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The only guide you'll ever need to keep  
your bank account sweet whilst you  
travel

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The other day I met a man who told me he hadn't been on holiday in over 10 years.

As he told me that, he smiled the smile of a proud man, and went on to say that he'd also never taken a day off in those 10 years, not even a sick day.

Now, some of you will have 'wow'ed and applauded the commitment of this man to his career, or maybe even made a mental note to think of him as an inspiration. But if this was your response, I'm afraid this book just isn't for you.

Don't get me wrong, it's quite some feat to commit so entirely to your career, and I'm sure this man was probably one of the most successful people I've ever met, but that doesn't change the fact that my initial reaction was shock horror.

As he waited for me to act as impressed as the others who'd heard this declaration, I struggled to stop my eyebrows from raising and my eyes from widening in appalled disbelief.

Where others shook his hand and asked more about his career, I sat silently, feeling well and truly sorry for him.

We all have moments that stick with us through the years, and for me, this was one of them. Because this described exactly the kind of life I hope I never have to live.

It seems ridiculous to me that someone can go 10 years without seeing anything other than the four walls of an office, travelling only to and from work via the same route. Not to mention never even pulling a sickie just to go on a day trip.

If you're anything like me, your reaction would have been the same, because the thought of doing nothing but work for 10 years straight is enough to drive you insane.

For me, life is about seeing new places and meeting new people. I'd rather spend my days travelling.

I know, I know, that's easy to say. Everyone can dream.

Travelling isn't the cheapest of past times, which is why for most people, it's a dream that never becomes a reality.

But right now, we're in this golden digital age that has made it so incredibly easy for people to travel for as long as they want!

The internet has created so many online opportunities, and remote positions that there's literally no reason why earning a living has to be location dependent.

So if, like me, you don't fancy a conventional career (at least for now anyway), and you'd rather earn money whilst relaxing on a beach, floating on a lake or looking out from some beautiful mountain retreat, then read on, my friend, and you'll find some of the best ways to earn money whilst travelling.



1.

# TEACH ENGLISH ABROAD

If your reasons for wanting to travel include wanting to meet more people, experience different cultures and lifestyles, and learn new skills, then this is the perfect way for you to make money whilst traveling.

For travel addicts, teaching English as a foreign language isn't just a way to fund their travels, but also the perfect way to experience a new place.

The best part about teaching English abroad is that it's super easy to get into.

If you have a TEFL certificate (a certificate in teaching English as a foreign language), that will definitely help, and you might find the process a lot less daunting than those without it.

But if you don't have a TEFL certificate, don't panic, teaching English abroad is still something you can get into! The only real requirement for most positions is that you can speak fluent English, you don't even need to speak a second language!

There are plenty of opportunities in countries all across the world for teaching English, and some companies will even help you earn your TEFL certificate whilst you work.

Many positions teaching English pay fairly well, and by the hour, but every position is different, and your pay will depend a lot on your experience.

If you've never taught English before, you might find that you're offered free accommodation, meals and maybe even flights in exchange for your time teaching. Whilst this isn't direct pay, you'll have your travel paid for, and you can spend your days off exploring. You'll also learn more about teaching English, and gain more confidence to go for other positions.

If you have a little more experience, or a degree, you'll be more suitable for better paid roles, such as in schools. Often, these roles are for longer periods of time, so you can experience life as an expat whilst you work.

If you fancy giving teaching English abroad a shot, check out the links on the next page. They'll take you to some useful sites that often have opportunities too good to miss!

# Some useful links to get you started with teaching English as a foreign language:

- **Dave's ESL Cafe**

<http://www.eslcafe.com>

Here you'll find courses, advice and work opportunities all over the world!

- **Angloville**

<https://angloville.com>

This is the perfect place to start if you don't yet have any experience teaching English as a foreign language. They have several European destinations where you can teach English and gain your TEFL certificate at the same time.

- **Teachaway**

<https://www.teachaway.com>

This site is full of fantastic opportunities, across a whole range of destinations. This is a good site if you're looking for a long term teaching position.



# 2.

# BECOME A FREELANCE WRITER

Freelance writing is my absolute favourite way to make money whilst travelling, and it's super easy to get into.

All you need to do to get started is create an account on a freelancer platform. Upwork or Freelancer are the most popular sites by far, and the ones where you're most likely to find clients (don't worry, I'll put links to them at the end of this section).

Even if you've had no previous freelancing or writing experience, you can still create an account that attracts plenty of clients. Make sure your bio sounds enthusiastic and portrays you as keen to get started. Oh, and remember to check it for spelling mistakes. No one is going to hire you for a writing gig if their first impression of you is that you can't spell.

Clients also prefer freelancer profiles that have pictures, as they like to see exactly who it is they're working with. But choose a professional looking photo, not one of you guzzling three glasses of wine at once (though that would be quite impressive).

Once your profile is set up, you're ready to go. The way the freelancing world works is, you apply for jobs that interest you by submitting a proposal to different job posts. This might seem like a lot of effort, but if you perfect a template for your proposals, you'll be able to apply for a whole load of jobs in a short space of time.

Freelancing isn't the most sociable of these money-making methods, as you'll need to set aside some time for just you and your laptop whilst you work, but it's great for killing time on plane or coach journeys. It also gives you a good excuse to get away from any crazy crowds for a while, and check out some local coffee shops whilst you work.

The main thing to note with freelancing though, is that you'll need pretty good Wi-Fi to stay connected with clients, and upload your work.

But it can be pretty lucrative. You can set your own hourly rate, and only choose to work the jobs that take your fancy and offer the right pay.

# Some useful links to help you on your way to becoming a freelance writer:

- **Upwork**

<https://www.upwork.com>

This is a great freelancing site to start with. It's easy to use, many Upwork clients have a positive approach to hiring 'rising talent' (which is what you'll be called when you first create your profile).

- **Freelancer**

<https://www.freelancer.com>

This is another great freelancing site, where you'll find plenty of clients and work opportunities. When you sign up, you'll even see how many jobs there are going in the area of writing that you're interested in.



# 3.

# RENT OUT YOUR HOME

In case the last two money-making ideas sound like a bit too much effort for you after a day of adventuring and exploring, I thought I'd throw in an idea that will make you money without you having to lift a finger.

If you own your home, and you plan on traveling for a long period of time, there's no sense in your house being left empty, so why not rent it out? That way, you'll have a passive income whilst you travel.

If you still have a mortgage to pay, you'll need to let your lender know, as they'll need to change the terms of your agreement and possibly charge you a higher interest rate.

The process for becoming a landlord or lady will differ depending on where your home is, but you'll need to register officially and pay any necessary landlord tax and insurance.

You'll also need to find a decent agent to work with, as you'll need someone to take care of any enquiries and admin whilst you're away. Letting agents also offer you more protection as a landlord, and can help guide you through the process if renting out is new to you.

Or, if you'd rather go with a more casual form of renting, you could rent out your home for a shorter period of time on Airbnb.

Install a door lock that can be opened with a code, so that different tenants can come and go without you having to hand over the key.

You could hire a cleaner to give your home a once over after each tenant checks out, so that again, that's not something you'll need to worry about.

It's also a good idea to make sure you've removed your valuable and personal belongings from your home before doing this. Perhaps place them in storage or leave them with a friend or family member. Airbnb offers you insurance but it will give you extra peace of mind.

It's also worth letting neighbours know if you choose to rent out. You don't want them panicking when they see a stranger walking into your home!

Airbnb is also an option if you don't own your own home, and live with other people, such as friends or parents, as you can choose to rent out just one room. Be sure to check with the homeowner and your housemates first though!

# Some useful links for more information about renting out your home or space:

- **Airbnb**

<https://www.airbnb.co.uk/host/homes>

Airbnb is all the rage amongst travel addicts at the moment. You can rent out a space to fund your travels for short periods of time.

- **Renting Your Place**

<http://rentingyourplace.com>

This site offers good information about different types of renting.

- **An article about renting your home to fund your travels**

<https://www.theguardian.com/money/2013/may/26/rent-home-pay-holiday>

More details on how much you can make, and what makes a successful rental



# 4. BECOME A SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

If you're the sort of person that loves using social media, and you know all the ins and outs of how to grow followers and engage users, then managing other people's social media accounts might just be the perfect way for you to make money whilst traveling.

Believe it or not, social media platforms aren't just used by ordinary folk like you or me to share memes, personal stories and embarrassing photos. In fact, social media has adopted a vital role in business, reaching out to potential customers.

The only trouble is, that more often than not, business owners have a lot going on, and don't have the spare time to spend building their social media account – this is where you can swoop in to their rescue.

If you can prove that you know your way around the different social media platforms, and would be confident sharing and creating content, and responding and engaging with followers, then managing other people's social media accounts might just pay fairly well.

Usually, social media managers receive a monthly wage, which will depend on your experience and how good you are at bringing in more followers and more customers. But whatever you're paid, it's a fairly easy way to make money if you're already familiar with social media. If you're a people person, it can even be quite enjoyable.

To find people and businesses looking for people to help with their social media, look on job sites and freelancing sites. You could even do your own research into it, find businesses that you think would benefit from your services and drop them an email laying out how you propose you can help.

# Some useful links to kick start your social media managing:

- **The Full Guide to Being a Successful Social Media Manager**

<http://socialmarketingwriting.com/complete-guide-successful-social-media-manager/>

A useful article to help you on your way to becoming a social media manager.

- **LinkedIn**

<https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/social-media-manager-jobs/?country=gb>

LinkedIn is a great place to look for social media managing jobs, as often it's the first place employers look for potential employees, and the first place they advertise new job openings.

- **Total Jobs**

<https://www.totaljobs.com/jobs/social-media-manager>

This is another good site to look for social media management jobs.

- **Upwork**

<https://www.upwork.com/o/jobs/browse/skill/social-media-management/>

Upwork has hundreds of clients looking for social media managers. It's also to communicate online over Upwork.



5.

# BECOME A SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER

If your own following on social media is fairly impressive, you might be able to earn more through your own social media accounts than by managing anyone else's.

Social media influencers are those whose posts reach a large amount of people, and who are often paid to promote brands and products to their wide audience.

The idea is that brands want to truly connect with consumers, on a personal level, but to do that they need someone who is closer to the people.

Most of us have become too smart to fall for corporate advertisements, but when we see one of our role models or inspirations wearing or showing off a particular item, we instantly want it.

So as you can imagine, companies and brands are more than willing to pay for influencers to showcase their products.

So if you already have a lot of followers on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook, you might find that companies and brands approach you asking you to feature and promote them or their products in one of your posts.

If you haven't been approached, you can always contact companies and offer your services as an influencer.

Pretty sweet, right? Getting paid just to put up a picture of you using something you might have bought anyway!

If your social media following isn't yet quite at that level, you can always build it up whilst you travel, and have becoming an influencer as a future goal.

# Some useful links to help you on your way to becoming a social media influencer:

- **Buzzweb Promotion LLC.**

<https://buzzweb.com/#calculate>

This site allows you to sign up to become a social media influencer on either YouTube, Twitter or Instagram. This link will direct you to a section of their site where you can calculate how much you can earn per post, depending on the number of followers you have.

They're looking for people with 10,000 followers on Instagram, or 5,000 followers on YouTube and Twitter.

- **TAKUMI**

<http://takumi.com/app/>

This is another site that offers payment in exchange for you using your posts to promote products and services.

- **Influencer**

<https://app.influencer.uk/creator/signup>

Another site that welcomes applications from potential influencers.



# 6. CREATE AN ONLINE COURSE

Lately, learning more and ‘bettering yourself’ is all the rage, and knowledge is the one thing that people aren’t quite so bitter about spending money on. So why not take advantage of that and offer up some of your own knowledge, for a price?

Everyone has something that they’re passionate about, or something they’re particularly in the know about, so have a think about what your area of expertise could be and you might just have the foundations for an online course.

Popular courses at the moment include fitness programs, mindfulness and meditation courses, and of course, the biggest craze of the decade, how to make money without a conventional job!

If none of those sound like something you could teach others about though, then there are thousands more options, as you could literally create a course about anything.

Once created, this will keep bringing you an income, so it's perfect for traveling, but it might take a bit of work at first.

You could create the course before you head off on your adventures, or you could use the spare time in between your outings to work on it, but either way, it's definitely worth doing.

Plan everything you want to include, and then to help you create the actual course, there are several sites you can use that will host your course and make the setup super easy. I'll link to these at the end of the section.

Or, if you'd rather just have someone else do the hard work for you, you could always just hire someone, from freelance sites like Upwork.

Whatever route you decide to take with your course, it could be a real money earner, and bring in anything from \$50 to \$4000 per person that purchases it, depending on your content and how you decide to price it.

It can be tempting to overprice so that one buy would fund your travels for the next year, but if you overprice, the chances are that no one will even consider buying your course. Have a look at what other similar courses are charging, and be honest with people about what they'll receive in exchange for their money.

# Some useful links to help you create your online course:

- **Open learning**

<https://www.openlearning.com/courses/create/>

This site encourages people to learn as much as they can, for themselves, and for the opportunities learning might bring. You can create your own course here and become a 'teacher' or browse other people's courses.

- **Udemy**

[https://teach.udemy.com/?ref=teach\\_header](https://teach.udemy.com/?ref=teach_header)

This is one of the best sites out there for creating online courses. You can design your course here using easy templates, and even have Udemy promote your course for you in exchange for a commission of your sales.

- **Teachable**

<https://teachable.com>

This site lets you create beautifully designed courses and has a particularly useful blog full of information to help you along the way.



If you fancy goofing around and getting paid for it, go busking. Obviously, you'll need some form of musical talent to do this, but if you've got that, you can busk your way around the world.

You can busk on your own, or get a band of friends together, and make a day of it. Honestly, busking can be a right laugh, and in crowded places it can pay well too.

If you can play an instrument, grab it and get going. Guitars, saxophones, flutes - almost anything goes in the world of busking (though lugging a piano around might be a bit of a nuisance). Even if your only instrument is your voice, if you've got talent, the chances are you'll be welcomed on the streets of any cities.

Throw down a hat or your guitar case whilst you play, and watch as passers by throw money your way in appreciation. It's the perfect excuse to take your favourite instrument on holiday with you, and one of the best ways to do what you love and get paid for it (assuming you enjoy playing).

When picking a spot to busk, just check there are no busking rules in place, and try to pick a spot further away from other buskers, as this will set you apart from the competition and give you your own stand-alone audience.

On a good day, you can expect to make up to a few hundred dollars. But obviously your earnings will never be set in stone with busking and will depend a lot on the weather and how busy the street your playing on is.

But one thing you can say for busking, is that it's definitely one of the cooler travel stories you'll have, and it might even complete your adventures at the same time as making you money.



8.

# Find temporary work at your ports of call

Have you ever really traveled until you've worked a bar in another country?

Many people find they run out of funds on their travels, or that they need to top up their bank account to keep up the extravagant cocktail drinking, and so a common method of making money whilst traveling is finding temporary work in bars or restaurants.

In high season, fluent English speakers are in high demand in popular bars, clubs and restaurants, so if you fancy earning a bit of extra cash, it's definitely worth asking around.

There are a fair few places that also offer food and accommodation in exchange for your work. In fact, many people travel to specific countries purely because of opportunities like these.

A lot of these opportunities are found at the more touristy and party-like destinations though, so this is perfect for those who know their drinks and like to party.

Keep an eye for these opportunities, some will be advertised online, whilst others you might only hear about by directly asking bar and restaurant managers.

If hospitality isn't your thing, and you're more of a manual worker, keep an eye out for labour jobs. There are sure to be some going, and with labour jobs there's no issue with language barriers.

Basically finding temporary work might not be the most glamorous of ways to earn money whilst traveling, but if you find yourself unexpectedly short of cash, it's a good option.

Plus, you might find that you pick up some of the language of the country your working in. Whilst you can get away without knowing another language, it will sure help you out a bit to know the odd phrase.

## Some useful links that may help you find a temporary position abroad:

- **Gap Year**

<https://www.gapyear.com/jobs/temporary/list>

Whilst this site is aimed at those on their gap year, that's not to say that they don't welcome applications from anyone hoping to travel. Check out their site and their temporary jobs list and you might find something that suits you!

- **PAYaway**

<http://www.payaway.co.uk/aboutus.shtml>

The main goal of this site is to help people travel for as long as they want, so if you find yourself running a bit short on cash during your travels, definitely give their site a visit. They post about plenty of overseas job opportunities.



# 9. WORK REMOTELY

If, before you head off traveling, you have a fairly stable job, there's nothing to say that you necessarily have to quit that job.

Thanks to the internet, it's never been easier to communicate with people, especially employers. Calls, messages, file sharing and even face timing can be done online.

So if your work is the sort of work that could very easily be done remotely, it's worth proposing the idea to your boss.

If you'd already decided that you wanted to go traveling anyway, but thought you might have to give up your job to do so, then you literally have nothing to lose - only something to gain.

If you're good at what you do, your boss isn't going to want to lose you. Hiring and training someone new can be a real hassle - a hassle that most employers will avoid if they can.

So tell them about your plans, and make it clear that you'd be happy to continue working for them, perhaps for a few less days per week. Reassure them that you'd be able to check in with them regularly.

If your boss is willing to keep you on working remotely, you're in luck, and have a job to come back to after your adventure, which will eliminate a lot of the stress of traveling.



# 10. WRITE A BOOK

I'm sure at least some of you reading this will have had dreams of being an author at some point. Us travel addicts are enthusiastic dreamers, the sort that make the best authors, so my question is, why not go ahead and write a book?

So many people will say 'I always wanted to write a book, but never really got round to it', but if you think of all the spare time you'll have on your travels, on planes, in between adventures, there's no excuse for not writing one (other than not wanting to).

Writing a book has never been easier. There are plenty of online tools and websites that offer free assistance and guidance about formatting, self publishing and selling. You don't even need anyone's approval.

Take your laptop with you on your travels, or if you prefer the traditional pen and paper, make sure you've packed those, and work on your book in those spare moments that crop up.

Your book can be whatever you want it to be, a novel of any genre, or a non fiction masterpiece if you'd prefer to share your knowledge.

Whatever you choose, writing a book is a great personal achievement and a great way to make some extra money.

If you have your own website, you can sell your book there, or you can use Amazon's CreateSpace to format and sell your book on Amazon. Either way, you decide the price, and can promote your book to everyone you know.

You can also sell your book in both eBook and paperback form.

The more people that buy your book, the more money you make to fund your travels.

Remember to casually drop the fact that you've written a book into conversation with people you meet on your travels as well. Spread the news about your book by word of mouth and you should rake in a few extra sales, at the same time as sounding super successful.

# Some useful links to help you write and self publish your book:

- **Blurb**

<http://www.blurb.co.uk>

This is a great website for creating beautifully designed books, so you can make your creation look super professional.

- **CreateSpace**

<https://www.createspace.com>

This is Amazon's self publishing site, so you can easily input text and images into an eBook format and sell on Amazon.

- **Lulu**

<https://www.lulu.com>

Another great site for authors who haven't yet found fame, and are hoping to self publish.

A person is sitting at a desk, using a tablet. The desk is cluttered with papers and a cup of coffee. The text '11. GET BLOGGING' is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, black font.

# 11. GET BLOGGING

People love reading about other people's travel stories and turn to them for tips and inspiration, so if you're not already blogging, you're missing a trick.

So many travel addicts have blogs now, and it's not just because they love documenting their adventures. Blogging can actually make you money.

If you draw enough people to your posts, you can start making money through AdSense, which basically means you place adverts on your blog and get paid every time someone clicks on them.

Admittedly, you won't earn much from each click, but that's why you need to build your audience. Post your new articles on social media and encourage friends and family to share your content for you. The more people that see your blog and enjoy your content, the more likely it is that they'll become regular visitors and regular clickers-of-ads!

It's worth building an email list with your blog as well, so that if you ever write a book or bring out any merchandise, you'll have a pre-prepared list of potential customers.

The hardest part of blogging though, is getting started. A lot of people don't know where to begin, and you might find the concept of blogging daunting, especially if you're more of an introvert. It can be scary when you think about the amount of people that could potentially read your writing, but if you want, you can remain completely anonymous. Think of your favourite websites, the chances are you don't know the guy or gal behind them.

Anyway, to get started with a blog that you can truly monetize, you'll need to buy hosting, but don't worry, it's not that expensive. You can get hosting for as little as \$3 a month.

To make your blog look beautiful enough to keep people coming back, you don't even need to know web coding or even have any previous web design experience.

WordPress can be easily installed, which offers you thousands of beautiful themes.

# Some links to help you get your blog started:

- **WordPress**

<https://wordpress.com/learn-more/?v=blog>

Here's a link to WordPress' site. With WordPress you'll be able to easily find a beautiful design for your website, and manage technicalities easily. It's easily the best way to start a blog. They even offer their own hosting, though I'd suggest using Bluehost (below) and then installing WordPress.

- **Bluehost**

<https://www.bluehost.com>

This is one of the most reliable and well known hosting sites, so a good place to start looking for hosting options.

The type of hosting you'll need will depend on how many different websites you're hoping to have and how popular you expect them to be, but they have several different options for reasonable prices.

- **Google AdSense**

<http://adsense.com>

You can start monetising your blog by using AdSense to place adverts on your website.



# 12. AFFILIATE MARKETING

This one kind of ties into blogging, but rather than just making money through placing adverts on your blog, you want to write specific blog posts that sell a product (or several products).

Basically, with affiliate marketing, you'll include a link to a merchant's site, and you'll be rewarded if anyone buys anything after to coming to the merchant's website using your link.

Usually, the amount you'll receive will be 10-20% of however much someone spends after you've directed them to a product. So for example if you included an affiliate link to Amazon, and one of your readers clicked the link and spent \$100, you'd receive \$10 as a 10% commission. And the best part is, it wouldn't cost your readers any extra.

In fact, it's a win win situation. You help them find a good product, and you get a percentage of the sale.

To get started, you'll need to work out what your niche is, as affiliate marketing is quite competitive. Choosing a niche can help you stand out more from the crowd, and you can start to position yourself as an expert in your niche.

Then, you'll want to decide what products or services you'll want to promote, or write reviews on. There are thousands of companies that have affiliate programs, as for them it's cheap advertising. So have a look through different merchant websites and start creating affiliate accounts. Amazon is a good place to start.

Once you've set up an affiliate account, you'll be given a unique link to the site to use whenever you link to a product on your blog. This is how the merchant will know that a sale has come from you.

This is a great way to make money if you only have a free blog, perhaps on WordPress, and don't plan on buying your own hosting. Whilst free blogging platforms don't always let you place ads, you can still use affiliate links as a way to monetise your blog.

For you to do well with affiliate marketing though you'll need your blog posts and reviews to have a fairly large audience, so that it's more likely that you'll make a sale. So working on SEO and sharing your content is key to your success with this one.

Some companies also have special requirements for their affiliate marketers, so as to maintain the reputation of the company, but if you're just starting out, there are plenty of sites who welcome newcomers (again, Amazon!).

## Some useful links to help get you started as an affiliate marketer:

- **Amazon Associates**

<https://affiliate-program.amazon.co.uk>

Amazon has one of the most popular and successful affiliate programs, so it's a good place to start.

- **A guide to affiliate marketing**

<http://www.smarta.com/advice/sales-and-marketing/sales/affiliate-marketing-for-beginners/>

This is a good guide to read if you're still a little unsure about affiliate marketing and how it all works.



# 13. SELL YOUR TRAVEL PHOTOS

Photography is no longer just for professionals, even iPhones are capable of taking some first class shots. And the chances are that you'll be taking plenty of photos anyway on your travels, so why not try and sell them?

I'm not talking about trying to get featured in art galleries, or selling your photos as thousand dollar masterpieces, as whilst that is an option for some, let's face it, that's a long long long shot for the majority of us.

Instead, a more realistic and easier way to sell your photos is online, as stock photos. There are plenty of stock photo sites that welcome contributors, and pay you each time someone downloads one of your photos.

As stock photos, your pictures will be available for people to buy or download online. You'll be payed a small amount for each download, or if you sell your photo under an exclusive rights license you'll earn slightly more.

This might not turn out to be the most lucrative idea in this book, as often you'll only receive \$0.30 for each download. But if your pictures are particularly stunning, and lots of people download them to use, you might find that you make enough to fund your cocktails by the beach.

There's also the potential to earn more if you sell your photos under different licensing options, with an exclusive rights license, you could earn up to \$30 a photo.

The main advantage of making money this way is that you don't have to do anything you're not already doing. You're already taking great photos of your journey and adventures, so it makes sense to make a little money from your travel pictures.

# Some useful links to get you started as a stock photo contributor:

- **Shutterstock**

<https://submit.shutterstock.com>

Shutterstock is one of the largest stock photo sites there is, and they welcome contributors, so it's a good place to start.

- **Alamy**

<http://www.alamy.com/contributor/how-to-sell-images/best-place-to-sell-stock-images-photos/>

Alamy isn't as picky as some sites when it comes to what they accept. They like photos taken naturally amongst friends, and of course travel photos. They also pay you 50% of any sales, rather than the normal 30% or less.



# 14. START A YOUTUBE CHANNEL

If you're more of a talker than a writer, Youtube can be a better option than blogging. Even if you don't particularly want to appear on camera, you can always film your adventures from a point-of-view perspective, and create a travel channel.

You can make money on YouTube by allowing ads on your videos, and you'll be paid each time someone views the ads. So much like blogging, the bigger your audience, the more potential there is for profit.

An advantage to YouTube though is that it's much easier to rank on (meaning more people will see your videos) than other search engines.

If you have a large number of subscribers you could even be paid to do shoutouts or collaborations with companies or other YouTubers.

To go about monetising your YouTube channel through ads, you'll just need to go to the 'video manager' section on YouTube's creator studio, click on 'channel' and then you'll see an option to enable monetisation. It really is as simple as that.

I won't include a 'useful links' section here as all you need is YouTube, and I'm sure you all know how to find that!

A background image showing a desk with a smartphone displaying a calendar, a pen, and several sticky notes in various colors (blue, pink, yellow). The text '15. BECOME A VIRTUAL ASSISTANT' is overlaid in large, bold, black letters.

# 15. BECOME A VIRTUAL ASSISTANT

Last but definitely not least, becoming a virtual assistant is a perfect way to make money whilst traveling.

You'll need to have access to the internet, and be fairly organised (or at least have the ability to help someone else be organised), but it can be as well paid as a conventional part time job.

You can find employers who need a virtual assistant on job boards, or more likely on freelancing sites.

Usually, all you'll really need to do will be to answer emails, schedule appointments, organise files, manage company calendars and things like that. So it's not even a particularly time consuming way to make money.

As well as a position that's great for whilst you're traveling, it'll also be great for your resume, especially if you work for a particularly reputable employer. It could lead to more remote opportunities within that company, or even in other companies, later down the line.

# Some useful links to help you find your role as a virtual assistant:

- **Upwork**

<https://www.upwork.com>

Upwork often has clients who are looking for virtual assistants, so it's definitely worth checking on there.

- **TaskRabbit**

<https://www.taskrabbit.com>

TaskRabbit has clients who are looking for all sorts of help, especially help from a virtual assistant. Head here and you should find plenty of clients in need of you, for both temporary and permanent positions.

# So to wrap up...

Traveling doesn't have to mean a complete sacrifice of financial stability, it doesn't even have to mean that you need to quit your job.

There are hundreds of ways you could make money whilst trekking to every corner of the world, the main issue is that people don't often think outside of the box, outside of conventional careers.

But more and more people are realising that there's more to life than being employee of the month, and if you've read this far I'm guessing you're one of the people who wants to go further and do more than the man I spoke of 44 pages ago (remember, the man who hadn't been on holiday in 10 years).

So get started trying to make your money in a way that's location independent, and soon there'll be nothing stopping you from traveling non-stop!