



5 WAYS TRAVELLING CAN BE CHEAPER THAN LIVING AT HOME



TRAVEL FOR LESS THAN LIVING AT HOME

Maybe you're asking yourself; 'how can this be, travelling for less?' Let me explain...

Three years ago, I read a book on how to travel for \$50 US a day, or less.

I was intrigued and determined to learn more...

LIVING FOR HALF THE COST - BY TRAVELLING

I spent the next two years working through the logistics of how we could do this.

I created a plan, and a formula - to do it all... but that's another story for another day.

Fast forward to today... now we're travelling the world.

Nine months after leaving New Zealand, we're in Nicaragua, and living on less than half the cost of being at home.

It's true - we live pretty well on an average of \$3,000 US a month. We trade our money for food, experiences, adventures and make our own good times by exploring, meeting people and experiencing other cultures.

Do you Love to Travel?

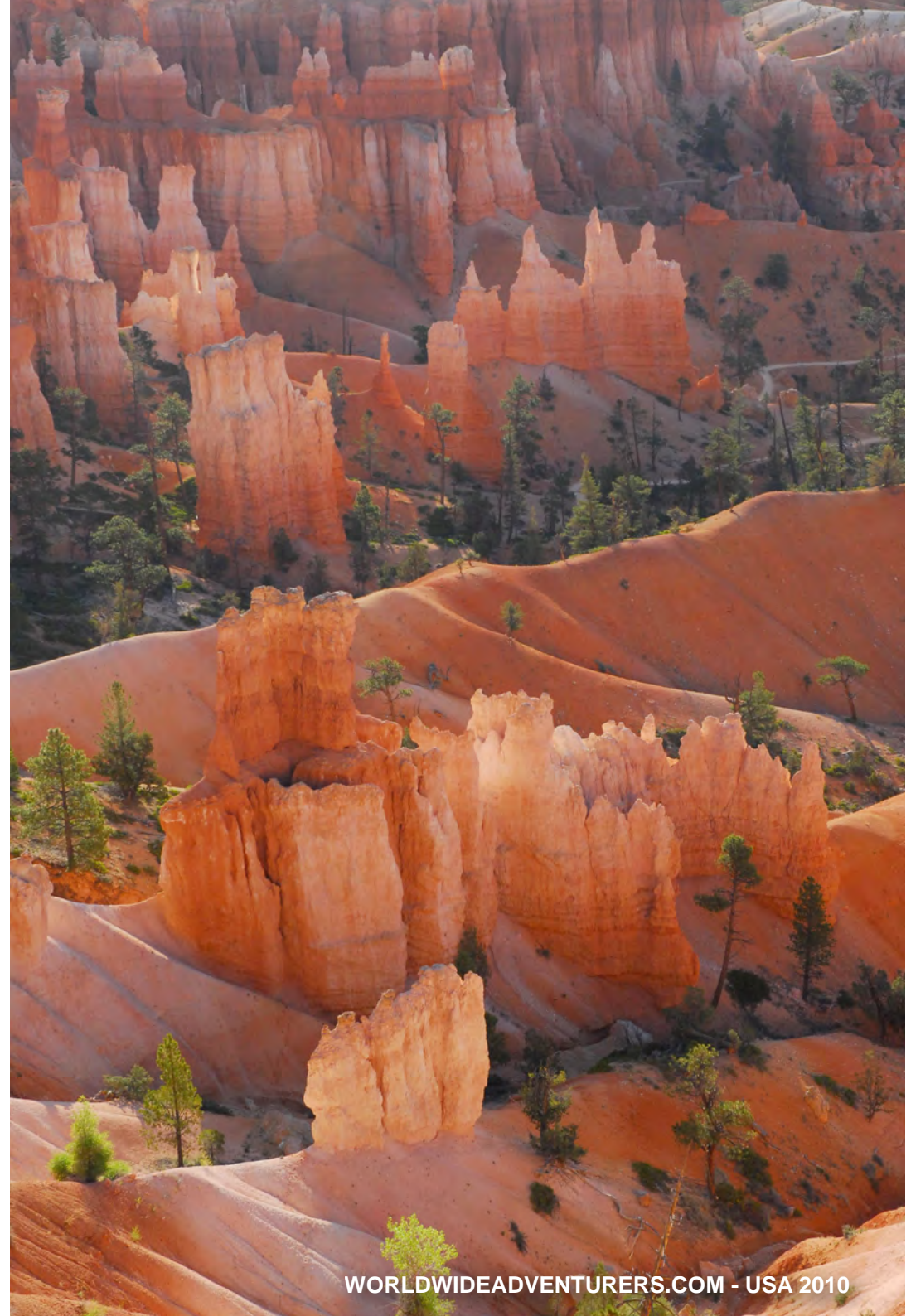
You're not alone, there are thousands of people who would love to give up the rat race and their mundane existence in exchange for travelling the world.

Typically, the biggest reason for hesitation is money. More specifically, the lack of money.

The truth is; 'It's not knowing how to afford to travel' with the money you have.

Is that you?

If I gave you the information on how - then would you consider giving up your existing life? Imagine, being a world traveller with a life of freedom and adventure, that you always thought was just for other people?





WHY TRAVELLING CAN BE CHEAPER THAN LIVING AT HOME

So here you go, **five rock solid reasons** why world travel is cheaper than living in your home country.



TRAVELLERS DON'T HAVE MONTHLY BILLS

NO MONTHLY BILLS

That's right, as travellers we have no monthly bills!

When I was living at home, I had to work to pay all those monthly bills - month after month, year after year.

House mortgage, insurances, car payments, property taxes, electricity, gas, hot water, phone, internet, TV, credit card bills – all those ghastly bills... every month!

Guess what?

When you're out travelling the world, there are 'ways around' those monthly bills!

Here's a fun exercise...

Go add up your monthly bills.

What's the tally... over \$1,000, \$1,500 or more?

Now, imagine not having to pay them any more. Imagine having that money to travel the world instead.

So it's years of paying monthly bills - OR years of funded travel.

That's right, it's money for bills...

OR

Money to cover your main travel expenses - accommodation, food & drink, transportation. As well as including a budget for travel insurance, personal supplies, clothes, minor medical expenses and incidental expenses - all the while travelling in your desired destination.





TRAVELLERS DON'T ACCUMULATE STUFF

LESS STUFF...

This used to be me...

You're probably living in a house, apartment or condo - and accumulating stuff. Clothes, shoes, electronics, appliances, tools, equipment, books, music... lots of toys.

And what else?

If you keep accumulating stuff, you will end up with... 'stuff all'. Right?

Imagine luggage-ing your way around the world, and trying to carry 'all that extra stuff'.

There's nowhere to put it, and how would you carry it anyway?

You can only buy what you can physically carry. That's it, and nothing else.

So, if you're not buying and accumulating stuff, then that's more money for travel.

Here's another fun exercise:

Take a quick shoot around your home, and look at all the stuff you've got. Tally up how much it ALL cost you... is that scary or what ?

What's the average you're spending a month on stuff... Several hundred dollars or several thousand dollars?

That could be your travel money.

So there's a choice here; 'more stuff or more travel!'





ACCOMMODATION - CHEAPER THAN LIVING AT HOME

CHEAP DIGS

How much do you pay for rent or mortgage? I shudder to think.

Maybe it's \$600 to \$1,000 in the USA per month...\$2,000 to \$3,000, or more in New Zealand or Australia. Either way, your accommodation can be less expensive if you travel the world.

Depending on your style and budget, you can get 'digs' from \$10 to \$35 US per night (\$300 to \$1,000 per month) – Period!

No utility bills; no electricity, gas, water, heat, phone, internet, cleaning or other monthly payments. Just the apartment, or room cost – and sometimes that includes a swimming pool... and maybe a washing machine to boot.

We've stayed in lovely apartments throughout Mexico, Guatemala, Cuba and Nicaragua – at an average of \$30 US a night.

And in those developing countries, you can pay much less - \$5 to 10 US a night in dorms (\$150 to 300 US per month).

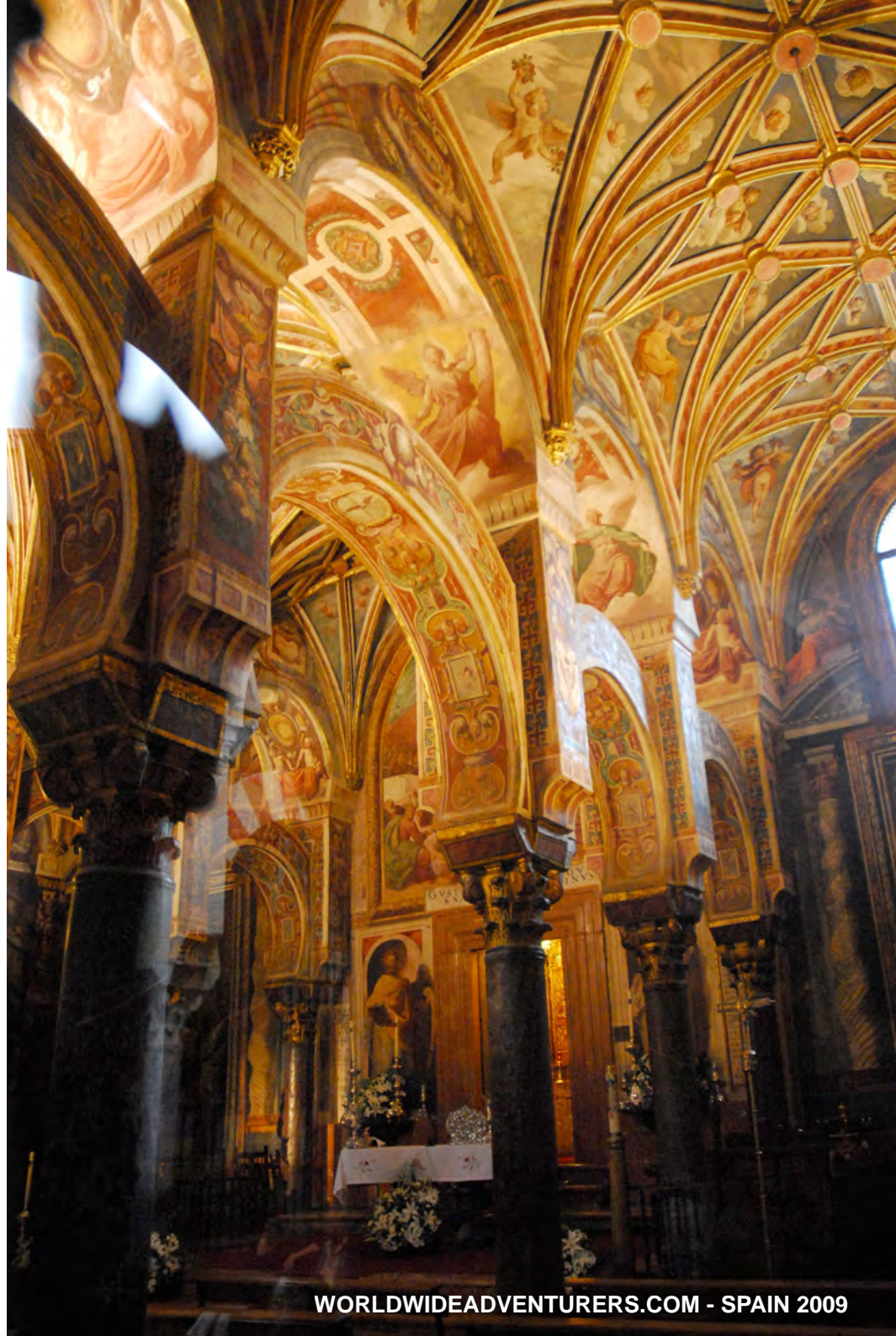
Or to have your own private room at; a hostel, guest house, homestay or budget hotel, you're looking at \$15 to \$20 a night. Or step up to an apartment, or bungalow and you're up for \$25 to \$35.

OR...

If you're more adventurous, you can easily find FREE accommodation all over the world.

Yes, free...

You can do housesitting, couch surfing, work exchanges, volunteer gigs, or maybe even choose to stay with friends.



FOOD CAN BE WAY LESS EXPENSIVE
(AND OFTEN WAY BETTER)

BETTER AND CHEAPER FOOD

How about \$1-2 US for good street food in Mexico. \$5-\$10 buys a good meal for one, and \$20 buys a restaurant meal and drinks for two.

Produce is fresh and cheap. How about rockmelon, pineapple and watermelon; all 3 for \$2 in Guatemala. A weeks worth of fresh vegetables and fruit in Mexico are all deliciously cheap at around \$8.

The fruit and vegetables in developing countries generally aren't full of pesticides and sprays either - another bonus.

In Guatemala we bought top Chilean wine for around \$10 a bottle. In Belize we bought a litre of rum for \$8 US. In Nicaragua \$20 bought us 2 litres of rum and in Cuba is just \$3 a litre.

We carry a little 'travelling pantry' with us that includes a few spices and seasonings, croutons, soy and chilli sauce, porridge, muesli, coffee and tea.

Make no mistake: We generally eat very well. We go out for lunch and dinner at least once a week. In our travel digs, we like to cook, and we don't scrimp on ingredients or meat. We enjoy the local beer and rum. Most evenings with dinner, we enjoy a glass of wine.

Our food and eating out bill, including alcohol and water, has averaged \$31 US a day over the last 9 months.





LIVING COSTS CAN BE DRAMATICALLY LESS

GENERAL LIVING IS CHEAPER

If you live in the USA, Canada, UK or Europe, Australia or New Zealand, - then there's a huge part of the world that is way less expensive to travel through... or even live in.

I'm talking about countries in South America, Central America, Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. That's a lot of countries to choose from.

The general cost of living is less expensive in those countries. Transportation, clothes, personal supplies, medical care, and even excellent dentistry – all are generally cheaper.

It can be \$10 to \$20 US for a bus, or shuttle between destinations. Many local buses usually run \$1 to \$2 US – and taxis are very affordable.

My experience; this week in Nicaragua (2014)

- Rent: \$190 - includes twice weekly cleaning, unlimited Internet, swimming pool, hammocks and roof-top deck. (this was an upmarket apartment)
- Dinner out for 2 people - including 4 drinks each - \$21
- Weekly Groceries: \$50
- 1 - Load Laundry: \$2
- 1 - Haircut: \$4
- Bottle Local Rum (1 litre): \$12
- 12 Cans Local 'Tona' Beer \$12



HALF THE COST OF HOME

You don't need nearly as much money to live at the same, or even better standard as you do now.

Here's a good general rule of thumb for daily costs – think of it in thirds.

Taking a \$60 daily budget; if you spend \$20 on accommodation, then your food will be around \$20, and other \$20 for everything else.

This means the cost, is quarter to half the cost of living at home.

For us it has worked out between one third, to half the cost of living in New Zealand.



WHAT NOW?

Here's another Fun exercise; ask yourself these questions.

How do you want to spend your money – on 'Stuff' or Experiences?

If you travelled through countries where costs were only half (or a third) of what you spend now... how much money would you need?

Could you earn money on the road, or take your current job online - If so, how?

If you rented out your home - would there be any surplus after mortgage, taxes and repairs?

You can live very well, by thinking through these questions, and carefully choosing your travel locations.

You can experience new cultures, and adventures like you never thought possible. Of course, not every country in the world is less expensive than home. The big five - USA, Europe, UK or Australia or NZ, are very expensive, period!

So when you're travelling through those regions, you won't necessarily find it cheaper - unless you're super budget smart... but it can be done.

Ok, so what do you think now?

Do you see, how travelling the world can be inexpensive? Plus, it can actually be CHEAPER than staying at home.

Start planning your travel life and come join us.

Hey, travelling the world- it's a great life, we love it... and we'd love you to be doing it too. AND, you can!



An aerial photograph of ancient stone ruins, likely Mayan or Aztec, with a large central courtyard. In the foreground, a group of people is walking down a wide set of stone steps. The ruins are made of dark, rectangular stones and are surrounded by green grass and trees. The sky is overcast.

THE MOST DANGEROUS RISK OF ALL...

NOT DOING WHAT YOU WANT NOW, BETTING
THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BUY THE FREEDOM
TO DO IT ALL LATER...

JOIN THE TRAVEL JOURNEY...

Imagine swimming with Whale Sharks, paddling a dug out canoe in the Amazon, and exploring the Galapagos Islands...

Or discovering hoodoos in the Bryce Canyon, navigating the Zion Narrows, hiking the Inca Trail, and climbing Volcanoes in Guatemala.

These are some of the things we do in everyday life as a traveller.

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