

## **Same Job.....Different Place**

When you work as a Travel Nurse, you are traveling around the United States, working in different places. Each time you go to a new location, your surrounding change completely. You live in a different apartment. Some apartments will have nice amenities and feel clean. Other apartments will feel old and dirty, but be a high rise apartment in the middle of the city. If your apartment is too bad, you can request a different one from your company. The stores around you are different. There will be different things to do. In one place, you may find yourself going camping, hiking, and biking. In a different place, you may find yourself doing more shopping and doing city type of activities or going to museums. All the people you know will suddenly be different. Your co-workers are all different and the facility will function in a different manner. Some places will be well organized, staffed, and efficient, while others are unorganized, understaffed, and inefficient. Some won't know the difference, but you will be able recognize all the differences having seen so many facilities in your travels. Much of the technology will be different, some of it will be new while some of it will be ancient and you will feel like you stepped back in a different time zone.

Even though, all of your surroundings are different, your job is basically the same and this is what will help you stay grounded. You will do your job more or less the same way. People with certain ailments or needed procedures, need the same standard of care and comfort in more or less the same way. If you know your job well, don't sweat it. You will do fine. If you are not sure how well you know your job, try working for a local registry and few times in your area. If you do fine, then traveling won't be a problem. If you give it three time and each time it didn't get any better and you just couldn't feel confident working registry, you may want to get another year of experience and try again. Whatever you do, keep trying if you know that traveling is what you want to do. It's well worth it.