

Air Miles

Work in groups. Prizes on offer for the cheapest route!

How would you plan the holiday of a lifetime? Suppose you want to visit the following nine places. You have to visit each of them at least once, you have to fly between the cities, starting and ending in London, and you've given yourself a budget of £5500 for the travel. You get to keep any spare cash.

The prices are shown in the table. What route would you take?

Assume that the prices given are single fares and that it costs the same to fly in either direction. For example, it would cost £500 to fly from Sydney to Tokyo or from Tokyo to Sydney.



Prices for single fares

| | Cape Town | Dubai | Ibiza | London Heathrow | Moscow | New York | Rio de Janeiro | Sydney | Tokyo |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------------|--------|----------|----------------|--------|-------|
| Cape Town | | £300 | £850 | £700 | £900 | £600 | £550 | £1400 | £1700 |
| Dubai | | | £450 | £350 | £250 | £700 | £800 | £600 | £850 |
| Ibiza | | | | £200 | £450 | £600 | £950 | £1100 | £950 |
| London Heathrow | | | | | £250 | £450 | £500 | £600 | £500 |
| Moscow | | | | | | £600 | £700 | £500 | £350 |
| New York | | | | | | | £300 | £1200 | £1100 |
| Rio de Janeiro | | | | | | | | £1300 | £1200 |
| Sydney | | | | | | | | | £500 |
| Tokyo | | | | | | | | | |

One possible route is London – Sydney – Rio de Janeiro – New York – Moscow – Ibiza – Cape Town – Dubai – Tokyo – London. But this would cost £6100 and you'd be £600 over budget.