**Spring Vacation budget exercise**

*Plan a vacation to a destination you would like to visit during Spring Break. Decide where you will go, how long you can go, and what you will do on your trip. Then develop a budget-breakdown on a spreadsheet program such as Excel, and make a Pie Chart of all your expenses.*

Your total allowable budget is $2,000. If you want, you can ‘go on the trip’ with a friend or family member – that way you could split the cost of certain items in half, such as hotel and rental car.

Your budget should account for the following items at a minimum. Do Internet research to find out the costs.

1. Travel expense and mode of travel (getting there and back)
2. Local transportation expense once you get there (buses, taxis, subways, rental car, etc)
3. Hotel or other lodging
4. Local sites to visit – include admission fees, tickets, gift shop items
5. Food, including snacks (may be estimated)
6. Consumables (toothpaste, magazines, brochures, etc)
7. Attractions and other entertainment (may be estimated)
8. Souvenirs (may be estimated)

What to turn in:

1. A PowerPoint suitable for a 5-minute presentation at a future class.
2. An Excel spreadsheet showing your line-by-line budget, including a Pie Chart of all expenses.
3. Embed your spreadsheets, Pie Charts, and other calculations in the PowerPoint.
4. Use lots of pictures.
5. On one slide, discuss why you chose this destination for your vacation.