

Traveling with kids is possible

Question:

I have been a nurse for about 5 years. I was thinking about traveling, but I have three children. Is it harder to travel with a family or is it even possible?

Reply:

Just going to the grocery store can be harder with three children. Am I right? Anything is possible though. Traveling with children is definitely possible. More and more nurses are traveling with their families. The key is planning and support. There are many different scenarios to get the same thing accomplished.

One scenario is to find an assignment in a good location that use travelers on a consistent basis so you can extend your assignment through the end of the school year if needed. It would also be ideal to travel with someone that doesn't work (or works from home) that can take care of the homefront and transition details while you are working and transitioning yourself as well. You will be distracted when you first get to an assignment with your own transition. You will need to figure out how to get to work from your new place and where that nearest grocery store is. It would also be optimal to have housing within walking distance from the hospital, if possible.

Remember too, that you always have the option of traveling in the summers during school breaks. You don't have to travel full time if you don't want to. You can create whatever situation works best for you. You have to first visualize what you want and then negotiate for it.