

UNCOLLEGE

GAP YEAR PROGRAM

VOYAGE

Voyage is the first phase of the UnCollege Gap Year Program. It is an immersive travel and service learning experience where you will live and volunteer in one of five exciting locations: India, Indonesia, Mexico, Peru, or Tanzania. You will make an impact on a community in need while stepping outside your comfort zone and learning more about yourself. Check out the five Voyage destinations below!



WHAT IS VOYAGE?

TRAVEL

Explore a new part of the world. Meet new people and make lifelong friends. Go on weekend adventures. Become a global citizen.

IMMERSION

Experience a different culture. Learn a new language. Try different foods. Step outside of your comfort zone. View life through a new lens.

SERVICE LEARNING

Integrate into a new community. Volunteer with a local organization. Share your skills and knowledge. See the positive effect of your work.

DHARAMSALA, INDIA

Perched in the misty highlands beneath the Himalayas, Dharamsala is a market town, lush farmland, and spiritual retreat all in one. The area is influenced by Tibetan Buddhism; the Dalai Lama resides in the next town over. In contrast to the bustle and crowds of most Indian cities, Dharamsala serves as a serene retreat where fellows can meditate, practice yoga, and make a difference in the community while exploring northern India.



WHERE YOU'LL BE

Dharamsala is located at the base of the Himalayas in northern India. It is a Buddhist spiritual center and home to the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government-in-exile. Dense coniferous trees and low-lying clouds add to the serenity and ambience.

The volunteer house is surrounded by fields and farmland. Wake up to the sun rising over the Himalayas, a cacophony of animal noises, Indian music playing in the background, and a hot glass of chai tea.

LIFE IN DHARAMSALA

As soon as you land in New Delhi, your host Varun will meet you at the airport and take you on a 10-hour bus ride to Dharamsala.

You will live in a volunteer house in a shared a room with two to three other volunteers. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided every day – all vegetarian.

All fellows will volunteer at two projects – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Varun and his team will provide transportation to and from your projects.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

- Teach English
- Child Care
- Youth Development
- Women's Empowerment
- Teach Computer Skills
- Construction / Renovation



FUN FACT

The Dalai Lama lives in McLeod Ganj, a suburb of Dharamsala known as "Little Lhasa." He gives public teachings at his temple throughout the year.

COUNTRY SPECS

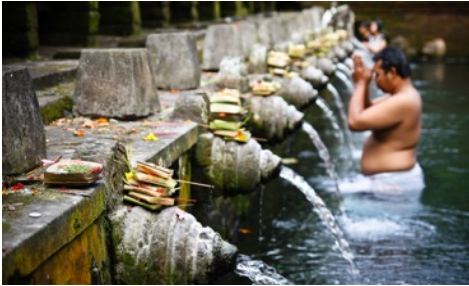
Language	Hindi
Currency	Rupee (IND)
Geography	Mountains
Population	53,000
Avg. Temp (Oct)	74°F / 50°F
National Food	Curry
National Sport	Field Hockey

DETAILS

Airport	New Delhi (DEL)
Airfare	\$800-1,100
Visa	Tourist, \$120
Housing	Volunteer House
Meals	3 meals every day
Personal Expenses	\$500-600

BALI, INDONESIA

Bali is a tropical island paradise with white sand beaches, rice paddies, coral reefs, lush jungle, and volcanic mountains. Fellows will stay in a small remote fishing village where they will interact with the local community and culture daily in their volunteer activities. In their free time, fellows can make the most of the warm weather, friendly locals, and laid-back lifestyle by exploring ancient temples, taking a yoga class, or hiking waterfalls.



WHERE YOU'LL BE

Bali is one of thousands of volcanic islands that make up the country of Indonesia. Its natural landscape of mountains, jungle, and beach have given it the nickname "Island of the Gods." Most Balinese are Hindu and there are plenty of festivals to participate in and temples to visit. The biggest industries on the island are tourism and agriculture.

The volunteer house and projects are located in the same area — all just a few steps from the ocean.

LIFE IN BALI

As soon as you land in Denpasar, your host Ketut will meet you at the airport and take you to Ubud for orientation.

You'll head to the village of Tianyar where you will live in a volunteer house and share a double room. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided Monday to Thursday.

All fellows will teach English from Monday to Thursday, with the option to lead supplementary classes in arts, sports, etc.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Teach English
Teach Computer Skills
Music and Dance
Arts and Crafts
Sports



FUN FACT

The world's most expensive coffee comes from Bali. It is made from beans digested by the civet cat and can cost as much as US\$50 a cup!

COUNTRY SPECS

Language	Balinese
Currency	Rupiah (IDR)
Geography	Island
Population	30,000
Avg. Temp (Oct)	89°F / 74°F
National Food	Lawar
National Sport	Badminton

DETAILS

Airport	Denpasar (DPS)
Airfare	\$700-1,000
Visa	Social/Cultural, \$110
Housing	Volunteer House
Meals	3 meals, Mon-Thurs
Personal Expenses	\$600-700

MÉRIDA, MEXICO

Mérida is not only the starting point of a series of journeys into Yucatán and its archaeological treasures, but a thriving town with plenty of good eats, bustling markets, music, dance, peaceful streets, and parks. Mérida offers a small, safe community setting with a wide range of volunteer projects available. This location is great for fellows who already know some Spanish and those who are looking to improve their language ability.



WHERE YOU'LL BE

Mérida is the capital and largest city in the Mexican state of Yucatán. It is bright, vibrant, clean, and safe, and the city is known for its colonial architecture and colorful culture. Mérida is also rich in Mayan heritage and is home to many of Mexico's indigenous populations.

The hostel is located in the city center, only a few blocks from the Plaza Grande. Just a short bus ride away is the beach and Mayan ruins of Chichén Itzá.

LIFE IN MÉRIDA

As soon as you land in Mérida, your hosts Martina and Leo will meet you at the airport and drive you 20 minutes to the city center.

You will live in a hostel in a shared a room with up to three other volunteers. Breakfast and lunch will be provided every day.

All fellows will volunteer at one project — either in the morning or afternoon. You will walk, take a bus, or ride in a local *combi* to and from your project.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Teach English
Care for Disabled Children or Adults
Environmental Protection
Construction / Renovation
NGO: Food Bank
Business Development



FUN FACT

Mérida is known as "The White City" — once for the color of paint they used on the buildings, and now for the pristine condition of the city.

COUNTRY SPECS

Language	Spanish
Currency	Peso (MXN)
Geography	Tropical
Population	900,000
Avg. Temp (Oct)	91°F / 71°F
National Food	Mole Poblano
National Sport	Charrería (Rodeo)

DETAILS

Airport	Mérida (MID)
Airfare	\$300-400
Visa	None
Housing	Hostel
Meals	2 meals every day
Personal	\$600-700
Expenses	

HUANCHACO, PERU

Huanchaco is a quaint and relaxed beach town on the coast of northern Peru with a history dating back to the original civilizations of Peru. Once the home to indigenous fishermen, it is now a World Surfing Reserve known for its traditional reed fishing boats, long calm waves for surfing, and ceviche. The surrounding area is still in need of much development and fellows can assist in a variety of volunteer projects.



WHERE YOU'LL BE

Huanchaco refers to both the District of Huanchaco and its capital Huanchaco town. Life here is easy-going as locals spend their time fishing, surfing, and enjoying the ocean escape from the warm, desert climate.

The beach is a short 5-minute walk from the hostel where you'll find the shores lined with traditional reed fishing boats and sweet, icy cold snacks to quench your thirst.

LIFE IN HUANCHACO

As soon as you land in Huanchaco, your host Jenny will meet you at the airport and drive you 10 minutes to the town center.

You will live in a hostel and share a double room. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided on weekdays.

All fellows will volunteer at one or two projects depending on the schedule. You will walk, take a bus, or ride in a local *combi* to and from your projects.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Teach English
Care for Disabled Children
Youth Development
Women's Empowerment
Environmental Protection and Education
Teach Music



FUN FACT

Huanchaco claims to be home to the earliest known surfing craft, as well as ceviche — the seafood dish that has spread around the world.

COUNTRY SPECS

Language	Spanish
Currency	Sol (PEN)
Geography	Coastal Desert
Population	15,000
Avg. Temp (Oct)	82°F / 70°F
National Food	Ceviche
National Sport	Fútbol (Soccer)

DETAILS

Airport	Trujillo (TRU)
Airfare	\$700-900
Visa	None
Housing	Hostel
Meals	3 meals on weekdays
Personal Expenses	\$500-600

MOSHI, TANZANIA

Sitting in the shadow of Africa's tallest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, Moshi is a small, clean, and vibrant market town. Tanzania's natural beauty is easily accessible from Moshi, and fellows can go on safaris, visit nearby national parks, go mountain climbing, or check out the local hot springs and waterfalls. The city itself is low-key and provides a safe environment to volunteer with locals from the Maasai and Chagga tribes.



WHERE YOU'LL BE

Moshi is situated on the lower slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro on the east coast of Africa. Surrounded by corn, bean, banana, and coffee farms, it is one of the cleanest cities in Tanzania.

The volunteer house is across the street from Mama Kuku, a farm that is a staple for the whole Kilimanjaro region. From the front yard, you can see Kili towering in the distance, and bus stops down the street will take you to the center of a bustling town.

LIFE IN MOSHI

As soon as you land in Kilimanjaro, your host Louis will meet you at the airport and drive you 45 minutes to Moshi.

You will live in a volunteer house in a shared a room with one to three other volunteers. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided every day.

All fellows will volunteer at one project — either in the morning or afternoon. You will take a bus or taxi to and from your project.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

- Teach English
- Daycare Centers
- Care for Disabled Children
- Youth Development
- Environmental Conservation
- Hospitals and Healthcare Centers
- Teach Computer Skills



FUN FACT

Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa and the tallest free-standing mountain in the world. More than 20,000 people climb it every year.

COUNTRY SPECS

Language	Swahili
Currency	Shilling (TZS)
Geography	Grasslands
Population	184,000
Avg. Temp (Oct)	85°F / 61°F
National Food	Ugali
National Sport	Football (Soccer)












DETAILS

Airport	Kilimanjaro (JRO)
Airfare	\$1,200-1,600
Visa	Business, \$300
Housing	Volunteer House
Meals	3 meals every day
Personal Expenses	\$500-600

COMPARISON SHEET

SPECS	INDIA 	INDONESIA 	MEXICO 	PERU 	TANZANIA 
COUNTRY SPECS					
LOCATION	Dharamsala	Bali	Mérida	Huanchaco	Moshi
LANGUAGE	Hindi	Indonesian, Balinese	Spanish	Spanish	Swahili
CURRENCY	Rupee (INR)	Rupiah (IDR)	Peso (MXN)	Sol (PEN)	Shilling (TZS)
GEOGRAPHY	Mountains	Island	Tropical	Coastal Desert	Grasslands
POPULATION	53,000	30,000	900,000	15,000	184,000
AVG. TEMP (Oct)	62°F / 39°F	88°F / 75°F	91°F / 65°F	82°F / 70°F	87°F / 63°F
NATIONAL FOOD	Curry	Lawar	Mole Poblano	Ceviche	Ugali
NATIONAL SPORT	Field Hockey	Badminton	Charrería (rodeo)	Football (soccer)	Football (soccer)
VOLUNTEER PROJECTS					
TEACHING	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CAREGIVING	✓		✓	✓	✓
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	✓			✓	✓
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT	✓			✓	
ENVIRONMENT			✓	✓	✓
HEALTHCARE					✓
COMPUTER SKILLS	✓	✓			✓
MUSIC & DANCE		✓		✓	
ARTS & CRAFTS		✓			
SPORTS		✓			
CONSTRUCTION	✓		✓		
BUSINESS / NGO			✓		

ROOM & BOARD

HOUSING	Volunteer House 2-4 per room	Volunteer House 2 per room	Hostel Up to 4 per room	Hostel 2 per room	Volunteer House Up to 4 per room
MEALS	3 meals every day, Vegetarian	3 meals, Monday to Thursday	2 meals every day, Breakfast & Lunch	3 meals every day	3 meals every day
HOST(S)	 Varun  Vineet	 Ketut	 Adriana  Martina & Leo	 Juany  Jenny  Chase	 Louis  Jenni  Clever

GETTING THERE

AIRPORT	New Delhi DEL	Denpasar DPS	Mérida MID	Trujillo TRU	Kilimanjaro JRO
AIRFARE*	\$800-\$1,100	\$700-\$1,000	\$300-400	\$700-900	\$1,200-1,600
VISA**	Tourist \$120	Social/Cultural \$110	None	None	Business \$300
<p><i>*Prices estimated in USD from within the continental United States</i></p> <p><i>**Prices in USD for a United States citizen</i></p>					

ON THE GROUND

PERSONAL EXPENSES	\$500-600 for 10 weeks	\$600-700 for 10 weeks	\$600-700 for 10 weeks	\$500-600 for 10 weeks	\$500-600 for 10 weeks
OUTSIDE MEALS	\$3-5/meal	\$1-3/meal	\$4-5/meal	\$3-4/meal	\$3-5/meal
LAUNDRY	Hand wash or \$2.25/10 items	Hand wash or \$1.00/10 items	Hand wash or \$2.60/3 kilos	Hand wash or \$4-5/load	Hand wash
GYM	\$23/month	\$20/month	\$20-25/month	\$40/month	\$50/month
OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS	Himalayan Trekking \$75	Waterfalls or Temples \$2-3	Local Beaches \$2	Chan Chan & Local Excursions \$40	Hot Springs or Waterfall \$30
	Golden Temple \$125	Snorkeling \$5	Mayapan Mayan Ruins \$10	Cajamarca \$150	Maasai Village \$70
	Manali Adventure \$225	Scuba Diving \$30	Bus to Cancun \$25	Cusco & Machu Picchu \$380 <i>(does not include airfare to Cusco)</i>	Mt. Kilimanjaro 1 day \$130
	Taj Mahal \$200	Mt. Batur \$35	Celestun Mangroves \$30		Serengeti 3 days \$490
	Jaipur + Taj Mahal \$600	Roundtrip bus to most cities & beaches \$30-60	Chichén Itzá \$45		Mt. Meru 4 days \$795
OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES*	Hindi Lessons Included	Indonesian Lessons \$20/lesson	Spanish Lessons \$10-15/lesson	Spanish Lessons \$5-6/lesson	Swahili Lessons Included
	Yoga 2x per week Included	Yoga \$10/class		Surfing Class \$12-15	Traditional Music \$5/class
		Snorkeling \$2/day			
		Scuba Diving \$30			

**Prices of optional excursions and activities are listed here for your reference only. They are NOT included in the estimated personal expenditures above and should be booked and purchased on your own once you're in country.*

SPECS

INDIA

INDONESIA

MEXICO

PERU

TANZANIA

Prices and information apply to Cohort 12. All prices and data are subject to change.