

HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

NOMINATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

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,
- Been known to the proposing and seconding members. However, if not known to members, the Membership Committee will work with the nominee to identify proposing and seconding members.

Requirements—Application

- The completed Nomination Form. (This should be typed on-line, not hand written off-line.)
- 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 Sample Travel Biographies provided below as a reference.

Submission Process and Deadline

The nominee's sponsor is expected to ensure that the nominee has met the requirements and that the nomination form is complete. The sponsor then submits the Nomination Form, Travel Biography, and Letter of Introduction and Support to the Membership Committee at membership@harvardtravellersclub.org at least two weeks before an upcoming Club meeting. The Membership Committee confirms that the form is complete and forwards copies to the Council for review and a vote on election to membership.

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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 **Honduras, Nicaragua, Belize and Costa Rica:** While living in Guatemala
- 1982-1985 **Guatemala:** Served as a World Tech 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)
- 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

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SAMPLE TRAVEL BIOGRAPHY B

Your Name
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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 w my parents encouraged us to explore and ask questions of the locals about their experiences. It made travelling e went 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, and 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.