



UNCOLLEGE VOYAGE

Custom Voyage Proposal

In addition to the official Voyage options offered through UnCollege, fellows are welcome to submit a proposal for a custom Voyage.

Fellows should research the country they want to visit, the volunteer work they will do, and the place where they will live. They will need to make a case for how this custom Voyage will expose them to a similar service learning and educational environment as the other Voyage locations. Fellows will be given a budget for a 10-week program and will need to submit a financial plan showing how this money will be used. Fellows will also need to come up with an emergency plan to ensure their safety and security abroad.

To submit a proposal for a custom Voyage, please answer the following questions and submit the completed form to the Voyage Coordinator at veronica@uncollege.org. If your proposal is approved, she will work with you to book your custom Voyage.

PART 1: LOCATION

- Where do you want to do your custom Voyage?
- Why did you choose this country in particular?
- Describe the city and region (language, geography, population, climate, etc.)

PART 2: VOLUNTEER WORK

- What type of volunteer work will you do there?
- How many days per week and hours per day will you volunteer?
- Are there any language and/or skill requirements for completing the work?
- What is the name/website of the NGO or local organization you'll be working with?
- How will you get to/from your volunteer placement every day?
- What does a typical week look like?

PART 3: ROOM AND BOARD

- Where will you be living? (homestay, volunteer house, hostel, etc.)
- Describe the living arrangements (private room, shared dormitory, communal bathrooms, shared living areas, outdoor space, etc.)
- What is the name/website of the person/family/organization that will host you?
- Does anyone else live there? (family members, other volunteers, etc.)
- Are meals provided? (which meals, which days)
- What types of foods will you be eating?



PART 4: IN-COUNTRY SUPPORT

- Are airport transfers included? If not, how will you get from the airport to your housing?
- Is there an orientation when you first arrive? What does it cover?
- What in-country staff support will you receive?
 - Is there a program manager or coordinator who will ensure your volunteer work and housing are all set up?
 - What other staff members will you be interacting with on a daily basis? (cooks, gardeners, security guards, etc.)

PART 5: MOTIVATION, OBJECTIVES, DELIVERABLES

- What is your motivation for choosing and planning this custom Voyage?
- What are some of the tangible deliverables you hope to get from this custom Voyage?
- How will your custom Voyage challenge and expose you to each of the six elements of the Voyage curriculum?
 - Social Impact
 - Community
 - Diversity
 - Independence
 - Adaptability
 - Reflection
- Are you committed to talking with your coach in SF at least once every two weeks?
- Are you committed to blogging about your experience weekly?

PART 6: BUDGET

UnCollege will give you a budget of \$1,500 for a 10-week program. Typically, this covers the cost of the volunteer placement, room and board, in-country support, and an airport pick-up. You will also be responsible for paying for your airfare, visa, in-country travel, extra activities, and any other expenditures.

- How will you use your budget of \$1,500 on your custom Voyage?
- What is included in the cost of the program? What is not included?
- How much do you estimate spending on other expenditures such as airfare, visa, in-country travel, extra activities, etc.?

(UnCollege will cover the cost of pre-departure travel planning and visa support, in addition to personal coaching, educational support, and international travel insurance during your Voyage.)



PART 7: SAFETY AND SECURITY

- What type of visa do you need? How long will it last?
- What vaccinations are required or recommended by the CDC? <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/>
- Are there any travel warnings and alerts for your country? Any ongoing security threats or instability in the region? <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en.html>
- How will you communicate with people from home?
 - What is the reliability of telecommunications in your country?
 - Is Wi-Fi or Internet access included in your housing?
 - Will you get a local cell phone?

PART 8: MAKE YOUR CASE

In 250 words or less, explain to us why you want to do this custom Voyage and why we should approve your proposal.