serendipity - be flexible – go with the flow
- New information may lead you to new places
- Records may not have the information that you need
- Archivists may recommend another repository



Telecommunications

Internet and Cellular Service

Plan for slow, intermittent and unreliable

Turn cellular data, roaming and 3G off
BEFORE you leave Canada

Travel Light

- Maximum four or five changes of clothes
- Stick with dark coloured pants with pockets
- Plan to wash out your clothes
- Forget makeup, purses, jewellery and hairdryer
- Leave space for book & reference material purchases
- If you can, go digital with only one notebook
- Shoes - one set to wear, one to pack
- Minimize the toiletries
- Scan Key documents and place them online

Essential Extras

- Small flash light (or cell phone)
- UK GPS, Scotland guides, maps
- Spare prescription glasses
- Large & small ziplock bags
- Raincoat, two sweaters, gloves & hat
- Passport
- Passport photos for archive research cards
- Two credit cards, not AMEX, bank card and cash
- Extra printed copies of the family tree
- Lots of little gifts especially maple sugar candy
- Day backpack and small pouch or small purse

Technology

- Small flash light (or cell phone)
- Main camera and backup camera
- Battery charger and spare batteries for each camera
- Camera data cards
- Laptop / tablet & cords
- Portable back up drive (loaded with family photos)
- Several USB sticks
- 3 – 4 power converters
- Optional tripod
- Cell phone (shut off roaming)