## **FUNCTIONAL HIPPIES**

## DREAM. ROAM. REST. REPEAT.

## **Destination Decision Matrix Template**

**Step 1: Identify Your Priorities** List the factors that matter most to you when choosing a destination. This will include your 5 desires and optional extras of Budget, Climate and Safety. Or anything that's important to you. No more than 7 is preferable. For example:

• Budget, Climate, Language Learning, Nature Immersion, Dancing Opportunities etc etc

**Step 2:** Assign Weights  $\bigcirc$  Give each factor a weight from 1 to 5 (1 = not very important, 5 = Very important).

**Step 3: Score Each Destination**  $\bigvee$  Rate each destination on a scale of 1 to 10 for each factor (1 = poor, 10 = excellent).

**Step 4: Calculate Scores** Multiply each score by the corresponding factor's weight. Then total the scores for each destination.

Factor	Weight	Destination 1	<b>Destination 2</b>	<b>Destination 3</b>
Budget	4	<b>8</b> (4×8=32)	<b>7</b> (4×7=28)	<b>6</b> (4×6=24)
Climate	3	<b>7</b> (3×7=21)	<b>9</b> (3×9=27)	<b>5</b> (3×5=15)
Language	5	<b>6</b> (5×6=30)	<b>8</b> (5×8=40)	<b>9</b> (5×9=45)
Nature	4	<b>7</b> (4×7=28)	<b>6</b> (4×6=24)	<b>8</b> (4×8=32)
Dancing	2	<b>5</b> (2×5=10)	<b>7</b> (2×7=14)	<b>9</b> (2×9=18)
Safety	3	<b>8</b> (3×8=24)	<b>6</b> (3×6=18)	<b>4</b> (3×4=12)
Adventure	4	<b>6</b> (4×6=24)	<b>9</b> (4×9=36)	<b>7</b> (4×7=28)
Total Score		207	218	202

Step 5: Reflect & Decide While the matrix helps quantify your options, also consider your gut feeling. Sometimes the best choice isn't just about the numbers — it's about what excites you most.

**Also:** If two destinations score closely, revisit your top priorities. For example, if Nature is your main goal, a destination that excels in that area may win even with a slightly lower overall score.

Feel free to adapt the categories, scoring, and weight system to fit your travel style!

Here's a couple of blank template's.

Factor	Weight		
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