

Escape Room – Around the World 1

How fast can you go Around the World?

Starting Notes

I've written these notes with Zoom in mind, but they have certainly also been used on Microsoft Teams with no problems. Discord doesn't allow annotation, so you would lose that function.

This will work best with teams of 6-8. If it's a smaller or a younger group, you may need to give more clues or have another leader help more.

You'll need to keep these notes on your phone or print them out, or have someone else have them on their screen. Don't try to use the same screen you are Screensharing on.

Puzzles can be done on a phone, but it will be easier on laptop.

It may help people to have a paper and pen.

Before you start:

- Check people hosting each room know how to use the pen function when showing the Powerpoint ready for annotating slides. While you're showing the Powerpoint, hover over the bottom left corner, press the circle that looks like a pen, then click 'pen'. A coloured dot will appear, then you can draw. Click it again to turn it off - your cursor appears and you can move on. If you don't select pen correctly, YOU MAY REVEAL THE SOLUTIONS TOO EARLY. This can be useful to mark spot the difference, fill in crossword clues, join dots etc.
- Check slide 12. Do those flights to Mumbai still exist? If not, change the date to push it further into the future.

Host's notes:

- Welcome people as they arrive.
- Sharescreen, click on the Powerpoint before pressing 'Share'.
- Put up **SLIDE 1** and **SLIDE 2**.
- Split people into their Breakout Rooms.

- If you need to communicate with the Breakout Rooms, click on Breakout Rooms, then 'Broadcast' to send a message to all the participants. Alternatively, you can click on Breakout Room and 'Join' to look in and see what's happening.

Breakout Room leader's notes:

- Participants are timed as they try to visit all the locations – the quickest team wins!
- Participants can ask you for clues whenever they like – it won't be fun if they can't make any progress.
- Clues are all labelled, give them when needed.

For leader's eyes only:

There are 9 landmarks, each with a challenge associated with that landmark. The landmarks and challenges are detailed below. This escape room requires participants to visit all locations in the quickest time possible. Send in your team's time to churchyouthministry@btinternet.com to get on the leader board!

You can visit the Landmarks in any order, but keep track of where your participants have been:

Oriental Pearl Tower	
Valley of the Kings	
Gateway of India	
Howrah Bridge	
Victoria Peak	
Colosseum	
Mount Fuji	
Statue of Liberty	
Golden Gate Bridge	

Starting off:

- Sharescreen, click on the Powerpoint before pressing 'Share'.

- Put up **SLIDE 3**
- **START YOUR STOPWATCH HERE!**
- **SAY:**
 - You need to visit nine landmarks to go around the world.

SLIDE 4 is the 'Home' slide. This is where the participants choose which location they would like to visit next. Each line of the list **LINKS TO A SLIDE**

Click on to the next slide to reveal the challenge. Don't go any further until they've done the challenge. Some of the following slides have the answers on them to help you explain them if they need it.

Once participants have completed the challenge, click to go to the next slide and there will be a 'CONGRATULATIONS' slide, so you shouldn't accidentally reveal the next challenge. Click the logo and you'll be taken back to the 'home slide'.

If they can't complete a challenge, you can always click on the logo to return to the home slide, or you can just give more clues to enable them to solve it. You can though give them a time for a number of clues completed e.g. 58 minutes to visit 7 landmarks.

ENDING

Once Participants have done all 9 challenges, click the  on the 'home page' **[SLIDE 4]**. This will take you to the ENDING slide **[SLIDE 46]**.

Stop the clock! How did you do? Do send your team name, church, town/city and time to churchyouthministry@btinternet.com. We'll keep the top ten times on the website. It should take around 40 minutes to complete depending on the age and number of participants.

LANDMARKS TO VISIT

Oriental Pearl Tower [SLIDE 5]

Info for leaders: Every team member needs to take part if they want to pass.

Say This: [SLIDE 6] *To complete this landmark challenge... You all need to build a tower consisting of 6 items, each item getting smaller than the last one!*

Clues you can give:

- *No real clues for this one, except don't use weirdly shaped items!*

Every member of the team needs to build a tower in their room with 6 items.

SLIDE 7: Say **well done** + that they can move onto the next landmark. Click



to return to landmark list [SLIDE 4]

Valley of the Kings [SLIDE 8]

Crack the code

Info for leaders: Participants need to use the code to find the sentence. It says, "In what tomb is buried Pharaoh Horemheb?" They need to answer this question too, they can find out on Wikipedia.

Say this: [SLIDE 9] *To complete this landmark challenge... You need to crack the hieroglyphics and answer the question!*

Clues you can give:

- Just give them help cracking the hieroglyphics. Give them a word if they're taking a while.
- Remind them they can use Google or Wikipedia to find out the names! [Tomb of Horemheb on Wikipedia will find it.] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tomb_of_Horemheb

Answer to hieroglyphics: In what number tomb is buried Pharaoh Horemheb?

- *The answer is KV57.*

[SLIDE 10]

Say **well done**.



Click to return to landmark list [SLIDE 4]

Gateway of India [SLIDE 11]

Info for leaders: Participants need to use the Qatar Airways website to find these flights. Double check timings before you start. Times can change. Please let me know if they have and I'll alter the slides and notes.

Say this: **[SLIDE 12]** *To complete this landmark challenge...* Follow the instructions to find the shortest flight to Mumbai!

Instructions:

1. **Head to Qatar Airways**
2. **Which flight do you want to catch for the shorter possible journey time to Mumbai on 13th December 2026?**

Leaving London Heathrow (LHR) at 05:55

OR

Leaving London Heathrow (LHR) at 08:35

Clues you can give:

- Make sure they are on the right website: <https://www.qatarairways.com>
- Just keep directing them towards the right place – share your screen and do it together if necessary.

ANSWER: The 08:35 is SHORTER, taking 12h30m. The 05:55 journey is longer, it takes 15h10m. Notice it is possible to take the 04:40 and make the journey time longer (16h25m), but that wasn't the question.

SLIDE 13: Say **well done.** Click  to return to landmark list **[SLIDE 4]**

Howrah Bridge [SLIDE 14]

Spot the difference...

Info for leaders: spot the difference! There are 10 differences. There are actually 11 differences, but one is so difficult to see, they may not get it. The 11th is the colour of the stripes on the side of the taxi. The original is dark blue. The bottom right one is black.]

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Say this: **To complete this landmark challenge... You need to find all the differences. There are 10 differences between these two photos of Kolkata. [SLIDE 15] You need to find all of them to move onto the next landmark! I will circle them once you point them out to me.**

Clues you can give:

- Direct participants towards differences if they're struggling lots. Use your own judgement to work out when is a good time to step in and help! It will depend on how long they've taken (you're working on about 3 minutes per task) and how old they are.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SELECTED PEN BEFORE YOU TRY TO DRAW, OTHERWISE YOU WILL REVEAL THE ANSWERS ON THE NEXT SLIDE!



1. Purple bag doesn't have writing on it

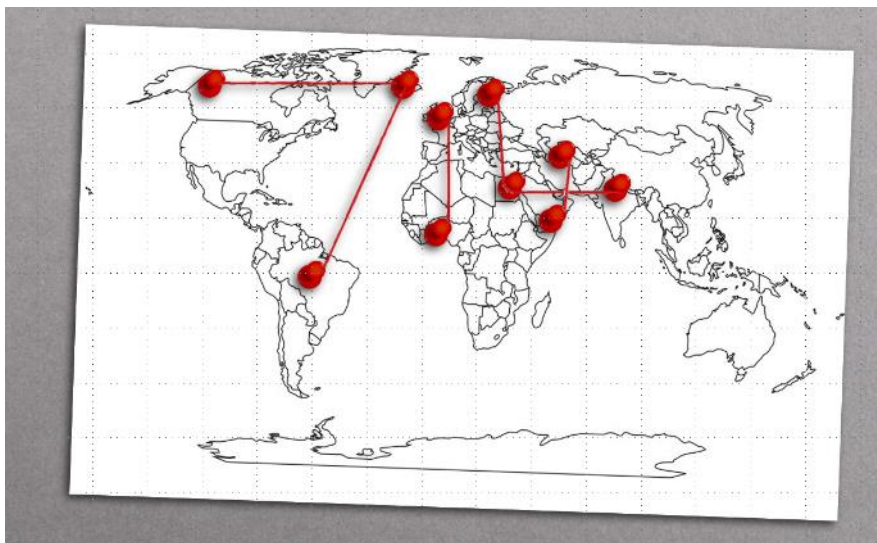
2. Chevrolet badge missing from taxi
3. Hub caps now black, not silver (only get one for both)
4. Bag at bottom left missing
5. Taxi number plate now 4734 not 3734
6. Raymo sign now brown not red
7. Winder? Missing from restaurant sign
8. Rege- in distance now just blue board
9. Woman's shawl now light blue not red
10. Pigeon (that one gets everywhere!)
11. Black strips on taxi (not blue) but that's very hard to see on some screens!

[SLIDE 16] has the answers on it.

SLIDE 17: Say well done. Click  to return to landmark list [SLIDE 4]

Victoria Peak [SLIDE 18]

For leaders only: participants are aiming for a 3-digit code to move on to the next landmark. They will find this by unscrambling the anagrams and drawing lines between the countries that are the same colour.



[SLIDE 19] Say this: To complete this landmark challenge... You're going to need to find a 3-digit code.

Looks like there's some unscrambling to do with this list of countries! You might need to write your answers down.

ANAGRAMS:

1. Nadaca - CANADA
2. Nice Lad - ICELAND
3. Bar Liz - BRAZIL

1. Dukedom Tining - UNITED KINGDOM
2. Hanga - GHANA

1. Lin Fand - FINLAND
2. Gp Yet - EGYPT
3. Ian Id - INDIA

1. Inmate Trunks - TURKMENISTAN
2. Enemy - YEMEN

Clues you can give:

- Feel free to give the participants the first letters of the anagram to help them – or any clues about the country!

Once the participants have unscrambled the anagrams, say **well done** and move onto the next slide – the map **[SLIDE 20]**.

Say: **We need to use those countries to find a 3-digit code. How might we do that? There are some pins. The colours are important, maybe even the order.**

*While you're showing the Powerpoint, hover over the bottom left corner, press the circle that looks like a pen, then click 'pen'. A coloured dot will appear, then you can draw – just put circles where they place the countries. Click it again to turn it off - your cursor appears and you can move on. **If you don't select pen correctly, YOU MAY REVEAL THE SOLUTIONS TOO EARLY.***

Clues you can give:

- Green 1 used to be part of the U.S.S.R. so is near Russia.
- How were the countries arranged? Were they in groups, colours, order?
- Why don't we start finding all the countries? I can make a mark on them.
- Let's connect the countries of the same colour, in order of how they are numbered.
- Why don't you look up a map on Google!!

ANSWER IS: 714. Answer on **[SLIDE 21]**

[SLIDE 22: Say well done. Click  to return to landmark list [SLIDE 4]

Colosseum SLIDE 23

SLIDE 24 say: *To complete this landmark challenge... you're looking for the special number on this grid!*

There were 36 trapdoors in the colosseum that were used for special effects. One of these 36 trapdoors contains the next piece of information you need but first you need to work out which trapdoor it is. Don't get eaten by the lions in the underground passageways...

[Below is a grid containing the numbers 1 to 36 representing each of the trapdoors – you could annotate your screen to cross off numbers if that is helpful but the puzzle can be completed without doing so. While you're showing the Powerpoint, hover over the bottom left corner, press the circle that looks like a pen, then click 'pen'. A coloured dot will appear, then you can draw. Click it again to turn it off - your cursor appears and you can move on. If you don't select pen correctly, YOU MAY REVEAL THE SOLUTIONS TOO EARLY. Don't say this: The answer is **36**.]

Give participants the following clues so they can complete the challenge (they'll need them).

1. The number of the trapdoor has two digits.
2. The sum of the two digits is a quarter of the number.
3. Half of this number is the same as the product of the digits.

Give participants these when they have narrowed down numbers/when they need them.

4. It is to Celsius what 96.8 is to Fahrenheit.
5. It is the number of inches in a yard.
6. It is an even and a square number.

Depending on the group you may want to give more or less of the clues in order to make the puzzle take about 3 minutes. For a younger group you may wish to start at no.3 or no.4 and use some of these bonus clues instead:

7. It is on the edge of the grid.
8. At least one of the digits is odd.
9. It is the first two digits of the number of days in a year.

SLIDE 25: Say *well done*. Click  to return to landmark list **[SLIDE 4]**

Mount Fuji [SLIDE 26]

Info for leaders: This is a normal crossword puzzle, with every word being a different famous Mountain. There are 10 different words and, using the clues, they should be able to find out all the answers. You as the leader will need to use the pen on Microsoft Powerpoint to fill in the crossword puzzle! There is an eraser so don't be afraid to write in their wrong answers.

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Say This: [SLIDE 27] *To complete this landmark challenge...* you need to complete the crossword puzzle all about famous mountains across the world! Use the statements below to help you answer all 10 statements as fast as you can!

Clues you can give:

- If you are struggling to figure out the mountains what might be a useful tool to help you find out the answers? (GOOGLE!)

Answers:

1. *Denali*
2. *Snowdon*
3. *Vesuvius*
4. *Blanc*
5. *Olympus*
6. *Matterhorn*
7. *Kilimanjaro*
8. *Everest*
9. *Fuji*
10. *Ben Nevis*

[SLIDE 28] Say **well done**. Click  to return to landmark list [SLIDE 4]

The Statue of Liberty [SLIDE 29]

[SLIDE 30] PART ONE

Say this: *To complete this landmark challenge...* you're looking for an ten-digit code. The five coloured letters will make an anagram of a word. This word is your code to the next part of the Statue of Liberty Challenge.

Clues to give:

Clue 1: One of the labels is what Apple calls an iPad. Samsung might call this a _____?

Clue 2: Googling diagram of Statue of Liberty might help

Clue 3: (only if they are really struggling) - <https://traveltips.usatoday.com/seven-spikes-statue-libertys-crown-represent-61191.html>

ANSWER TO PART ONE ON SLIDE: 31 – H E A R T (If they say 'hater', say, 'It's a bit more positive than that')

SLIDE 32 PART 2 -

Say this: *To complete this landmark challenge... you will need to find a ten-digit code.*

Say this: The pictures on the next page **[SLIDE 33]** are DVDs or books without their title. By naming the title of each, you should be able to work out the 10-digit code to complete the Statue of Liberty Challenge.

Say this: There are clues for each, so you can ask for a clue at any point. Good Luck!

Picture 1

Clue 1: Googling films with David Tennant might help...

Clue 2: It's a film from 2012.

Clue 3: It's a low number

[Nativity 2]

Picture 2

Clue 1: It's a 2003 film

Clue 2: It's two digits

Clue 3: How many people are looking round the door?

[Cheaper by the Dozen (12)]

Picture 3

Clue 1: Perhaps you need Google again to find a Nick Butterworth book which is something to do with snow.

Clue 2: It's a really, really, really low number

[One snowy night i.e. 1]

Picture 4:

Clue 1: It's a Walt Disney Picture.

Clue 2: It's a 2014 movie.

[Big Hero 6]

Picture 5:

Clue 1: Is that Richard Attenborough?

Clue 2: It's between 33rd and 35th Street.

[Miracle on 34th Street]

Picture 6:

Clue 1: What are those spotty dogs called?

Clue 2: The second movie after this one was 102.

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[101 Dalmatians]

ANSWERS TO FILM NAMES ON SLIDE 34.

Participants to put names together to find the code, answer on... SLIDE 35 – 2121634101

SLIDE 36: Say well done. Click  to return to landmark list SLIDE 4

Golden Gate Bridge

A 'what colour is ____?' quiz. Participants have to get an object the same colour as the answer (some answers are more than one colour!)

Say this: *To complete this landmark challenge... you need to answer these questions, with a twist!*

I'll ask you a question.

You have to find an object the SAME colour as the answer.

You can only move on as soon as every team member has something of that colour.

Some answers might be more than one colour – you'll have to get more than one object!!!

1. The Golden Gate Bridge? – RED (Yep, they'll probably bring back something golden, but they'll need to go and get something else)
2. Beyonce's daughter's name? – BLUE
3. The SUBWAY logo – GREEN, YELLOW AND WHITE
4. The 'safe' flags on the beach – RED AND YELLOW
5. The front door of 10 Downing Street – BLACK
6. The Olympic Rings – BLUE, YELLOW, BLACK, GREEN, RED

SLIDE 45: Say well done. Click  to return to landmark list SLIDE 4

If they've completed all nine challenges, the ENDING is back on p.3