

# TRAVEL COMPARISON FORM

This worksheet is used to determine the estimated appropriate cost of university business travel and should be completed at the time travel arrangements are made.

Please complete **Section II** whenever a traveler chooses to drive to a destination as the primary mode of transportation rather than flying <u>AND</u> does not include vacation time during travel.

Please complete Section III whenever a traveler chooses to incorporate vacation in conjunction with business travel.

Sections II and III should not both be completed.

#### **SECTION I TRAVEL INFORMATION**

TRAVEL INFORMATION			
TRAVELER NAME:	TRAVEL REQUEST #:		
DEPARTURE LOCATION (CITY/STATE/COUNTRY):			
DESTINATION LOCATION(S) (CITY/STATE/COUNTRY):			

## **SECTION II** FLYING VS DRIVING COMPARISON

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Comparison should be completed to estimate the expenses for both driving and flying. Final calculations may change upon completion of the trip.
- Backup documentation to show how estimated expenses are determined should be included whenever available. Airfare quotes are required and should state the lowest reasonable economy fare that meets the business need. The quote must be obtained at the time the travel is arranged.
- Per Diem should be calculated based upon the estimated departure and arrival times for both driving and flying comparisons.
- Additional information that supports the rationale for choosing the actual transportation method should be included in the comments.

COMPARISON					
ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION METHOD TO BE USED FOR TRIP:		DRIVING	FLYING		
DRIVING EXPENSE ESTIMATE		FLYING EXPENSE ESTIMATE			
DEPARTURE DATE/TIME		DEPARTURE DATE/TIME			
RETURN DATE/TIME		RETURN DATE/TIME			
PERSONAL VEHICLE MILEAGE		AIRFARE QUOTE (Attach Qu	ote)		
(Attach Map, current rate is \$.545 per mile)		BAGGAGE FEE (Typically \$25	one way)		
OR		AIRPORT PARKING			
RENTAL VEHICLE		PERSONAL VEHICLE MILE	AGE		
Gas		(Attach Map, current rate is \$.54	5 per mile)		
TOLLS		TAXI/SHUTTLE			
LODGING		LODGING			
PARKING		MEALS/PER DIEM			
MEALS/PER DIEM		OTHER			
OTHER					
TOTAL		TOTAL			
COMMENTS					

## SECTION III VACATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH BUSINESS TRAVEL

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Comparison should be completed to estimate the expenses that would be incurred for the business only portion of the trip compared to the actual trip that includes vacation time. Final calculations may change upon completion of the trip.
- Additional costs incurred by taking vacation in conjunction with business travel must be paid for by the traveler with personal funds, university procurement methods cannot be used. Reimbursement for the business only travel expenses will be reimbursed upon completion of the trip.
- Per Diem, parking, lodging expenses, baggage fees, etc. will be paid for by the university only for the university traveler and only for the business portion of the trip. Additional costs incurred for guests are not allowable without Dean/VP approval.
- The Business Only Estimate should include the most economical transportation method.
- Airfare quotes are required and should state the lowest reasonable economy fare that meets the business need. The quote should be
  obtained at the time the travel is arranged, using the same agency/online booking tool for both comparisons.

COMPARISON					
BUSINESS ONLY TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE ESTIMATE	ACTUAL VACATION TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE ESTIMATE				
DEPARTURE DATE/TIME  RETURN DATE/TIME  AIRFARE QUOTE (Attach Quote)  PERSONAL VEHICLE MILEAGE (Attach Map, current rate is \$.545 per mile)  RENTAL VEHICLE  Gas	DEPARTURE DATE/TIME  RETURN DATE/TIME  AIRFARE QUOTE (Attach Quote)  PERSONAL VEHICLE MILEAGE  (Attach Map, current rate is \$.545 per mile)  RENTAL VEHICLE  Gas				
OTHER	OTHER TOTAL				
TOTAL					
COM	MENTS				

#### RESOURCES

The Ohio State University Travel Office: <a href="https://busfin.osu.edu/buy-schedule-travel/travel">https://busfin.osu.edu/buy-schedule-travel/travel</a>
The Ohio State University Travel Policy: <a href="https://busfin.osu.edu/sites/default/files/211">https://busfin.osu.edu/sites/default/files/211</a> travel.pdf

Login to Concur: https://webauth.service.ohio-state.edu/cgi-bin/concur.cgi

GSA Mileage Rates: <a href="https://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/100715">https://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/100715</a>

GSA Domestic Per Diem Rates: <a href="http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877">http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877</a> GSA Foreign Per Diem Rates: <a href="https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per diem.asp">https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per diem.asp</a>

Taxi Fare Finder: https://www.taxifarefinder.com/

ASC BSC: https://ascintranet.osu.edu/Business-Services/

Travel Office FAQ: https://busfin.osu.edu/buy-schedule-travel/travel/travel-faq

OSU Rental Car Business Rental Solutions: https://busfin.osu.edu/user/login?destination=node/636