

# Freelancing on the Road

## How to Be a Digital Nomad

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### Becoming a Digital Nomad Check List

I'll be ready to live the dream when I've

- checked my assumptions
- managed my expectations
- read widely about long-term travel and digital nomadism, all with a grain of salt
- prepared my friends, family, and clients for my new lifestyle
- researched where I want to go and planned an itinerary that makes sense and is flexible
- researched visa options and obligations for my whole itinerary
- researched the costs of living and considered my budget
- saved some money for emergencies and reentry
- made arrangements to rent out my home or give it up and store my things
- made arrangements for getting my mail, cashing my cheques, paying my taxes
- obtained an absence exemption for provincial health insurance
- purchased emergency medical travel insurance
- prepared a will, living will, and power of attorney
- got a good reliable computer and back up systems
- ensured my passport has plenty of pages and won't expire
- obtained all the visas that must be obtained in my country of residence
- selected the right luggage for me
- set out everything I want to pack, put away half of it, then put half of it away again
- checked my assumptions, again
- managed my expectations, again

## Recommended Resources for Digital Nomads

“The Complete FAQ for Running a Business from Around the World” (PDF)  
<http://www.makingitanywhere.com/media/faqs-running-business-around-the-world.pdf>

*Travel While You Work: The ultimate guide to running a business from anywhere,*  
Mish Slade, Kindle eBook, \$8 US

*Travel Like A Pro: Road-tested tips for digital nomads and frequent travelers,*  
Mish Slade, Kindle eBook, \$5 US

### Blogs

[www.makingitanywhere.com](http://www.makingitanywhere.com)

[www.professionalhobo.com](http://www.professionalhobo.com)

[www.everywhereist.com](http://www.everywhereist.com)

[www.legalnomads.com](http://www.legalnomads.com)

[www.almostfearless.com](http://www.almostfearless.com)

[www.nomadicmatt.com](http://www.nomadicmatt.com)

### Websites

[TooManyAdapters.com](http://TooManyAdapters.com) (tech info)

[FindaNomad.com](http://FindaNomad.com)

[NomadList.com](http://NomadList.com)

[MeetUp.com](http://MeetUp.com)

Facebook groups

[Couchsurfing.com](http://Couchsurfing.com) (for meet ups)

### Travel Sites and Apps

Trip Advisor

Hipmunk (flights)

AirBnB

Hotels.com

Agoda (hotels in Asia)

TripIt/TripCase/CheckMyTrip

[Numbeo.com](http://Numbeo.com) (cost of living)

XE Currency app

Spending Tracker (app)

Lonely Planet (site and app)

City Walks (app)

TimeOut (app)

### Things I like...

Roost Laptop Stand

IMAK ergobeads “Le Petit” wrist rests for keyboard and mouse

Belkin 5-Outlet Mini Travel Swivel Charger Surge Protector with Dual USB Ports

Kensington International All-in-One Travel Plug Adapter

OtterBox smartphone case

Western Digital My Passport Portable External Hard Drive (for Mac)

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“Get ready for office envy! Hubud - Bali's first co-working space,” Hubud Bali, YouTube, Dec. 16, 2013

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4hrHz925ko>