**Project Proposal: Travel Destinations Website**

**Website Name: Destinations with Dylan**

**Project Description**

The purpose of this website is to showcase all of the places I have traveled to, both within the United States and internationally. Each destination will be presented as if it were a vacation spot, complete with photos, stories, and highlights from my experiences. The site will not only serve as a personal portfolio of my journeys but also as an inspiration for others who are interested in travel. Visitors will be able to explore destinations, interact with maps, and view recommendations for future trips. In addition to my completed travels, the site will feature a bucket list of destinations I hope to visit, giving the website a forward-looking and aspirational element. By blending personal experiences with interactive features, the website aims to create both an informative and engaging digital travel diary.

**Website Pages:**

**Home**: A welcoming landing page with an overview of the site, recent travel highlights, and navigation to all sections.

1. **About Me** – A personal introduction, explaining who I am, why I travel, and what inspired this project.
2. **My Travels** – A detailed breakdown of all the places I've visited, categorized by country or state.
3. **Destinations** – Individual destination pages with photos, descriptions, activities, and travel tips.
4. **Interactive Map** – A map feature where visitors can click on a location pin to learn more about that destination.
5. **Bucket List** – A page outlining future destinations I want to explore, with short write-ups on why they're on my list.
6. **Gallery** – A visually focused page displaying photo collections from my trips, possibly with a lightbox JavaScript feature.

**Data Storage, Manipulation, and Viewing:**

The server-side component of the website will handle storing and managing travel-related data. The primary dataset will include information on destinations, with details such as destination name, location, description, photos, visited status, and date of travel. Users will be able to view the destinations but only the administrator (me) will have the ability to add, edit, or delete destination entries. For security, there will be user account management with login features so that only I can modify stored data. The interactive map will dynamically pull from this data, displaying pins based on stored travel entries. The bucket list will also draw from this dataset but will filter for destinations marked as "Not Yet Visited." This creates a consistent and centralized structure for storing and presenting travel information.