

## Compare Workation Expenses (See Chapter 5)

Start comparing the major expenses of a workation and decide on a location that makes sense for your family.

**REMEMBER:** Don't worry about finding the exact costs at this point – just get some ranges so you can compare the big numbers and narrow down your destination list further. If costs are very close between some destinations and you can't decide, then it will make sense to research the exact costs.

Refer to Chapter 5 for links and ideas for researching your major workation expenses:

- Flights
- Housing
- Work space or office space (if needed)
- Child care or schooling (if needed)
- In-country transportation

### LOCATION #1

	Cost	Notes
Flight		
Housing		
Work space for X weeks		
Schooling		
Nanny (incl agency fee & taxes)		
Transportation (bus fares, car rental, etc.)		
Other expenses (specific to your family)		
Other Expenses (specific to your family)		
Currency exchange rate		
<b>TOTALS</b>		
Other factors		
Time difference		
Season/time of year		
Health care		

## LOCATION #2

	Cost	Notes
Flight		
Housing		
Work space for X weeks		
Schooling		
Nanny (incl agency fee & taxes)		
Transportation (bus fares, car rental, etc.)		
Other expenses (specific to your family)		
Other Expenses (specific to your family)		
Currency exchange rate		
<b>TOTALS</b>		
Other factors		
Time difference		
Season/time of year		
Health care		
Health care		

### PRO TIP

You may feel like you should buy things like bus passes or train passes months in advance, but that's not always cost-effective, especially if you don't really know what your daily routine will be. We wait until we arrive in the country and get a feel for a typical day before committing to a type of transit pass.

A common practice is to exchange money in the U.S. and then travel. However, we've gotten much better exchange rates and saved a ton of money by finding a bank or even an ATM in our destination country to exchange dollars. We do exchange a minimal amount of money head of time, like \$20 for some sort of emergency or a tip for a driver. We also rely on credit cards with no foreign transaction fees. Another traveler I know uses a Charles Schwab investment account with ATM chip card, which allows you to transfer a certain amount of your bank account to be accessed overseas (so your whole bank account isn't at risk).

## LOCATION #3

	Cost	Notes
Flight		
Housing		
Work space for X weeks		
Schooling		
Nanny (incl agency fee & taxes)		
Transportation (bus fares, car rental, etc.)		
Other expenses (specific to your family)		
Other Expenses (specific to your family)		
Currency exchange rate		
<b>TOTALS</b>		
Other factors		
Time difference		
Season/time of year		
Health care		
Health care		

**NOW, based on Worksheets A and B, plus any help or connections you've been able to get through friends and family, it's time to make decisions!**

DESTINATION: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF YEAR TO TRAVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG TO BE GONE: \_\_\_\_\_