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How To Travel Full-Time



Synopsis

#1 Bestseller! How to Travel Full-Time is a collection of practical tips and stories by full-time traveler and author, Colin Wright. Rewritten from the ground up, the second edition of How to Travel Full-Time simplifies some topics while expanding on others, taking into account the feedback received and lessons learned from selling over 100,000 copies of the first edition. Topics covered in this book: The idea of travel, compared to the reality. Types of travel you might consider. The impact of long-term or full-time travel on your life. Travel as a project. Cultural relativism (a very important concept). The ethics of traveling. Punches, and rolling with them (vital for someone who makes travel a part of their life). Money, and how it plays into this kind of lifestyle. The platforms you can build to help you travel better, and sustain your lifestyle. How to approach possessions as a traveler. A core packing list to start with and build upon. Buying tickets and how to do it better. Legalities, debt, and other considerations (especially those involving paperwork). The process of moving regularly. Different methods of packing (and the pros and cons involved). What to do when you first arrive in a new city. How to explore most efficiently and effectively. How to network in a new city where you don't know anyone. How to document your travels, for your own use, and so that others might follow along with you. Staying safe on the road. And a bit about Colin's story, and how he built his travel-focused lifestyle.

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Customer Reviews

I was pretty excited to read this book, but to be honest this a book for beginner travelers. I have traveled to over 30 countries and even spent 13 months traveling around the world and I felt this book was basic and a waste of my time. In fact, it even has me thinking I should write my own travel book with more practical information and helping others to get going - which this doesn't have. I wouldn't recommend it to anyone who travels already.

This is a good summary for novice travelers and really just some good common sense. Gives some additional resources also. A little too much of an overview if you want more detail. Also since the author is a younger man and still needing to earn money it is obviously difficult for him to give specific views and information for older folks...retirees as well as women. But it is a good place to start with some good suggestions and things to think about for beginners as well as reminders for those who have traveled more. I probably would not recommend this for those who have traveled a good deal if you can't get it for a bargain price.

This book promises more than it delivers in that most of the suggestions are too general to be very useful. Disappointing overall. It also has sections at the beginning that are more British than American in writing style (author is American). The author acknowledges that others helped get the book into shape for publication but there is no specific attribution for particular sections. It has a slapdash quality to it as though it was thrown together rather quickly. the resource sections at the ends of the chapters aren't very comprehensive and don't have annotations regarding what is to be found therein. Most are online sources. If you read this on a tablet it's a positive that one can click to view the resource (I didn't check for broken links). I'm currently reading "Tales of a Female Nomad," by Rita Golden Gelman, which includes a deeper look at the experience of confronting other cultures and developing self-knowledge along the way. Gelman isn't presenting her story as a "how-to" but in fact offers lots of useful and specific information about how one might manage getting around and finding places to stay in one's travels. I recommend Gelman's book highly to those interested in the nomadic lifestyle.

The book serves as a great motivator (with some warnings included) about becoming a location independent professional. As a web developer I found it somewhat targeted towards web developer/programmer types, but it might just do a good job of identifying with the reader. Also, those are probably the easiest professions to fit within a location independent lifestyle. There were plenty of tips about how to prepare, what to bring, reasons for leaving, how to enjoy the travel like native rather than a vacationer, etc. It also had some good links to resources for purchasing tickets, legal advice, organizing on the move and more. That being said, a few of the chapters read like a summary of content, and aren't meaty enough to be of much use. One subject that I was interested in but didn't find good coverage of: legal/bureaucratic ramifications of location independence. How to deal with visas, embassies, passports, legal differences in target countries, etc. It has a chapter talking about where to get legal advice, but I'd rather get some universally necessary information from the book than need to hire a lawyer. I did however get a lot of advice on how to prepare, and some of the resources listed proved to be great. I would recommend this to any online professionals looking to work from away from the office and live a mobile lifestyle overseas.

Since I do travel pretty much full time this book was an interesting read to see that the quirks and issues I have are also experienced by others. Much of the advice in here is the same advice I give when someone new joins the career I'm in or starts travelling with us. Interesting read to go through before you start taking up international contract work, or are deployed often etc.

Although I am not in the least bit interested in traveling full time I bought this book because the title grabbed my attention and made me curious. I must admit that I don't regret my decision to read this book it's very informative on many different levels and has spurred me to think about doing some traveling. I think the writer is very knowledgeable about the the topic he's dealing with and this really makes the book very interesting. What also makes the book worth reading is the author's views on experiencing and adopting to new cultures.

I believe the book would appeal most to travelers under the age of 40. I found a lot of helpful information.

I really liked this book. Got it in audio form. But I didn't like the voice or the delivery of the voice. I Am used to hearing Colin's smooth voice from his podcasts. I look forward to listening to his latest book with his voice doing the audio.

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