INTRODUCTION

Why use a smartphone or a computer to get around?

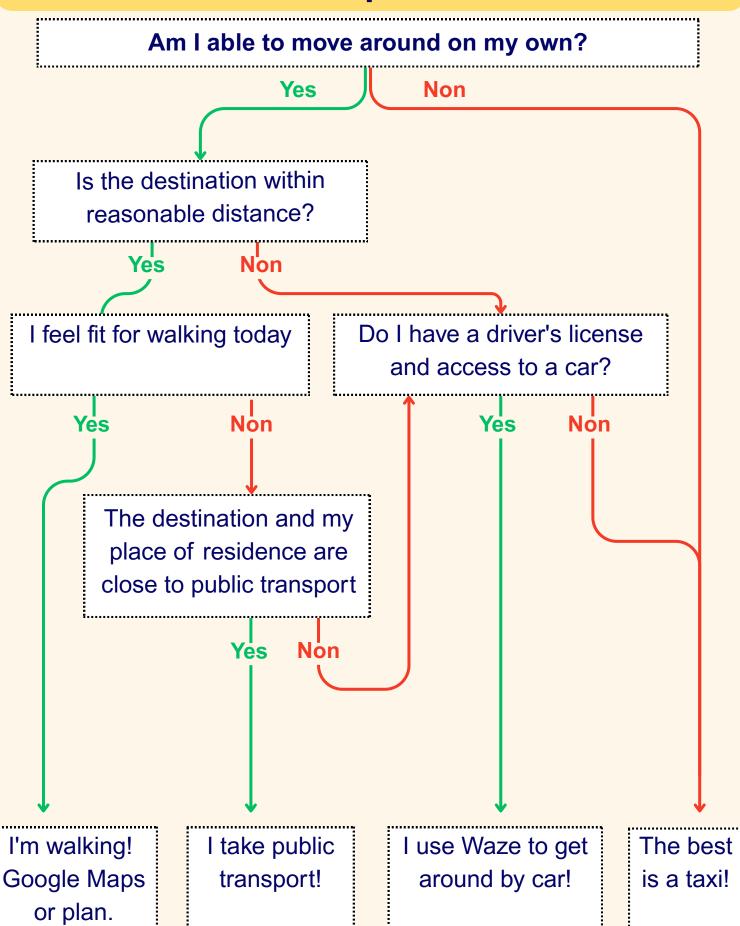
- Acces real-time information
- Save money by using public transport
- Maintain your independence and preparing your journey in advance

SUMMARY

- Chose your mode of transport
- Using my phone to get around on foot or by car
- Taking public transport
- Using a carpooling or taxi service
- Some caution



How to choose your mode of transport



Using my smartphone to get around on foot or by car

I activate the "Geolocation" function:

I go to my smartphone settings and activate the "Localisation" or "GPS" function.

I download a navigation app

from my phone by clicking on the Play Store icon (Android) or App Store (iPhone)

I choose the application :

Google Maps or Waze

- I open the app and type in the address of my destination.
- I follow voice or visual instructions to my destination.

BE AWARE!

Do not use your phone while driving, you can let your passengers guide you, figure out the itinirary before hand or safely park the car if you have to search for an itinirary

USEFUL TUTORIAL VIDEOS:

- How to install Waze for free, download
 Waze free on your mobile
- How to use Google Maps on Android
- Waze or Google Maps: Which GPS is really better?

I want to take public transport

✓ I want to check the timetables and/or buy a ticket:

On my computer I go directly to the local transport website

On my phone I use applications like
Citymapper, Moovit or the application of my
local transport network e.g.: RATP, SNCF,
SNCB, Andante.

I input my localisation and destination to get the possible times and routes

✓I buy tickets online, on the website or go to a sales desk

To get to the public transport stop, I can follow the steps previsouly indicated in part 2.



Using a carpooling or taxi service

I want to book a trip:

I download an app like BlaBlaCar for ridesharing or Uber for taxis or a local alternative.

I create an account.

I can ask for help with this.

Please aware: when I create an Uber account, you will have to input your bank details.

✓I follow the instructions to book a ride

Some precautions

☑Before you leave

Make sure that the route is safe

Fully charge my phone battery

Write down your destination on a piece of paper

I can share my location and inform a loved one of my route and expected arrival time.

When taking transport

before getting into the vehicle I check:

- the car matches my reservation (plate number and color)
- the bus or train number matches the one shown on my ticket or the app. If in doubt, I can ask the driver to confirm

I don't do anything if I'm not sure

If something seems strange to me, I don't get on the vehicule

I can call a loved one or ask for help from a police officer or someone around me

Final advice:

The more regularly you use these tools, the more familiar they will be.

You can practice with someone you trust.

The first time, you can try the itinirary with a friend, a relative or a neighbor to get used to it.

The more you practice, the easier and more natural it will be.