

Reasons for voyaging.

1. You are going on a holiday.
2. You are going on a business trip.
3. You are visiting family members who live overseas.
4. Your homeland is beset by civil war.
5. You have a job as a travel writer
6. You like boats.
7. You are going to fight in a war.
8. You are Roald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer of polar regions.
9. You have a thirst, a lust, for knowledge.
10. You are an airplane pilot, a ship's captain, a train driver.
11. You are an airline stewardess, a purser upon a cruise liner, a conductor of trains.
12. You are pulling up the South Island.
13. You have a condom full of narcotics inserted into your arsehole.
14. You heard noises in your bedroom so are traveling down the hallway, past the flesh-chewing monsters, into your parents room.
15. You are embarking upon a spiritual voyage, that is, a metaphysical one that manifests itself not in literal travel, but in a period of self-reflection and introspection.
16. You are going to compete in a major sporting event.
17. You are going on tour!
18. You are Odysseus, Greek hero, returning home to Ithaca.
19. You are an eagle.
20. You are a peacock.
21. You are double doors leading to nowhere. (The journey is the destination!)

22. You are being born. Life is hard and cruel and full of wonderful things to do. (The birth canal is very small.)
23. You are dead. Your soul is embarking upon a voyage of its own.
24. You are going to sell useless shit to people who don't need any more things.
25. You are going to exploit people.
26. You are going to swindle people.
27. You are going to rape the land.
28. You are going to sell your poisons.
29. You are looking for God.
30. You are God.
31. You are the son of God.
32. You are leading the people to enlightenment.
33. You are a bus driver.
34. You are returning some books.
35. You are just going outside and may be sometime.
36. You have taken the road less traveled.
37. You are somewhere around Barstow on the edge of the desert when the drugs begin to take hold.
38. You are a mail-order bride.
39. You are locked inside a shipping container along with 30 other compatriots traveling to a country where you know nobody and don't speak the language, frightened, dirty, gasping for breath.
40. You are making a better life for yourself.
41. You have taken the road often traveled.
42. You are going on a Big O.E.
43. You are part of the brain drain.
44. You are paying off your student loan.
45. You are meeting new people.

46. You are on Kontiki with Denise and Ray from Masterton.
47. You are going towards “a single green light, minute and faraway, that might have been the end of a dock.” – **F. Scott Fitzgerald** *The Great Gatsby*.
48. You are exploring the inner journey through the outer world.
49. You are lonely.
50. You have had 10 million dollars accidentally transferred into your bank account.
51. You murdered your wife and left your daughter in a train station.
52. You are following your doctor’s advice.
53. You are escaping your past.
54. You are doing an exchange.
55. You are not doing a retreat, you are doing an advance.
56. You are bringing your son’s body home to be buried.
57. You are going to find your real parents.
58. You are being scammed.
59. You are on a boat, drifting into a heart of darkness.
60. You are going to take the next left.
61. You have something that needs to be said.
62. You have some wrongs to right.
63. You are a hero.
64. You are becoming a cliché.
65. You are going to do some shopping.
66. You are going to be objectified.
67. You want to do things that you normally wouldn’t do, like accepting rides from strangers, and taking drugs in a bar and wearing shorter skirts than usual and swearing often and drinking to get drunk.
68. You have a condescending view of poor people.
69. You need to find new things to write about in your blog.

70. You met this girl, online.
71. You keep being given guidebooks.
72. You are using the night entrance.
73. You are feeling carsick and just threw up blackcurrant sparkles and lime popsicles.
74. You want to get a tan.
75. You are having cheap plastic surgery.
76. You are searching for things both profound and profane.
77. You are with a whole lot of people who look just like you, eat the same food and behave the same way you would at home.
78. You are contracting a myriad of diseases and syndromes.
79. You figured why not?
80. You are a long, long way from home
81. You watched a television advertisement that said: "Do you need a reason?"
82. You hear it's better there.
83. It just is.