

Destination Assembly

STORY

When my friend moved to Canada, I went out to visit him. He moved from a small UK city to Toronto – a massive change. One of his friends attended Winthrop University in South Carolina (this is the state above Florida. Toronto is 620 miles away, that's almost like driving from one end of UK to the other). We drove through every kind of weather you can think of. When we left Toronto it was snowing. In New York State it was icy, as we went south it rained, then arriving in North, then South Carolina, it was boiling hot. We got stopped for speeding, wound up some other drivers, ate by the side of the road, shot pool in a bar where they'd never met anyone from outside the States and had plenty more adventures. We set out from Toronto, our destination was Winthrop University and ultimately that's where we arrived.

FACTS – MOST POPULAR HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS

Where would you most like to go on holiday? I know for me it would be Disney in Orlando and Busch Gardens, Tampa. But here's what a worldwide survey uncovered:

- Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic
- Breaux Bridge in Louisiana
- Bali, Indonesia
- Los Suenos in Costa Rica
- Pula in Croatia
- Ko Lanta in Thailand
- Sayulita in Mexico
- Puerto Madryn In Argentina
- Can Tho, Vietnam
- Sapa in Vietnam

MOST POPULAR IN EUROPE

- Italy, Spain, France. UK is popular among ¼ of US tourists.

MOST POPULAR IN UK

- Padstow, St Ives, Dawlish, Woolacombe, Lyme Regis popular in the south.
- Cottages near the historic cities of Bath and Wells were perennially popular.
- Cottages near the Norfolk Broads, Tetbur, Whitby or Windermere.
- Isle of Sky in Scotland.
- Gower Peninsula and Betws y Coed in Wales.
- Suffolk town of Southwold as the most British seaside town.

BLINDFOLD GAME

Do an obstacle course that's quite simple - such as walking around a couple of chairs, weaving in between something, going underneath a rope (get a couple of people to hold up the rope). Then ask for a volunteer and their mate to come up. One of them is blindfolded, the other has to guide the blindfolded victim around the obstacle course. It can be quite amusing. Girls generally do better at this as they tend to be more careful, so ask lads if you want more of a laugh!

MOVIE (FINAL DESTINATION) - Don't show any clips!!

Final Destination is a movie about a student who has a premonition that people are going to be killed on a plane. He gets his friends off the plane and the plane explodes. One by one, his friends start to die and be killed in the order they boarded the plane. Is there any way to stop death, or is it just fate?

SAY

Do you know where you're going in life? When I got a plane to Philadelphia in the US, I hoped the pilot knew where he was going and wasn't going to end up in the Philippines or in Plymouth. Sure enough, he did. My destination was Philadelphia.

It's good to think about where your life is headed and what you can choose to do to get there. Every choice, every decision doesn't just affect you. It affects everyone around you. So make right choices and get around people who can support you.

The Bible says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This is what fires up Christians and what they believe.

It's not some dead religion, but about the living God who wants to give a fulfilling life, knowing that the ultimate destination is with a loving God in heaven - a place more entertaining than the best show, better than the best band, funnier than all the world's funniest comedians and more amazing than you can even imagine.