

POVs and Experience Prototypes

Studio Theme: Mobility and Travel





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Problem Domain

How do tourists interact with new spaces?





Initial POV

We met some travellers. We were amazed to realize that it is often more difficult to understand where you are in reference to everything around you while travelling. It would be game changing to make this easier.





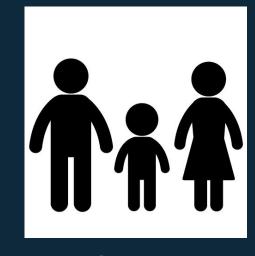




Interviewees



Julien



Chen





Tourists in Action





What we learned

- Even with excessive planning, unexpected events can cause anxiety
- Loss of cell phone signal is scary
- Some tourists still use paper maps





POVs and HIMS





Revised POV 1

We met a college student that embarked on a long backpacking trip. We were amazed to realize that she was suffering from "travel burnout" after visiting one famous sight after another. It would be game changing for her to experience something different or find hidden gems during her travel that perhaps only the locals have knowledge about.





How might we help travelers plan a trip that wasn't "typical"?



How might we help organize trips to minimize traveller's fatigue while also minimizing the fear of missing out?



Revised POV 2

We met a family of four with young children. On a trip overseas, they missed the last flight home, necessitating an overnight stay and jeopardizing plans. We were amazed to realize how stressful it was to balance the needs of their children with the need to figure out how to get home. It would be game changing to assist with the process of rebooking travel plans to alleviate the family's troubles.





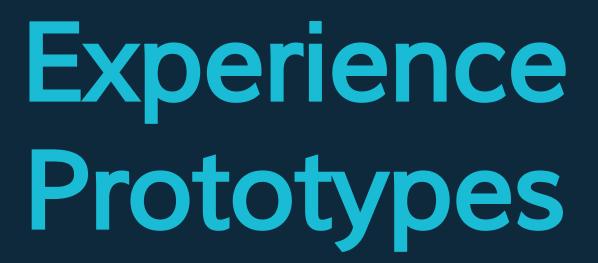
Revised POV 3

We met a group of five work colleagues aged around 30 from Shanghai and Guangzhou. We were amazed to realize that unexpected events coupled with lack of access to communication evoked feelings of paralysis and anxiety. It would be game changing to alleviate their anxiety issues during "loss of control" situations.

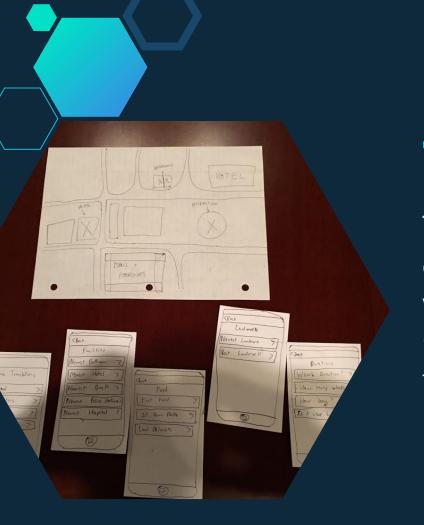




How might we help people who don't speak a common language communicate?







Translation Service

Travellers can benefit from an offline translation service which translated certain preselected phrases between two languages.



Tiara

We told Tiara to imagine that she was travelling to a location where she did not speak the language.





What worked

- \diamondsuit The translation of common phrases helped
- Both tourists and locals can benefit

What didn't work

- Translations alone are not enough
- Common phrases may not cover every scenario

Surprises and New Learnings

Hard to believe that a traveller could be so helpless





While our initial assumption was valid, in order to pursue this solution, we would have to further assume that it is common for travellers to visit foreign places without accounting for the language barrier issue.



Mood-based Planning

Users are willing completely cede control and leave trip planning partially up to chance.





Alona

We told Alona that she had just woken up in Paris, but had yet to plan out her day. She would then choose her activities based on her mood.



What worked

- Trip becomes much more spontaneous
- Makes planning somewhat easier

What didn't work

- Mood and desires don't always match
- Possible to miss out of "must-see" attractions

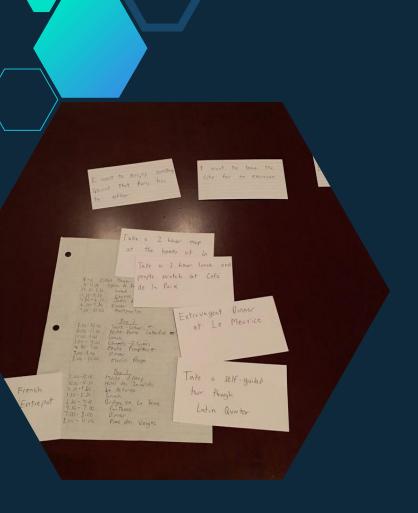
Surprises and New Learnings

Can be a dynamic and fun way to plan out a trip





Our assumptions were mostly valid, provided that a user is willing to cede control.



Burnout Prevention

Exchanging existing entries in a jam-packed itinerary with new desire-focused activities can help ease travel burnout.





India

We told India to imagine that she had been travelling for a long time and was completely burnt-out.





What worked

- Doing something for yourself can prevent burnout
- Unwinds a packed itinerary

What didn't work

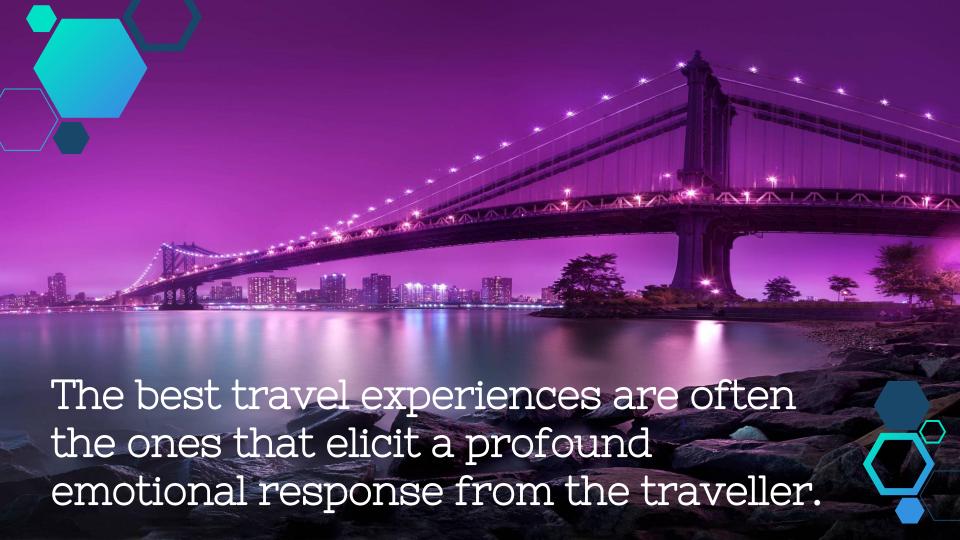
- Alternate activities are not always the solution
- Altering itinerary can cause logistical issues

Surprises and New Learnings

Better to do something you want instead of something you feel like you should do.



Our assumption was valid. Doing something for yourself can help reenergize your desire for travel.





Thanks!

Any questions?





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