



Questions to Kickstart the Planning of a Long-Term Trip

As we launch Nomad Life, one of our objectives is to set ourselves up to take a major family road trip across part (or all!) the Americas. In an effort to be strategic about our lines of research and action, we put together a list of topics and questions to address the logistics of this trip.

Because we are planning to launch this trip in a year or two, we are adopting a staged approach to our thinking. Some items need to be figured out now but others will need to be addressed a little closer to our launch date. As a result, we divided the list of questions into *Now* and *Later*.

We are sure this list of questions will change over time. This is the list we are using to kickstart our planning.

Questions for NOW

Topics	Questions to Ponder
RV	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What size of RV are we looking for?• Do we want a new or used RV? How used?• What training can be taken to start learning about RV ownership and travel?• What RV associations exist to support me through my learning?
Roadtrip Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are our objectives for the trip?• What kind of destinations do we want to explore? Parks? Nature? Cities?• How much flexibility do we want on the trip? How much do we want planned ahead?• What kind of camping do we want? Camping Sites? National Parks? Boondocking?
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is our budget for the trip?• Do we need income while on the road?• What is our savings plan? What do we need to cut down on now to increase savings?

Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much do we want to work while on the road? • What are the options for working on the road? • What possible sources of income can we tap into while on the road?
House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we want to rent our house? What is our risk tolerance for the potential damage caused by renters? • What are the options for renting the house? • Does our budget require that we rent the house?
Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What health insurance coverage is provided by the government and my employer during travel? Is it enough? • How much private health insurance do we need to travel abroad? • What other insurance will be required during the trip?
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the legal obligations in my jurisdiction for kids' schooling? • What kind of homeschooling will we undertake during travel? • How formal do we want to be about this homeschooling?
Driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What driver's licence is required for the RV? • What training can be taken to drive the RV? • What driver's licence is required for travel in Central and South America?

Questions for LATER

Trip Topics	Questions to Ponder
RV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What insurance is required for the RV? • What training can be taken for RV maintenance and operation?
Roadtrip Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is our general itinerary for the trip? • What are the "must-see" stops of our trip? • How far ahead do we want to plan and reserve (especially for first few months)? • What apps can I download to help for camping reservations during the trip?

Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the stock-take on our budget? • What is the plan for income while we are travelling?
Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much vacation can we accumulate before the trip? • Do we want to cash out any vacation? • How far ahead do we want to give notice at work?
House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What options are we leaning towards for the house? • What are our plans to store things while away? • What alarm system package do we want while away?
Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are options for private life insurance? • What are options for RV insurance? • What is required for house insurance while away?
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will we develop the curriculum for duration of the trip? • What are the resources for learning on the road? • What are the steps required to inform the schools of the extended absence?
Income Taxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are our legal obligations under provincial and federal income tax legislation? • Are we still considered residents of our province while we travel? • Which governmental organisation must we inform that we are leaving the country for a period of time?
Car Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will we do with the second vehicle while away? • Do we want to bring a car with the RV?

