



Dear Mr. Kepnes,

My childhood dream was to be a nomad. Years later I still yearn to live out of a backpack, exploring natural and man-made wonders, and constantly expanding my comfort zone.

I would use the grant money to explore six continents over a year-long period. This opportunity would position me to network with digital nomads who are living the lifestyle that I want, so I can learn how to fund my future travels.

RTW Breakdown:

- Cambodia and Thailand. 2 months. \$35 day. Study martial arts and meditation at a monastery. Visit Angkor. Get scuba certified. Try couchsurfing, hostels and budget hotels.
- New Zealand. 2 months. \$50 day. Go scuba diving, explore Hobbiton and visit Maori cultural sites. Two week backpack on the Te Araroa trail. Try housesitting and work exchange at hostels.
- Romania. 1 month. \$36 day. Backpack the Carpathian Mountains. Go rock climbing. Visit castles, cathedrals and Transylvania. Try couchsurfing and budget hotels.
- Mongolia. 2 months. \$21 day. Volunteer with Rally for Rangers. They're a non-profit who donates motorcycles to park rangers. (I feel a kinship with all National Parks, because I worked in Yosemite National Park.) Try wild camping.
- Tanzania. 2 months. \$54 day. Explore Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti. Visit a tribe. Volunteer with AHEAD. They're a non-profit who teach locals how to ride a motorcycle sidecar "ambulance" transporting pregnant women from remote villages to medical centers.
- Alaska. 1 month. \$50 day. Backpack in Denali National Park. Visit the glaciers. Do work exchange in the National Parks. Try camping and hostels.
- Galapagos Islands and Chile. 2 months. \$35 day. Backpack the Salkantay trek to Machu Picchu. Work on a WWOOF farm. Try couchsurfing, Servas, and Hospitality Exchange.

