

Tips For Traveling As A PRN Nurse

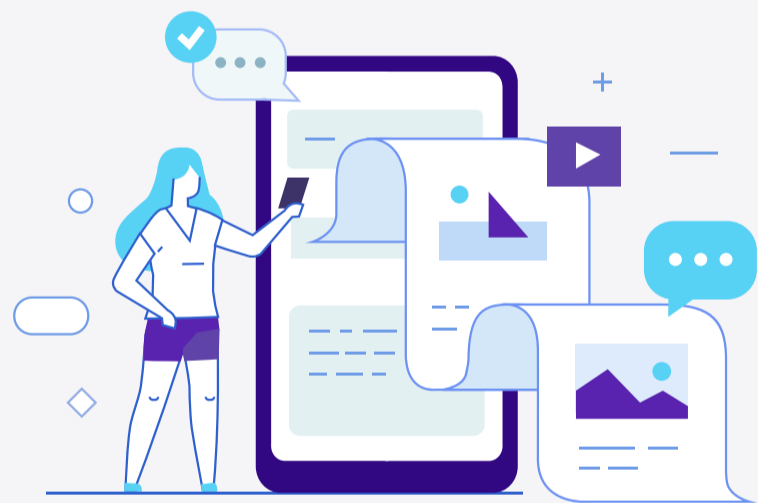
Is the ability to travel one of your top considerations when choosing a career path? Is your bucket list essentially a list of destinations? If you are a nurse with a travel bug, travel nursing might seem like the most logical option. However, don't let the name fool you; working in another state or country does not equate to having the time and flexibility to explore and enjoy your new location. If your travel aspirations are not limited to donning your uniform in a new zip code, you might want to consider PRN work instead.

If you are a PRN nurse or are hoping to become one, here are some tips to help you take full advantage of the flexibility that PRN work can give you to finally cross those destinations off your bucket list.



Traveling Companions

- **Create a travel-buddy group with other PRN nurses** – you know you'll find someone who can go on a spontaneous road trip in the middle of the week.
- **Plan around the schedules of other people in your life** – take time off when your partner can travel with you or take the kids on an adventure during their school vacation.
- **Meet people on the road** - If you love to travel, you most likely enjoy meeting new people from different places as well, so travel alone and make new friends!



Practical Aspects

- **Travel within your means** - if you haven't saved up enough for international travel yet, take trips closer to home until you are able to cover the expense of international travel without going into debt – spending more money than you have would make the trip more stressful than relaxing.
- **Apply for a travel rewards credit card** - the rewards you earn and the signing bonuses that some cards offer can help you cover the costs of your dream trip – not to mention free upgrades and late checkout!
- **Always travel with more than one card** – in case one is swallowed by an ATM! Also, have cash on hand in small bills; in many countries, cash is the norm, and your credit or debit cards will get you nowhere.
- **Travel Insurance** - Make sure your insurance plan will cover any healthcare needs abroad or get additional travel insurance.



Guarantee An Amazing Experience

- **Do your research** - You might feel like some places are simply must-sees, such as New York, London, and Paris, and visiting these places would certainly be wonderful, but make sure you know what those cities can offer you! Do you enjoy visiting museums and touristy landmarks, or do you prefer to explore the more authentic parts of town and visit the places the locals frequent?
- **Stay flexible** - As much as you might have researched a country or city, the locals always know best. Take their advice regarding the best sights and best places to eat. Even if you don't want to approach people directly, you can keep your eye out for people waiting in long lines to buy from a specific restaurant, stall, or food truck – you know it must be worth the wait.
- **Be willing to compromise** - Unless you are traveling alone, you will have to make plans with your travel companions, and you won't always share the same ideas; try to find the interests you have in common, and as for the points you don't agree on, either take turns deciding where to stay, what places to visit, where to eat, etc. or go your separate ways every once in a while so that everyone can enjoy what is most meaningful for him or herself.