

Budget Planning Worksheet

This worksheet is designed to help you compare costs across programs and create a realistic budget. As you do your research, you will notice that programs vary considerably in cost and features included in the program fee. You may wish to make additional copies of this worksheet. Items marked with an asterisk (*) often need to be paid prior to departure and before the release of financial aid or scholarships.

Expense Description	Program A	Program B	Program C
Program Fee			
☐ Tuition			
☐ Fees			
☐ Housing			
☐ Meals (how many per week/month?)			
☐ Confirmation deposit*			
☐ Application fee			
☐ Program fee discount available?			
Transportation			
☐ International airfare*			
☐ Train, bus, or domestic travel to program site			
Travel Documents & Immunizations			
☐ Passport, visa, photos, entry/exit tax, etc.*			
☐ Travel insurance			
☐ Immunizations*			
Texts & Materials			
☐ Books			
☐ Art or other course supplies			
Housing & Meals			
☐ Housing costs not included in program fee			
☐ Housing deposit or permit*			
☐ Meals not included in program fee			
☐ Housing and meals during breaks			
Essential Daily Living Expenses			
☐ Local transportation (bus pass, subway pass, taxi)			
☐ Communications (phone card, postage)			
☐ Toiletries and laundry			
☐ Emergency cash			
Spending Money			
☐ Optional excursions, field trips, and independent travel			
☐ Souvenirs and gifts			
☐ Social activities			
Total Estimated Cost of Attendance			