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Background

Virtual travel is not:

- booking sites
- augmented reality (AR) on a real vacation
- unplugging from electronics
- a staycation
- a vacation simulator game

E-vacation requirements:

- Not visiting in-person for the entire time (going there before or after it don't count)
- Get there through digital means
- Recreating can be 100% electronic, but doesn't have to be (like eating food, buying decorations, reading books, etc.)

Someone can even visit a location that's not possible for them right now (like going to space, being disabled, etc.) or even in a way that isn't possible in reality too. An e-vacation could be as simple as revisiting old photos and videos too of places they went to too. Just because it's digital doesn't mean it wouldn't have a realistic counterpart to it. People can recreate the experience where they are, syncing [motion](#) and senses with the view (like scent, feel, sounds, taste (like eating the same food as there)).

This debate discusses whether or not they're a viable replacement and if people should switch out their real vacations for digital ones. This means that if an e-vacation feels like they've been to a place and experienced what they wanted to do to the point that they feel they don't need to try to in person, should we stop vacationing in-person?

Further Reading

Methods to e-vacation (uses a combination of these):

- YouTube - city walking tours, "location" 4k, Expedia, documentaries
- Bing images
- Google: Maps street view, Earth, Sketch-Up
- Panoramalife 360 pictures
- Webcams
- Travel review sites - like Tripadvisor

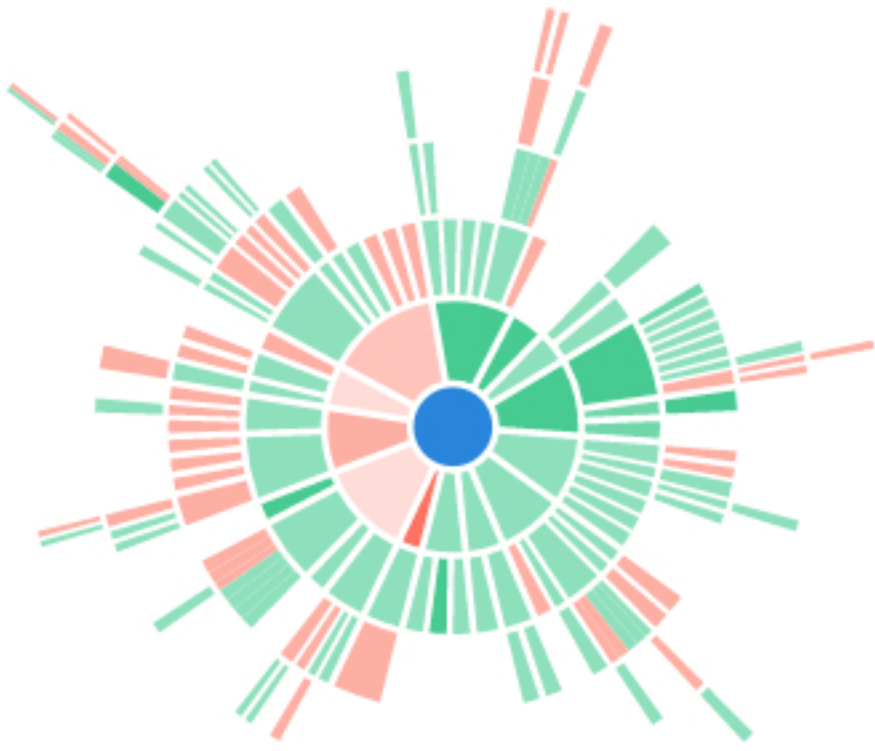
Additions to enhance an e-vacation:

- Research: language, history, news, music, fashion, flags, laws, geography, culture.
- Recreate: holidays, food, and activities
- If it's not online - go there in person, digitize it, and then upload it online publicly

Suggested places to go to:

- Italy - Naples, Venice, Tuscany
- Iceland - underwater canyon
- Bhutan
- Zhangjiajie National Forest Park in China's Hunan Province
- Split Valley
- Titan (Saturn's Moon)
- Kauai
- Japan - primordial forest
- Cove of Spires Kenai Fjords National Park
- Waitomo's Cave - New Zealand
- Seoraksan National Park, Ulsanbawi
- Fly Geysir
- Yellowstone
- Tibet
- Plivice lakes in Croatia
- Atlantis resorts - Bahamas

Discussion Topology



Tags

- VR
- Travel
- Tourism
- Future
- Environment
- Digital

Participants

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alightsme	1	2	0
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Jg00	1	1	0
hernaar000	1	1	0
LED19	1	1	0
2022change	1	1	0
SergaS	0	2	1
Runrunriver	0	2	0
khayash349	0	2	0
TheSnailman	0	1	2
tytech05	0	0	5
Nuanced	0	0	3