

Top Ten reasons to retire to an RV

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Retirement is the time for a simpler life and the chance to do things you didn't have time for when working. Living the RV lifestyle in retirement has several advantages.

Here are the top ten reasons:

- 1. Live your retirement dreams:** Are there places you've wanted to visit but never took the time or perhaps didn't have the money to do so? Now you can travel at your leisure and visit all those places. Whether it's visiting national parks, following the Oregon Trail, playing at amusement parks or getting your fill of country western music, it's all there for you.
- 2. Take your house with you:** Instead of having to pack and unpack and hassle with airports or schlepping luggage in and out of motels, everything is there. Some RVs come with air or pillow-top mattresses, or you can add your own. Instead of sleeping on a lumpy mattress or too hard one night, then too soft the next, enjoy your own. Your bathroom is clean and you can relax at night on your comfortable sofa or La-Z-Boy recliner.
- 3. Zero yard work and cleaning house is a breeze:** With only a couple of hundred square feet to clean, cleaning house takes just a few minutes. There is no lawn to mow or yard to maintain.
- 4. Stay active:** Most experts agree that staying active prolongs and improves quality of life. Living in an RV provides many ways to stay active physically and mentally. When traveling, you have to stay engaged with life!
- 5. Live less expensively:** An RV is much less expensive to maintain than a house. Nightly campground fees are normally less than property tax and maintenance expenses on a stick house. Many expenses in the RV lifestyle can be controlled so you can cut back in a budget category when needed.
- 6. Meet new people and make new friends:** RVers are very friendly people. Opportunities are constant to meet new people. Get involved with an RV club or at an RV resort and find a whole new community. Working or volunteering as you travel is another way to meet people and make friends.
- 7. One house, many views:** When you get tired of one view, move on to the next. RVing is the ideal way to snowbird. Go where it is cool in the summer and where it is warm in the winter. Change your ocean view to a mountain view in a matter of a few hours.
- 8. No property taxes:** Enjoy home ownership (your RV) without property taxes. Rent an RV space for as long as you want, then move.

9. Have many new experiences: You can actively have so many new experiences and be part of them rather than experience them vicariously on the boob tube. Stand where Lewis and Clark stood on their Voyage of Discovery. Crew for a hot air balloon at Albuquerque. Kayak among whales in Glacier Bay. Hike part of the Appalachian Trail. Visit historical monuments; an auto tour at Gettysburg makes you feel like you are part of the Civil War.

10. Visit friends and relatives: Visiting friends and relatives in an RV makes visiting so much more fun. Even if you are parked in their driveway, you have your own space. You can also stay at a nearby RV park so you are not instant babysitters!

Here are two eBooks that add to your knowledge base about the RV lifestyle:

The RV Lifestyle: A Dream Come True and *How to Save Money* While Enjoying the RV Lifestyle.

