



# 15 Benefits of Being a Nurse Who Loves to Travel

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Do you enjoy traveling, meeting new people, and seeing new places—but you're limited by time and budget constraints? If you're answering, "Yes!" to this question, then maybe you should consider the benefits of being a nurse who loves to travel.

Here are 15 big advantages of traveling:

## 1. Explore our great country.

The United States is a large, beautiful, and diverse country.

From the big skies of Montana to the beaches of Hawaii and from the streets of New York to the studios of [Los Angeles](#), you'd need more than one lifetime to see it all.

If you become a traveling nurse, you get to see ALL of those places you've always wanted to visit!

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## 2. Get to know a place before settling down.

One of the main benefits of being a nurse who travels, is that you get to spend anywhere from three weeks to three months in one place.

*That's much longer than a typical vacation.*

Plus, by working with local people, you'll have the opportunity to really get to know the town or city.

If you're still looking for a place to settle down, this is a great way to explore and compare.

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## 3. Advance your career upwards.

If you're worried you won't get ahead if you travel, *relax*.

Working with a medical staffing agency, means you're working with a team of career consultants who can help you find positions that match and advance your specialty.

That way, you're not necessarily making a series of lateral career moves, but more likely a series of vertical moves.

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## 4. Job security (one of the best benefits of being a nurse)!

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), the number of jobs for registered nurses will increase by 16% over the next six years.

*That's much faster than average.*

And nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, and nurse practitioners will see a [job growth of 31 percent](#).

Clearly, nursing is a solid career choice!

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## 5. Flexibility with short-term contracts.

Since you'll be working a series of short-term assignments, it's easier to create more flexibility for yourself than you would working one long-term job.

Because [burnout and compassion fatigue](#) are common among nurses, being able to put limits on assignments and enjoy some time away from work can be the best thing you can do for your health.

And, it's the best thing you can do to guarantee yourself career longevity.

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## 6. Sign-on bonus for extra cash flow.

Many agencies that place traveling nurses offer a sign-on bonus.

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This can be a great perk when you're starting out, as it gives you some extra cash in the beginning of your travels.

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## 7. Excellent salary—much higher.

Because the assignments aren't direct, full-time placements, you'll enjoy a higher salary. In some cases, the pay rate is as much as 33% higher than average.

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## 8. Free or low-cost housing.

Worried about having to find housing every time you move—or otherwise spending a fortune on a hotel?

*Don't be.* One of the main benefits of being a nurse who travels is that staffing agencies typically provide free or low-cost housing.

Just imagine—you don't have to spend hours on housing sites looking for something that's the right size, the right price, and in the right location!

An added perk is that you'll typically be housed close to other traveling nurses. So, you may be surrounded by people who understand you and relate to you.

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## 9. Paid travel, year-round.

Travel can be tedious and expensive nowadays.

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Though there's not much that a staffing agency can do about the long lines at airport security, those lines become a bit more bearable when you know that your travel to your assignment is paid for.

Just think: you could be in New York from June to October; then board a plane to Hawaii and spend the winter on the beach!

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## **10. Paid health insurance.**

Since you're employed by your medical staffing agency, your health insurance will be paid for.

That saves you the time and costs of having to secure health insurance (which is, of course, legally mandatory) on your own.

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## **11. Retirement savings for the future.**

Similarly, with your agency as your employer, you'll also receive benefits.

That means that from the moment you start work as a traveling nurse, you'll also be putting aside money for your retirement.

Depending on the agency, they might even have a 401K matching arrangement.

## 12. A wider network of healthcare professionals.

Networking is a critically important aspect of career advancement.

The wider your network, the more contacts you have who can alert you to interesting opportunities, recommend you to employers, and provide professional support.

As a traveling nurse, you'll have sufficient time to establish strong relationships with people on each assignment.

After that, you can keep in touch with them via social media and [LinkedIn](#). Before you know it, you'll have a nationwide network of contacts!

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## 13. Assistance getting licenses in multiple States.

When you start out, you'll likely only be licensed in your state of origin.

Of course, to work in another State, you'll need to get licensed there, too.

Your medical staffing agency can provide practical and assistance for getting the licenses you need to work in different States.

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## 14. Continued education assistance.

Even though you'll be moving around a lot, you can't forget about continued education.

Again, this is something your medical staffing agency will assist you with.

*The more qualified you are, the more in demand you'll be.*

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## 15. Referral bonuses

Many staffing agencies for traveling nurses offer bonuses if you refer a colleague or friend to them.

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## Conclusion

As you can see, there are many benefits of being a nurse who travels.

- Exploring our great country
- Getting to know a place before settling down
- Advancing your career forward
- Job security (enough said!)
- Flexibility with short-term contracts
- A sign-on bonus for extra cash
- An excellent, much higher salary
- Free or low-cost housing (and help finding it)
- Paid travel, year-round
- Paid health insurance
- Retirement savings for your future
- A wider network of healthcare professionals

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Seems like the traveling nurse adventure is worth taking, no?

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