

How we afford to travel
the world
and how
YOU CAN DO IT TOO



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Coz everyone wants to see the world



THE WORLD IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE AND THERE WILL NEVER BE
ENOUGH TIME TO SEE IT ALL.

But we can try, right?

Team AndSheXplores consists of Nika Penssek and Ziga Bobinac (you can occasionally see him in the pictures, but mostly he is the man behind the camera). But we haven't always been AndSheXplores. The name was born in late 2016, and at that time She only Xplored the world 4 weeks per year as that was the Deloitte's (Employer at that time) annual leave. We also did the weekend trips around Europe, but we've craved for more and knew it is possible to travel full time, so in June 2017 we decided to do it and 6 months later we started living on the road!

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HOW DO WE DO IT?



SAVINGS we had some savings before the decision to quit our jobs and fly out to the world and we had 6 months to save some extra. You would be amazed how much can you save! For example we cut off the expensive dinners at the restaurants, buying the stuff we didn't need (that's a big one, tho you're really not gonna need much stuff when travelling full time), looking for good deals whenever possible and did our own birthday & Christmas gifts, instead of buyin the expensive ones to impress (everyone totally preferred the self made items anyway!). I am sure you can get really creative here, and you all know what are your weak spots, right?

WE PLANNED... We had 6 months to plan our trip and decided to do a 6 months trip. Two months later when we were researching where to go, we felt like we need to go for at least 9 months and decided to see SE Asia, Australia, NZ, Polynesia and maybe something else. It's crucial that you plan how long do you want to travel and then plan your first few months of travel, like where do you want to go, what transportation mode will you use, what do you want to see and do.

AND CREATED A BUDGET... We knew SE Asia can be cheap to travel, but on the other hand Australia & NZ are the opposite of that, so we did a lot of research on how much travellers spend in each country we decided on and what do they spend it on. Then we created a travel and budget model in Excel (once a consultant, always a consultant) and did a breakdown of the estimated costs by countries and segments and also use it now to see how much we actually spend. I know it's a tough one, but you need to do it, to avoid such thing as shortening your trip.

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BLOGGING & INSTAGRAM... Prior to quitting our jobs, Instagram wasn't much more than a hobby for us, cause who doesn't like taking nice pictures and posting them to get some appreciation. However we still managed to grow to 30k followers and just started the [andshexplores.com](https://www.andshexplores.com) blog and have already done few collaborations with hotels, brands and apps. We decided to step up the game and focus more on growth, quality content and collaborations, that saved us loots of costs.

WE ARE CREATING OUR OWN BUSINESS just in this document you've noticed that we can't escaped our previous jobs deformations (oh well), but we didn't work long hours to learn nothing. We are currently working on creating a consulting firm for the Leisure industry as well as preparing for some additional projects. It sure takes away few nights out or a day by the beach actually means staring into my MacBook, but is there even a better way to fund yourself then creating something yours?



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Now you know how we do it, but every person is different and not everything works for everyone. So...



HOW CAN YOU DO IT?



We will still suggest **saving money, planing & creating a budget** is crucial before travelling the world for a longer period of time, regardless of your budget. But there are other things to consider too:

TRAVEL DOES NOT NEED TO BE EXPENSIVE

1. Pick the countries that have lower standards and your living costs will be way lower compared to what you've spent back home. This worked for us as well and we actually do (boat) tours, pay lots of entrance fees, eat at organic vegan restaurants and still manage to spend way less compared to living in Slovenia.
2. Think about when to visit each country, when is their peak season and try to avoid it as sometimes prices can triple.
3. Avoid the super touristic things and tourist traps.
4. You are flexible with time so travel on a weekday, you have the flexibilty of buying a plane ticket whenever it's the cheapest.
5. Do early morning tours, that are usually cheaper and most importantly way less crowded.
6. Self guided tours can save you a fortune
7. Cook whenever possible – what is better than a home cooked meal?
8. Wisely choose your splurges – use your joker card to spend a little extra money on something really special for you, well less often then on vacation.
9. Find deals on accomodation – use genius deals on Booking.com, Agoda has got really good deals for SE Asia, book last minute as the prices tend to drop, lots of money can be saved there.
10. Book smart – negotiate the prices on accomodation, transport, clothes, food.

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MAKE MONEY ON THE ROAD

You don't need to start up your own Company or do any projects that need ideas or lots of time invested before you start earning actual money.

- 1. Find web-based freelance work** There are amazing online platforms that enable you to find temporary job to make some money while travelling. We actually did a finance job that took us 2 days to finish and earned 350 EUR, which isn't too bad right? Our favorite is Upwork.
- 2. Rent out your apartment** Do you own an apartment? Rent it out, as that's a perfect passive income that can pay your whole trip!
- 3. Find temporary work at your destination** On our trip solely, we have noticed a few really interesting jobs popping up like hostel manager, numerous hotel staff work opportunities, teacher of English at the local school and the list goes on.



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