

Chapter 2: Preparing for Your Journey



This is the realization you need to come to before you can start making progress toward a digital nomad lifestyle. This is what is going to empower you to make the necessary changes that will set you on that path.

For example, you may find that the best way to embrace the digital nomad lifestyle is to quit your day job.

This is something that many of us will struggle with.

A LOT.

But the reality is that there's no reason you can't do it or shouldn't do it. The worst case scenario is that your online work doesn't work out and in that case, you just need to find work again.

That's the *worst* case scenario.

The alternative is to carry on working where you are, to never *try* and make the change and to continue being unhappy. Suddenly, that risk doesn't seem like such a big one!

Many people will feel like they are throwing away their careers but if it's not a career you're passionate about... then who cares?

Your family will support you if things don't work out and at least you will have tried. It's better to fail at trying something exciting than to succeed at doing nothing at all...

To find a career that will support your digital nomad existence, you first need to calculate how much you are likely to spend, which tells you how much you need to earn. You can then look at ways of bringing down that expense (it's not all about how much you earn). Are you willing to couch surf? Are there some cheaper places you can visit to start with?

Are you able to lease your own property to bring in a side salary/pay for your mortgage?

Are you willing to eat into some of your savings, if it means that you're going to have the most incredible experience that you'll remember for the rest of your life?

What will you do when you want to come home? Do you *ever* want to come home?

When considering all this, it's going to be scary. It's not what we've been brought up to do. It's not how we're taught to think.

It's probably not a good time...

Know this though: it is *never* a good time! You either do it now, or you don't do it.