

To be or not to be an RVer

As more and more travelers hit the road and more families are traveling, recreational vehicles (RV's) are becoming an increasingly popular item. RV's used to be viewed as strictly a vacation vehicle, but not anymore. Travelers have discovered that many of the benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

Traveling in an RV allows you to bring more with you when you travel. You no longer have to pack and unpack either. You also are not dependent on the housing provided to you by the travel companies. Furthermore, you can arrive to your new assignment location as early as you choose and leave as late as you like. In contrast, companies usually require you to leave your apartment within 24 to 48 hours once your assignment has been completed.

Financially, you should benefit nicely when accumulating housing allowances from companies that usually exceed the cost of an RV parking space. The extra funds can be used to pay off your RV which can then be sold or upgraded at a later date.

Furthermore, you become part of a large community of travelers from different backgrounds. There is a whole world of RV people you become part of. You can find RV conferences, RV shows, work (outside of the healthcare field) designed for people who travel and more. The best website I found so far for information, services and resources for RVers is www.rv.net. Once you become a member, you are eligible for group medical insurance too. Then you could be even less dependent on the travel companies.

Also, many travelers with RV's like to bring their pets. Some parks have restrictions against pets, but the majority of them understand and allow travelers to have their pets. The only real downside to using an RV for your travels is the challenge of finding an RV park near the hospital you are going to. One traveler I spoke with, Susan, says that this really hasn't been much of a problem for her. She also pointed out that RV parks are usually located in beautiful areas because they are mostly designed as vacation spots. She also says that many of them have great amenities for vacationers such as laundry mats and tennis courts.

If traveling in an RV has crossed your mind, you may want to consider it again. There could be a whole new world of traveling friends to make out there. It isn't just the retired people that travel anymore. Our society is more and more mobile all the time.