MitzvahTrips

YOUR *18-Month*

DESTINATION MITZVAH

PLANNING GUIDE



Extraordinary Milestones. Unforgettable Journeys.

Welcome

TO YOUR DESTINATION MITZVAH JOURNEY

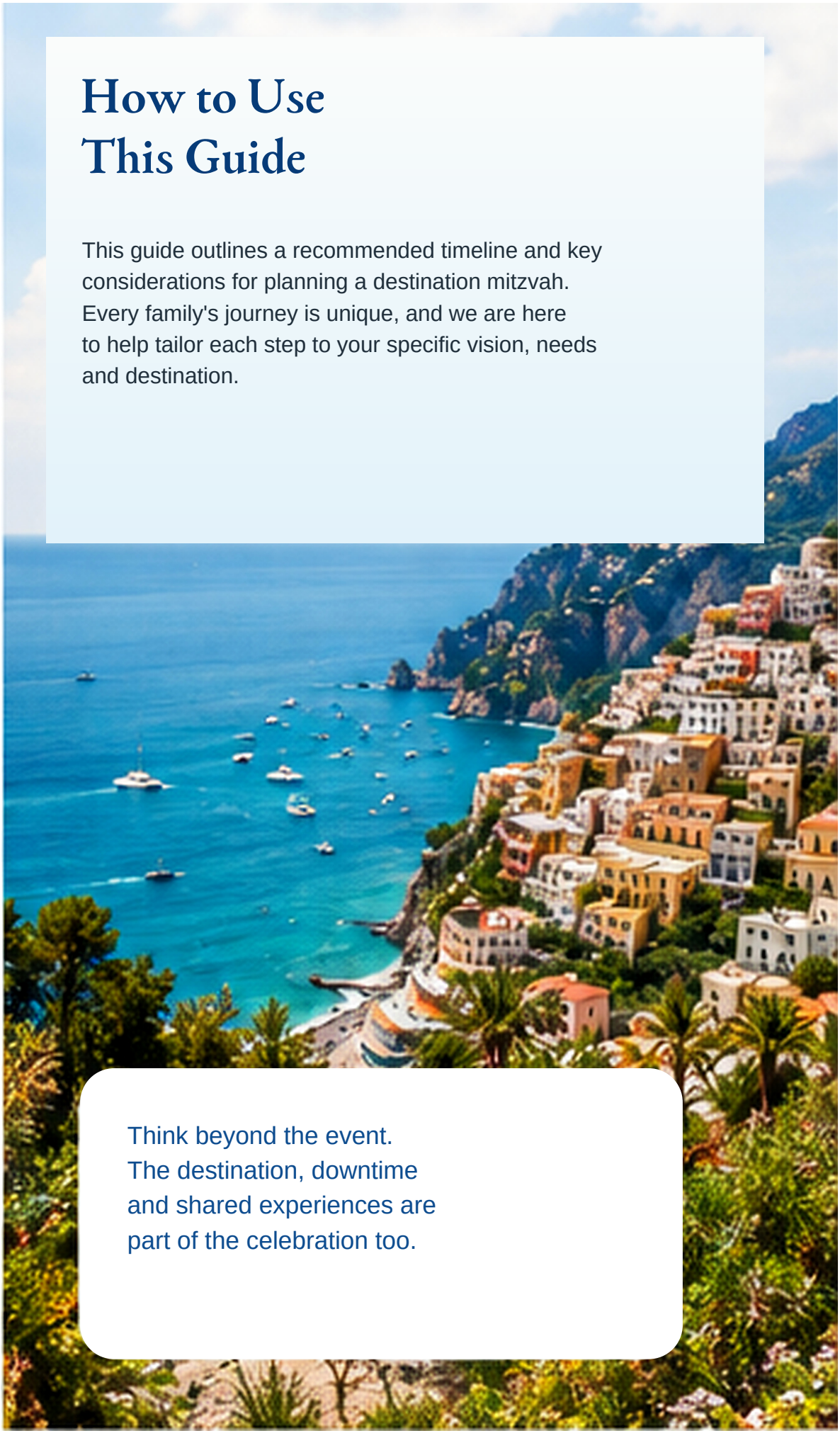
A destination mitzvah is more than an event - it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate your child, your family and your values in an extraordinary setting. This guide will help you navigate the planning process step by step, so you can feel confident, organized and excited for the journey ahead.

"Meaningful traditions.
Extraordinary destinations.
Lasting memories."

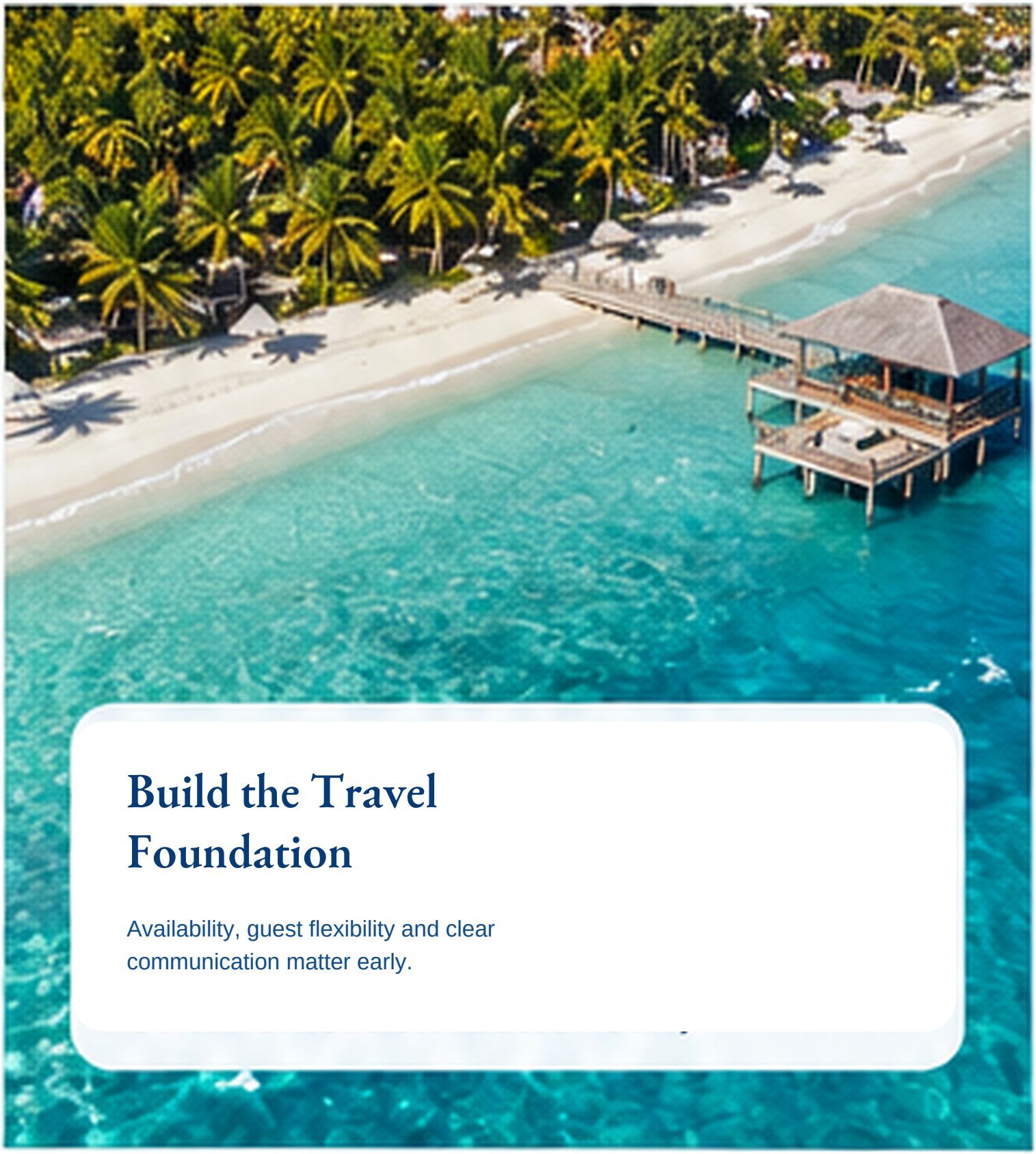


How to Use This Guide

This guide outlines a recommended timeline and key considerations for planning a destination mitzvah. Every family's journey is unique, and we are here to help tailor each step to your specific vision, needs and destination.



Think beyond the event.
The destination, downtime and shared experiences are part of the celebration too.



Build the Travel Foundation

Availability, guest flexibility and clear communication matter early.



18 Months Out

DEFINE THE VISION, TRIP STYLE & DESTINATION

Start with the big picture. Decide what kind of celebration your family wants, who needs to be included, what season or month you are considering, and whether this will be an intimate family trip or a larger group experience.

Think about the feeling you want the trip to have: meaningful, adventurous, relaxed, spiritual, celebratory, or a combination of all of the above. Begin narrowing the type of trip that makes the most sense for your family - a cruise mitzvah, an Israel experience, a resort celebration, a European itinerary, or a custom destination.

Compare options based on weather, flights, school calendars, guest needs, budget, accessibility and the overall experience you want to create.

12–15 Months Out

SECURE THE TRAVEL FOUNDATION & SEND SAVE-THE-DATES

- Begin holding or booking major travel pieces such as group cruise space, hotel rooms, resorts, guides, transfers, tours or room blocks.
- Review deposits, deadlines, cancellation terms, payment schedules and travel insurance options.
- Planning early gives you the best access to availability, pricing, room categories and guest flexibility.
- Once the destination and general dates are selected, send save-the-dates so guests can begin planning.
- For international trips, remind guests to check passport expiration dates.



8–10 Months Out

SHAPE THE CEREMONY, GUEST EXPERIENCE & ITINERARY

- Outline the ceremony or meaningful milestone moment (rabbi, service location, Torah reading, Shabbat plans, kosher dining, luncheon, photography, etc.).
- Think through the trip from your guests' perspective (multigenerational needs, pacing, activities and downtime).
- Choose excursions, dining events and special touches that make the experience personal.
- Start tightening the day-by-day flow and decide which events are private, which are optional, and when guests will have free time.





6 Months Out

SEND FORMAL INVITATIONS & GUEST INFORMATION

Send invitations with booking instructions, deposit deadlines, FAQs and key details. Continue shaping event details and personal touches.



5 Months Out

REVIEW GUEST LOGISTICS

Review special needs, dietary restrictions, bedding needs, rooming preferences and arrival/departure plans.



4 Months Out

COLLECT FINAL GUEST DETAILS

Gather flight information, transfer needs, dietary restrictions, passport details, rooming preferences, RSVPs and any special considerations.



3 Months Out

FINALIZE THE MOVING PIECES

Confirm bookings, rooming lists, ceremony details, transportation, event timing, excursions and remaining vendor arrangements.

2 Months Out

PREPARE YOUR GUESTS

Send the final itinerary overview, packing guidance, arrival instructions, dress code, emergency contacts and weather notes.

1 Month Out

CONFIRM & CELEBRATE

Reconfirm all bookings, review final guest count, prepare welcome materials, confirm transportation and excursions, and finalize any speeches, blessings or readings.

Travel Week

BE PRESENT

Keep documents accessible, build in patience for group travel, and focus on enjoying the milestone with your family. The goal is not just to take a trip, but to create a memory

"It's not just a trip.
It's their next great chapter."

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