

**A Systematic Review of Previous Work &
Proper Advance Preparation, Provides
The Research Trip of a Lifetime**

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Review all previous research results and documents. **Look at the details.**

Locate and copy all available records for the target location.

Prepare a list of surnames that are affiliated with the target location.

As far in advance as possible, attempt to learn which individuals in the area you plan to visit may be able to provide assistance.

Explore the village website looking for the names of a local historian, a local library contact and any information regarding local genealogy societies or classes.

Search genealogy websites for fellow genealogists who may live in the general area even if they are not related to your family.

They know where the local treasures are.

Websites that contain family trees such as RootsWeb World Connect, GeneaNet.org., FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com, and My Heritage.

Search the appropriate telephone directory for listings of potential cousins.

Record their address and phone number.

Contact some of them by snail mail to let them know of your interest in the village and your visit plans.

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