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2. Introduction

In an increasingly interconnected world, travel has become an integral part of our lives, whether for leisure or business purposes. However, the process of tracking expenses while traveling can often be tedious, leading to frustration and inefficiency. Additionally, there exists a wealth of valuable information within travelers' notes and experiences that could benefit others planning similar trips or seeking budget-friendly destinations.

Recognizing these challenges and opportunities, the Travel Expense Tracker project aims to develop a user-friendly web application to streamline expense tracking during travel while also leveraging user-generated content to enhance future travel planning. By facilitating expense tracking and sharing travel insights, we aspire to empower travelers to make more informed decisions and maximize their experiences while minimizing financial stress.

3. User Experience

For travelers who want to easily track their expenses, the application provides a seamless interface for inputting and categorizing expenses such as transportation, accommodation, dining, and activities. Moreover, if you plan to travel with your friends or family, the application supports tracking expenses for one trip from several people, simplifying group expense management. Additionally, users can enhance their expense records by adding photos and descriptions for each expenditure, creating a comprehensive travel log.

On the other hand, for those planning their trip, the Travel Expense Tracker offers a valuable resource for budget planning. Users can explore user-contributed travels on the app categorized by travel types such as backpacking or culinary adventures, or simply search by their desired destination. By reviewing similar trips' budgets, users can gain insights into expected expenses and plan accordingly, ensuring a more informed and financially prudent travel experience.

4. Entity Relationship Diagram

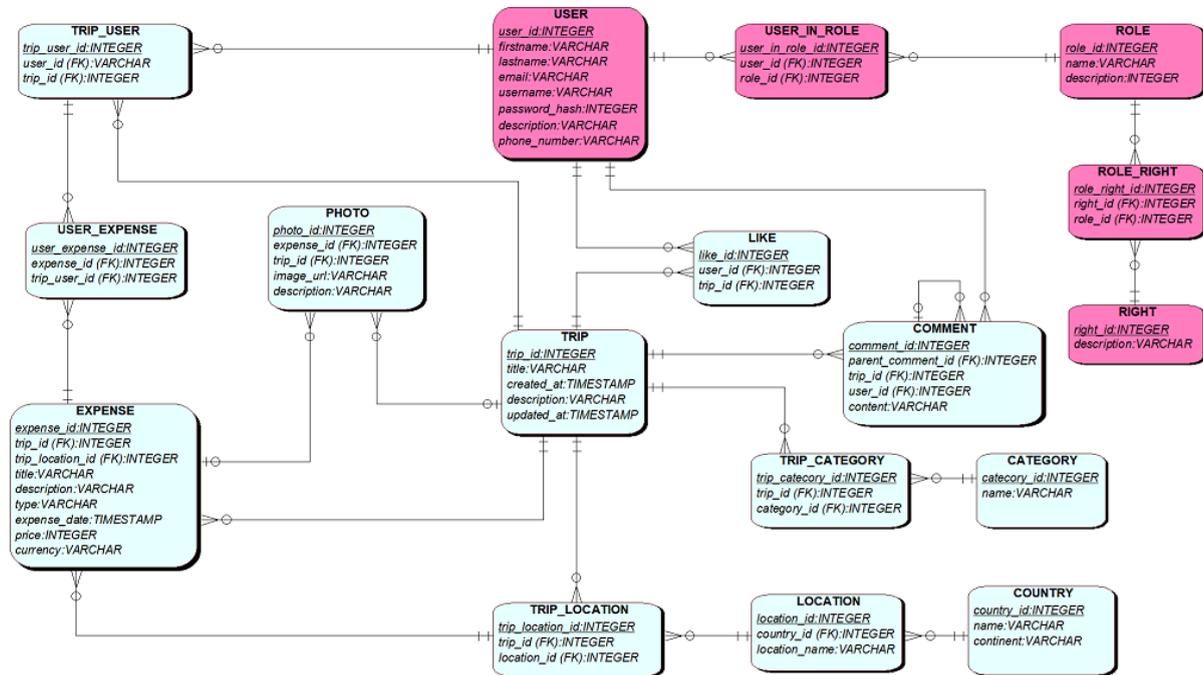


Figure 1. Entity Relationship Diagram

5. Screen Sketches

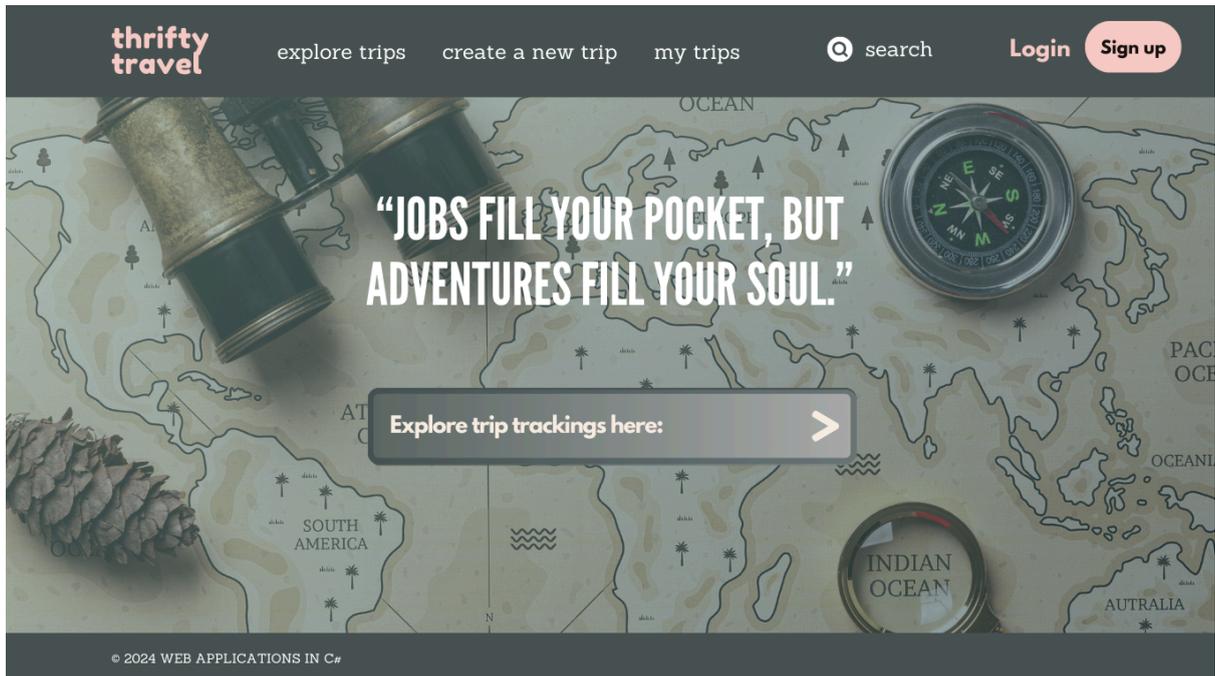


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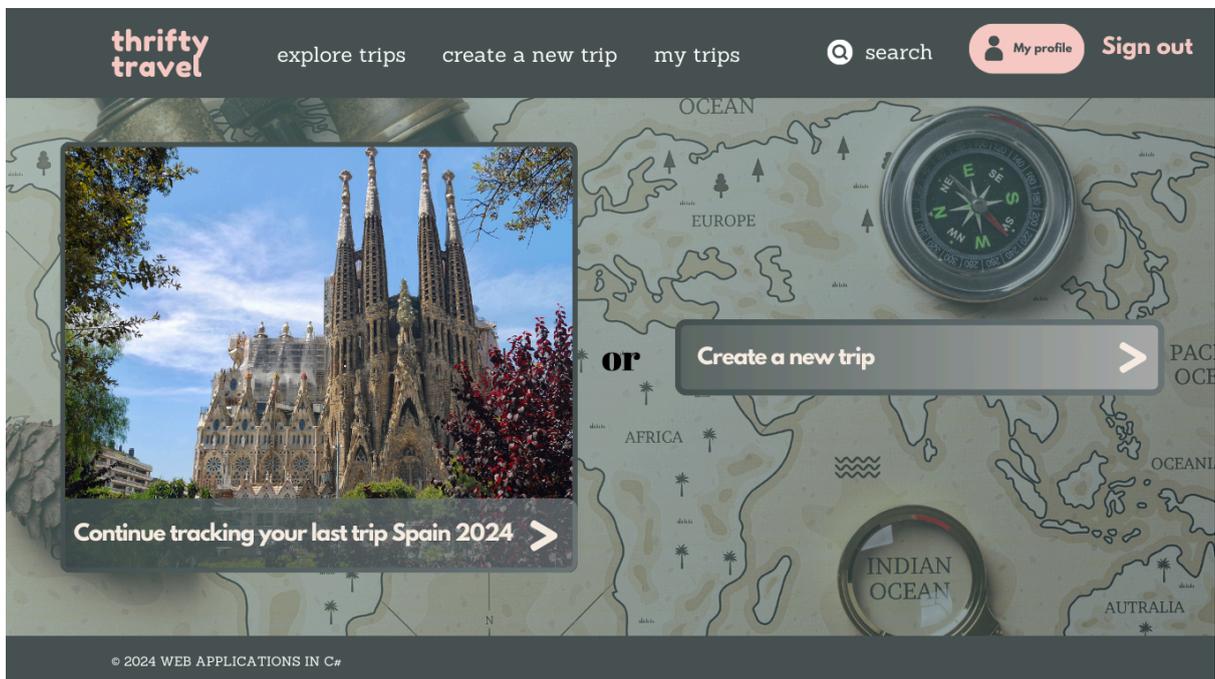


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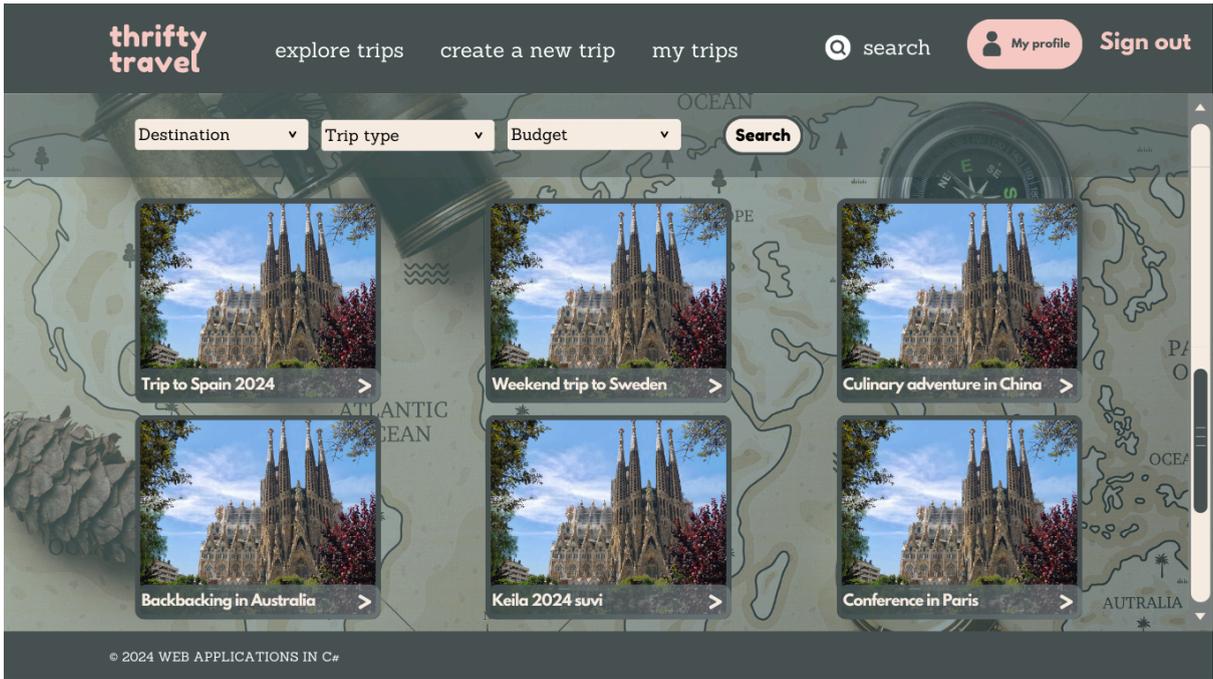


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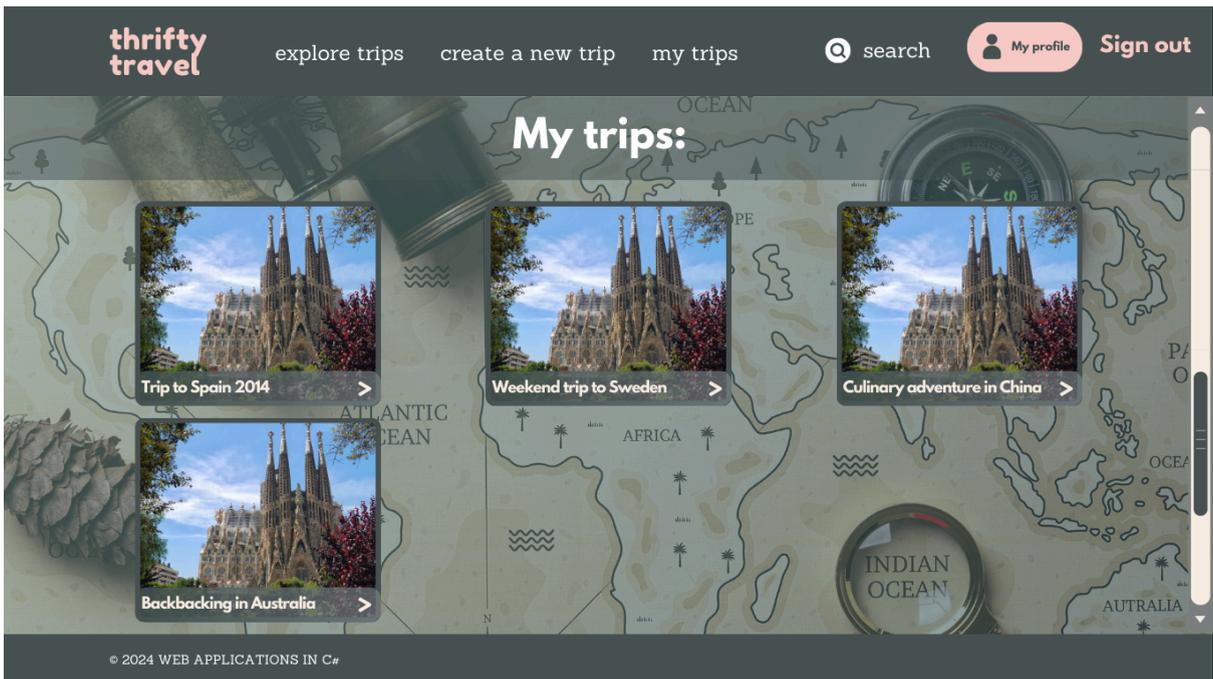


Figure 5. The 'My trips' page.

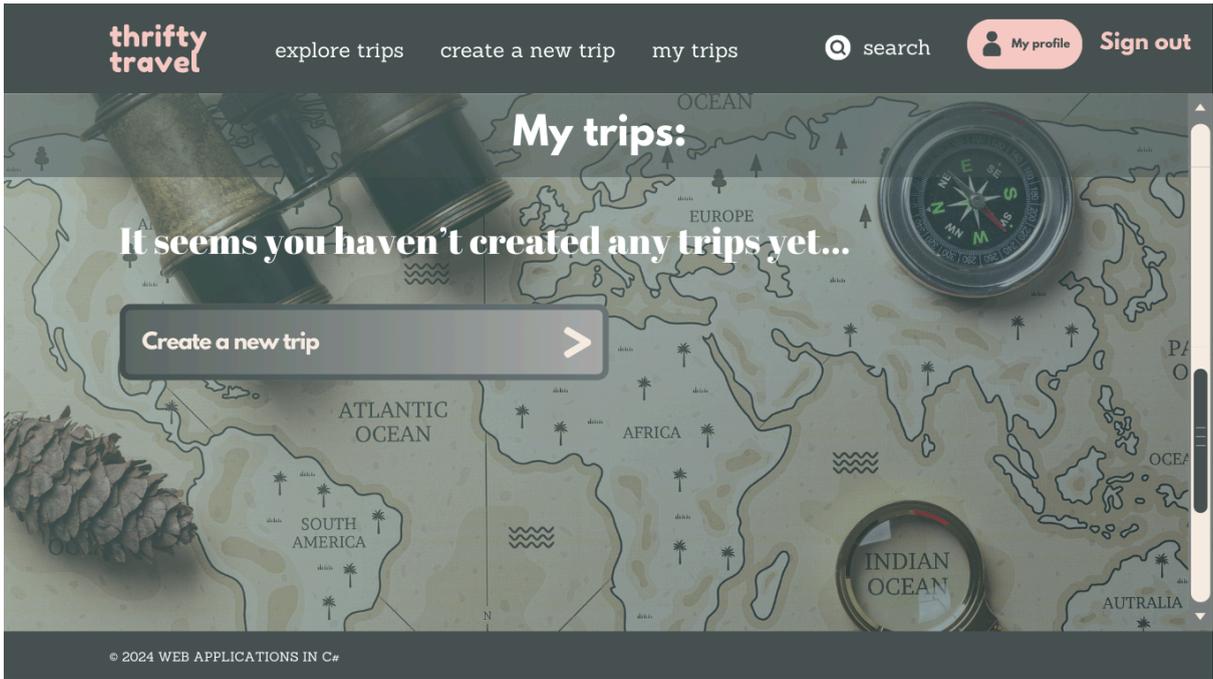


Figure 6. The 'My trips' page, when the user has not created any trips yet.

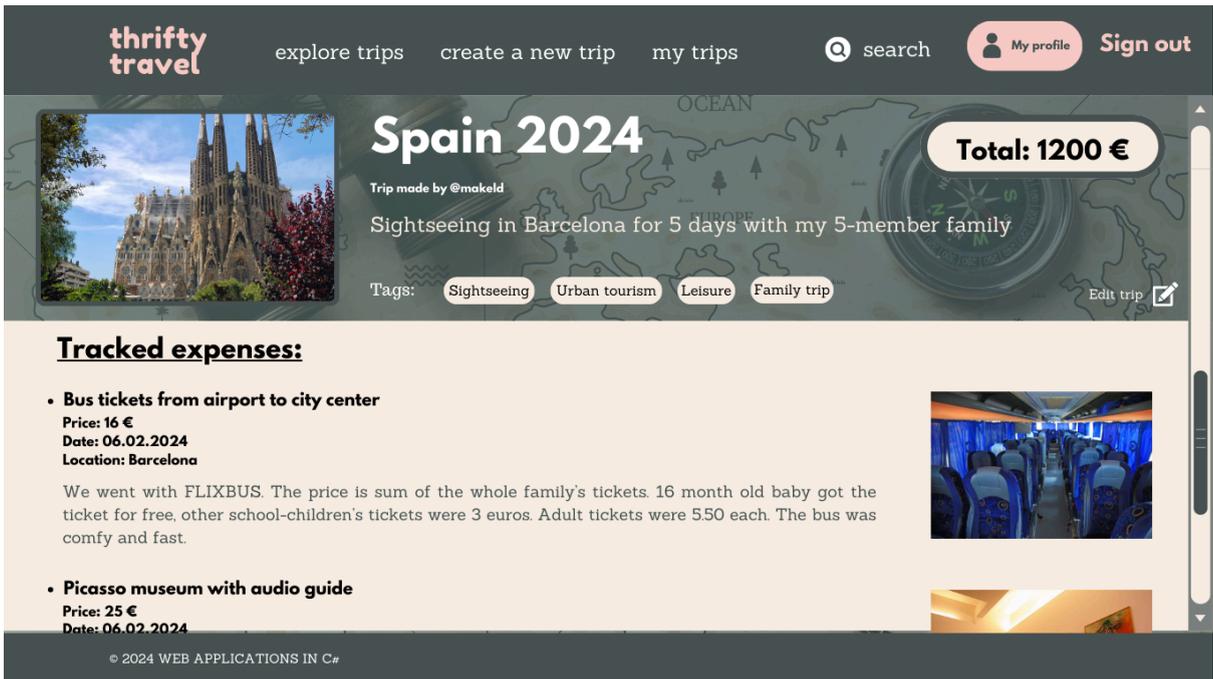


Figure 7. The view of trip details and trip expenses when it is clicked on.

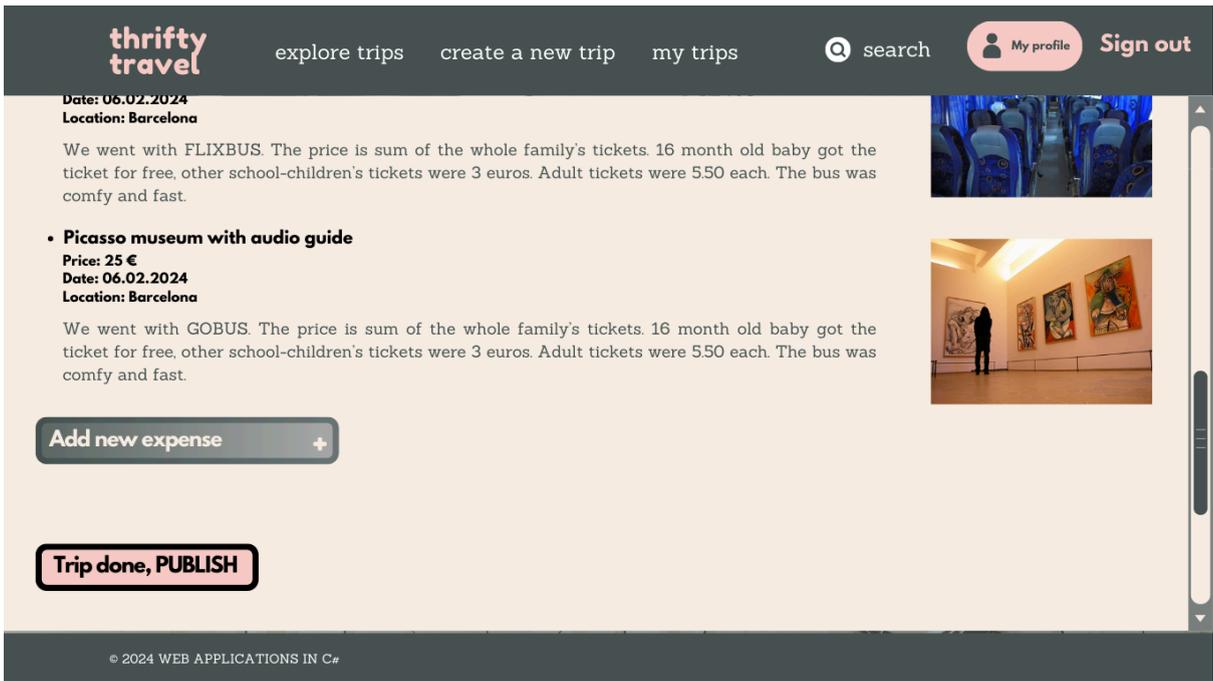


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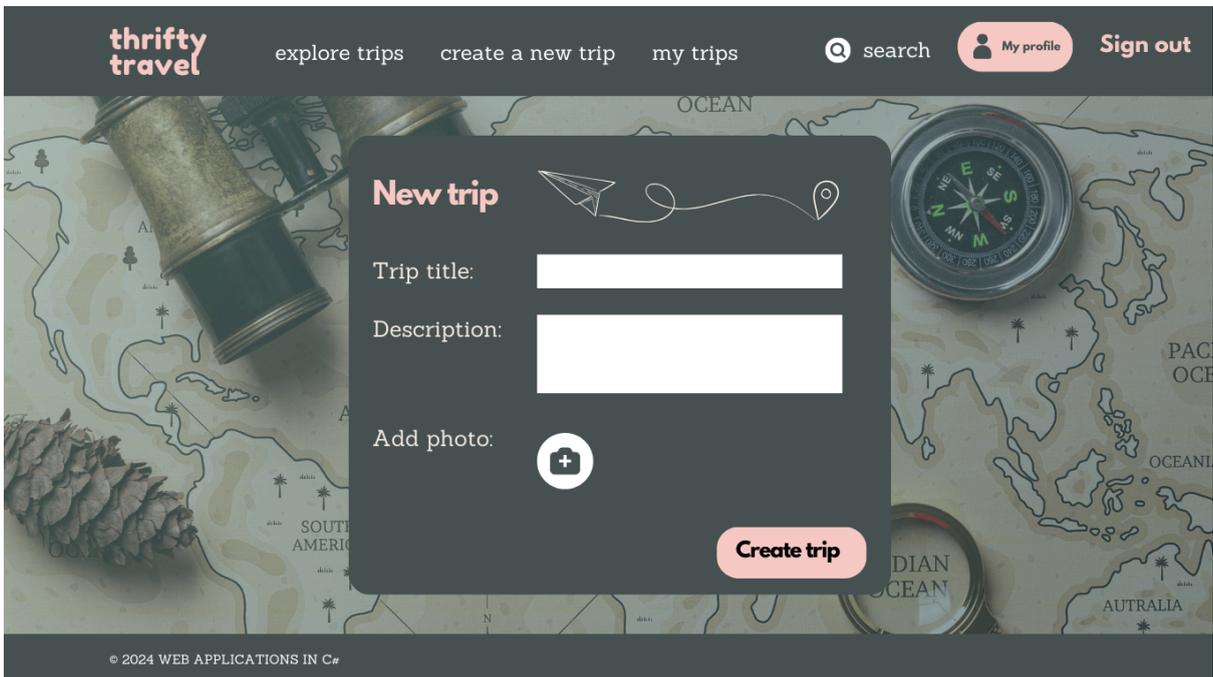


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