***Microsoft Excel Final Project: Part 1 - Research/Gathering Information***

***Vacation Planning using a percentage of your Yearly Savings.***

**Final Project Challenge Details:**

This is a 5 Part Project. For this project you will be completing an excel workbook with multiple spreadsheets (Sheet Tabs) for your MS Excel Final Project. You will be assigned a salary (yearly income), create an expense report [with provided data] and use simple formulas, to determine how much money you will have left after expenses have been paid. The remaining amount (difference) will be split 80/20. 80% for a Vacation and 20% for your Retirement.

You will do some research and be Vacation Planning. You are to pick **one location** as your Vacation Destination using the Vacation Savings Amount (80%). However, you are to research and find two hotels in and two airlines to/from that one location. This research will be Identified later (in Part 3) as Trip Option 1 and Trip Option 2. From there, you will calculate, using formulas, which Trip Option is better for your wallet. This will come together in Part 4.

In this part of the project, you will plan a **3 Night / 4 Day Vacation** using your Vacation Savings amount which will be approximately $4000.

**Vacation Destination:** Unknown (your choice)

**Travel Dates:** June 21st through June 24th - [3 nights – 4 days]

**Airline/Flight:**  Coach/Economy and Round Trip – you can select a flight with stops for a better value.

**Hotel Specifications:** Book as 2 person, double occupancy. (Use the formula to solve for a 3 night cost)

**Activities:** Research Activities for FOUR (4) of the days & price each one out. (Per person.)

**RESTRICTION**: You may **not** use a site with a package deal of flight & hotel. Flight & Hotel is researched separately.

**Research:**

Research 2 airline carriers to find the best priced Round Trip (RT) Ticket to/from your vacation spot. (Coach/Economy).

Research 2 hotels to find the best priced room rate at your vacation spot. (1 person/double occupancy is the same).

**Vacation Destination: \*\* LIMIT is $4,000.00\*\*\***

**Hotels: Specs:** 3 nights – 4 days - Book as 2 person, double occupancy. Stay June 21st through June 23rd

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| **Hotel 1** | **Cost Per Night x 3** | **Hotel 2** | **Cost Per Night x 3** |
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**Airlines: Specs:** Coach and Round Trip Flight. Travel from June 21st through June 23rd. Any hour needed.

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| **Airline Carrier 1** | **Cost Round Trip (RT) x 3** | **Airline Carrier 2** | **Cost Round Trip (RT)** |
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**Activities: Examples***: Parasailing - $100 / Fishing Tours - $200 / Sunrise Hike - $30 / Horseback Riding - $50*

**One activity can be zero dollars. (Example – Beach Day - $0.00)**

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| **Activity 1** | **Activity 2** | **Activity 3** | **Activity 4** |
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| **Price of Activity 1** | **Price of Activity 2** | **Price of Activity 3** | **Price of Activity 4** |
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