

Choose Where and When (See Chapter 4)

Narrow down the options of where to go and the time of year to be gone.

STEP 1: WHERE TO GO?

Write down your dream workation destinations – up to ten of them.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Now start thinking through and journaling about these factors to help you figure out which locations are the best fit and most realistic.

Do you know someone who lives in any of these locations? If so, which ones?

Could you (or would you want to) live with the people you know in these locations?

Does your employer have an office, partner/subsidiary or a client location there that you could work out of?

Is the country's language(s) a factor? (considering other languages you or your partner may speak)

What's the time difference? Do you have much flexibility (or desire) to change meeting times or conference calls for work, or are you willing to get up 3:00am or work on weekends to make up for the time change?

Narrow your list down to your top 3-5 locations

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

STEP 2: WHEN TO GO?

Which months do you want to travel?

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Which of these months, if any, are off limits because of family or work commitments, weather, school schedules or extra-curriculars? Cross them off the list above.

Consider special house preparations you would need to do while you're gone during your potential months. (if you live in a cold climate and are gone in January, do you need someone to check your furnace or pipes?)

For the locations you're considering, what's happening during the months you want to travel? Is it a tourist high season or low season? Rainy season or particularly hot or cold? Do a quick online search to find out if there are any large festivals or holiday weeks that will make your time there more expensive or logistically challenging.

List the best months that remain:

PRO TIP

Put out multiple requests on social media and ask friends if they have connections in these locations to help with neighborhoods, activity ideas, etc.