



# HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

## NOMINATION FORM

Membership in the Harvard Travellers Club is open to persons who have a background in independent, adventurous travel. Nominees who are elected to membership are expected to contribute to the Club's aims and activities.

The nominee's sponsor (the proposing member) is expected to oversee the application process (i.e., ensure that the nominee has met the requirements below and submit the completed application).

### ***Requirements—Getting to know the nominee***

The nominee should have:

- attended at least two dinners and meetings of the Club as a guest of a member,
- met two members of the Council, including one member of the Membership Committee,
- be known to the proposing and seconding members. The seconding member can be a member of the Council.

### ***Requirements—Application***

- The completed Nomination Form (see below).
- A Letter of Introduction and Support from the proposing member.
- In addition, please have the nominee provide a descriptive Travel Biography. The biography may be in either descriptive or prose form, but either way it should include some details about what made the travel noteworthy or interesting. The nominee need not expand on every destination; instead, select a few that were particularly memorable. Please use the examples provided as a reference. The nominee may use the back of this form or a separate sheet(s), as desired.

### ***Submission Process and Deadline***

The Nomination Form, Travel Biography, and Letter of Introduction and Support should be submitted to the Membership Committee by the nominee's sponsor at least two weeks before an upcoming Club meeting.

# NOMINATION FORM

The undersigned hereby propose for membership in the Harvard Travellers Club:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Council Members Met \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Meeting(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Travel Interest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Proposing Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Seconding Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Nomination \_\_\_\_\_ Council Action \_\_\_\_\_

# OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name/Nickname (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Interests (Other than Travel) \_\_\_\_\_

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Professional Interests \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Activities \_\_\_\_\_

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Schools Attended/Areas of Study \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Information \_\_\_\_\_

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# SAMPLE TRAVEL BIOGRAPHY A

Your Name

Your Address

## Travel Biography

- 1975 **Mexico:** Various trips 1975; 1979
- 1979 **Copenhagen, Denmark:** 10 week study abroad program
- 1982-1985 **Guatemala:** Served as a World Teach Volunteer for one year in Jalapa and Santa Elena and lived worked in Guatemala City for two years. Extensive travel within Guatemala (hiking, biking, paddling)
- 1982-1985 **Honduras, Nicaragua, Belize and Costa Rica:** While living in Guatemala
- 1991 to date **British West Indies:** Sailing, scuba diving and fishing
- Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela:** Cruising and scuba diving on a friend's boat
- Germany, Luxemborg, Netherlands:** Biking with friends in the flatlands, what a great way to experience the countryside, people and farms.
- France, Austria, Italy:** Alpine Skiing, Loved the snow conditions compared to New England. The mid-mountain lodges were nice too. France is my favorite.
- Peru, Machu Picchu:** Fantastic trip, a huge mudslide came through just behind us
- SE Asia:** Laos, kayaked the Mekong River, Cambodia, Thailand, China, I loved connecting through our guide to the people in the small villages.

### Closer to Home Travel:

I love hiking so have hiked in Colorado and climbed numerous peaks in the Collegiate range and many of the Appalachian Trail peaks here in New England (Kathadin is my favorite). Nova Scotia for sea kayaking, remote islands and fishing villages.

### Principal Travel Interests:

Travelling for sport: Bike, hike, ski, paddle whatever and off the beaten path. Art and exploration of other cultures in my travels

# SAMPLE TRAVEL BIOGRAPHY B

Your Name

Your Address

## **Travel Biography**

From 1970 to 2008 I crewed on my parent's boat. I sailed along the entire East Coast and throughout the Bahamas, including the Exumas and Eleuthra. Everywhere we went my parents encouraged us to explore and ask questions of the locals about their experiences. It made travelling fun.

My first adventure to Europe was on a ski trip in St Anton, Austria, in 1983. We had a stopover in Hungary. The country was communist at the time and a fascinating experience for someone in grammar school. I travelled with my best friend's family (without my parents or brother...) so a real adventure. This opened my eyes to even more possibilities and I was bitten by the travel bug.

I had the chance to go biking throughout Europe when I was 19 and jumped at the chance. We covered a lot of ground: France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, The Netherlands. We camped with our tents in farmers fields, it was such a great way to see Europe and inexpensive. Now I needed to travel again.

Several friends had organized a trip to Peru and I jumped at the chance to go to Machu Picchu with a stop in Lima and the wine region of Mendoza. The Inca Trail was a higher altitude for us, almost 14,000 feet but we acclimated and really explored the historical aspect of the ancient city. This trip led to several more over the years, for skiing in Argentina, Las Lenas and with my wife (our first trip together) to Buenos Aires.

Since this early trip my wife and I and now family of two sons and a daughter have continued my early travel and explored Asia where we kayaked the Mekong in Laos and explored art galleries in China with limited expression. We have hiked many of the peaks on the New England Appalachian Trail and each has our favorites, mine is still Kathadin.

We are planning a trip, with a charter boat, to the Amalfi coast as a family this coming summer. Someday we would like to travel to the Chatham Islands off of New Zealand as my son read a story about a shipwreck there years ago and it's all he talks about.