



Know Before You Go

Conversation Questions

These questions will help you be more confident, informed and aware before you leave home. Feel free to explore any of the questions in greater detail with your partner(s) or add your own! For a broader perspective, connect with several partners living in your destination.

1. What are some places I should visit or things I should do during my stay in [name of location]?
2. What are some foods or drinks I should try? What is your favorite meal or dish?
3. What should I not do? What places to avoid? What advice can you give me as a first time visitor?
4. What are the top challenges, issues, or concerns impacting your community?
5. What do people in [name of location] think about visitors from my country? I won't be offended by what you say.
6. Tell me what you are most proud of about [name of location], country, or culture.

Language Basics

It is always best to know a few language basics before you arrive. Ask your WeSpeke partner to teach you some key expressions (such as those listed below) in the target language using our video tool. You can hear the language and see your partner pronounce the words. Remember—you don't have to be perfect; just making the effort to speak the language is appreciated.

- Hello.
- Good-bye.
- Please.
- Thank you.
- How do I say _____?
- I'm sorry but I don't understand.
- Please repeat.
- Excuse me. I have a problem. Can you help me?

- Where is...?
- I would like...
- Bathroom

Tips for a Successful WeSpeke Conversation

Here are some tips for using WeSpeke:

1. You might be a bit nervous to make the first connection on WeSpeke. That is understandable. Give it a go and you'll feel great.
2. Remember that you have a choice of three ways to connect on WeSpeke: text, audio, or video. Think about starting the connection with a text exchange and then progress to audio or video.
3. Use the built-in language tools to help overcome the language barrier.
4. Embed URLs in the text area to share links to videos, audio files, or PDFs.
5. WeSpeke is designed to be a language exchange. Be sure to reciprocate the learning by helping your partner(s).
6. You can add your partner as a Friend. The Friends List is an easy way to connect again.

Let us know how your experience was on WeSpeke at wespeke@wespeke.com.

Have a wonderful trip!