GEOGRAPHY TRAVEL CHALLENGE

**Assignment**: Plan a realistic trip to a foreign country of your choice. (Canada and the U.S. are excluded.) Imagine that you are 25 years old. You may go alone or with friends. However, answer the following questions for you alone and let your friends fend for themselves.

**Deadline**: Friday, January 10 in class.

**Requirements**: You may solicit help and advice fairly freely. However, make sure that the general planning of this adventure is your own.

**Grading**: One test grade will be based on the following:

* Thoroughness – having a well thought-out plan covering as many details as possible.
* Authenticity (realness) of plan and details. Prices, places, and logistics should be as accurate as possible and not made up.
* Presentation – Having a well-written, neatly organized plan in the proper format (as outlined below).
* Creativity and Effort

**Plan Details to Include**

1. Where do you plan to go? Include country/ies and specific points of interest in paragraph form.
2. What is the purpose of your trip? (Missions, historical interest, education, sightseeing, visiting friends, or a combination of the above.) Describe what you hope to accomplish in paragraph form.
3. Prepare a simulated schedule on a separate paper. Think about how you will travel within the country and how long that may take. Consult maps. Use real dates. Include the following in table form:
   1. Departure
   2. Arrival
   3. Stops / Sights to see
   4. Cities / Places of lodging / How long you will be where
   5. Return date and time
4. Prepare a budget in table form including:
   1. Transportation (airline tickets, taxi, bus, train, rental car, ferry, etc.)
   2. Cost of obtaining passport and visas if required (if you don’t already have them).
   3. Estimated food costs.
   4. Lodging (hotels, resorts, Airbnb, hostess gifts to friends, etc.)
   5. Admission to any tourist sites including tour guides.
   6. Souvenirs
   7. Gratuity (tips)
   8. Emergencies and unplanned needs
5. What preparations will you need to make. Describe where and how you will get these. Answer in paragraph form.
   1. Physical fitness / training.
   2. Medication or vaccinations.
   3. Knowledge of local language, currency, customs, religion, etc.
6. Packing. List items that you will take *beyond your normal packing* for a local U.S. trip. Following are some suggestions although not all may apply. Be specific.
   1. Special clothing for different climate or conditions.
   2. Items for a missions trip or literature for distribution.
   3. A way to purify water if going to a remote rural location.
   4. Your bird book for the Amazon or ski poles for the Alps.