

INTRO BEGINS

Hello everyone.

My name is Chase Barfield, also known as Daddy Nomad, with LivingNomadStyle.com. I want to thank you for downloading this free giveaway from LivingNomadStyle.com that is going to give you more information and understanding around what it takes to Live Nomad Style just like my family and myself are.

In this audio recording, you are going to learn the Top 3 Things To Consider Before Going Nomad. It is my goal that by the end of this audio, you will have a better understanding about our lifestyle, some of the common challenges that arise, and how to overcome them if you go down this path Living Nomad Style.

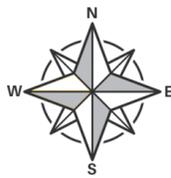
But, before we get into those three things, I would like to share a little bit more background about who I am and who my family is so that it gives you a better idea of where we are coming from, how we are deriving this information that is being communicated to you and the value that you will receive by spending some time with me listening.

LivingNomadStyle.com was born out of our family's need to spend more time with each other while allowing our sons to do more than read about the world...we wanted them to be able to actually experience it, to live it. So, we sold everything in our 4700 square foot house, bought a 40 square foot cargo trailer, converted to a Nomadic Lifestyle and hit the road.

Since embarking on our adventure, we have visited classic theme parks, climbed the tallest mountain East of the Mississippi, took pictures outside the White House and much much more. Every day is a new possibility for adventure. We live a life that many only dream of and, quite honestly, others are afraid to embark upon because of all of the unknowns.

Let me tell you, we were equal parts excited and...well...scared and worried would not be accurate...a more descriptive and accurate word would be cautious, as we began our journey. Many people have turned Nomadic in an RV, single and backpacking or part-time Nomads with a permanent homebase they live at most of the time. However, there was no blueprint or instruction manual for a family of homeschooling Nomads that live out of a cargo trailer and move every 6 weeks to 3 months.

So, we had to create our own plans. Some plans failed. Others thrived. We simply tested them, modified the ones that were not working, solidified the ones that did and moved on. Sure, we run into our fair share of challenges. But, so do stationary families. Our challenges simply are unique to our lifestyle. And we have to face them without a permanent base beneath us. It makes us a stronger family unit. We have to rely on each other. And it causes our ability to address problems and create solutions on the fly to be enhanced.



We have been asked a multitude of questions since we began. They cover a wide range of topics. And we love the curiosity and the enormous amount of positive feedback that we receive from you, our audience and fans.

We have taken all of the questions, along with our own personal assessments and have created this audio that covers, in our opinion, the Top 3 Things To Consider Before Going Nomad.

INTRO ENDS. PREPARATION TO EMBARK BEGINS.

The first thing to consider is preparation to embark or get on the road. There is a great deal of preparation that is required before going Nomad like we did. I'll share some of the more significant points.

Your home. Do you own it or do you rent? If you own it, you have to make the decision if you are going to keep it as a permanent homebase, sell it or rent it out. Each of those decisions carries different amounts of responsibility.

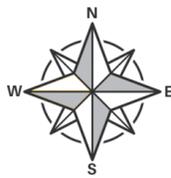
If you decide to keep it, you have to ensure its upkeep or it will go into disrepair. This includes airing out the home, keeping up the yard, making sure it is winterized if you are in a place where it freezes, having the gutters cleaned out and making sure the home is secure. Having family, friends or a security service can cover the security while a property management company can help with the upkeep.

If you decide to sell it, then you have one of two choices to make. Do you put it on the market and begin your journey? Or, do you postpone your journey in hopes that your home will sell quickly. On one hand you are putting most of your faith into someone else for selling your home without you being present. On the other hand, you may have to postpone your journey for years while trying to sell.

If you decide to rent the home, then you have to qualify your renter to ensure that they are credible. And you have to setup a payment system, such as them depositing the rent directly into your bank account at the local branch. As you are traveling, you do not want to have to worry about trying to receive a payment by mail and making a deposit yourself. You will also need to have a handyman that you trust to take care of most light repairs. Or, alternatively, you can hire a property management company to take care of it all.

When we initially left our home years ago, in Missouri, we did an owner finance lease with option to purchase. It only took a few months to get someone under contract and they deposit the monthly lease payment directly into our account. This was before we began our Nomadic Lifestyle.

We were not sure where we wanted a permanent homebase, so we rented for years. So, when we decided to embark on our Nomadic Lifestyle, we synchronized our rental agreement termination with our departure. So, that part was easy.



Now, the following applies only to you who do not keep a permanent homebase. You will face 2 more challenges to consider. One is the storage of your belongings that you do not sell and the other is a permanent address for registration of your vehicle, trailer and driver's license.

If you have no belongings to store, then, of course, this does not apply. To the majority of you out there, you will likely have some items that are irreplaceable mementos or items too large to bring on the road.

There are many choices for storage. Your 3 biggest choices are whether the storage unit is on permanent foundation, whether it is mobile and whether it is climate controlled.

If you have a particular geography that you like, perhaps plan on returning to or have a storage company you like and trust, then the permanent foundation option may be the best for you. If you are like us and you do not know where you will end up or you do not have a specific geography that you will definitely return to, then the mobile option may be best. We chose this option because even if we were not settling in one place, we can always have our entire container of belongings moved to a central storage facility near us.

Both permanent foundation and mobile options allow for a climate controlled feature. If you have items that may endure damage by going through a hot summer to cold winter temperature variance or your belongings may ruin because of humidity, then the climate controlled option is for you. Here is a side note. Some places advertise temperature controlled. This is not the same as climate controlled. Climate controlled also covers humidity. If you have belongings that can withstand temperature fluctuations and they are all packed in cardboard boxes, then you likely do not need the climate controlled feature.

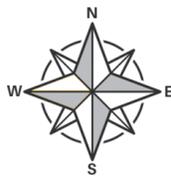
Here is another side note for you, check with your insurance company and with the storage company's insurance options. You want to make sure that your belongings are covered while they are in storage.

The other concern to cover for those who do not retain their home as a permanent homebase is a permanent address. This is needed for registration of your car, trailer, driver's license, to vote, establishment of domicile for the purpose of which homeschool laws to follow and much more.

One option that you can take is to use a service. There are multiple services in the US that will give you an address that you can use for registration purposes. You can also receive mail there. Often times they give you the option of forwarding your mail to you in bulk, say once a week or so as well as discarding your junk mail. And, one service that we saw that seems useful, if you trust the company, is that they will open your mail, scan it and email it to you.

Another option is to use a family member or friend that does not move nor do they intend to move. They would have to be okay with receiving mail addressed to you at their home. This includes registering your vehicle, trailer, driver's license, bank accounts, etc at that address. If you have someone you trust, this can be a more cost effective way to handle your permanent address.

I would make the suggestion that you provide them with a scanner so they can scan and email your important mail. I would also write a letter of permission and sign it. This letter would grant them permission to manage your mail for you. Opening another person's mail is a crime. Although you would



not press charges, it is still technically a crime. But, granting them written permission absolves them of the liability.

One tip I will give you to cut down on the quantity of mail is to register with your bank for electronic statements and register with every company that you pay bills to, to receive your future bills electronically. This way you receive everything via email. You may even want to set up a dedicated email address just to receive these communications so they are not bundled in with other emails and spam. Finally, if you can receive your bills electronically, 99 times out of 100 you can also pay them online. Many banks offer online bill pay at no charge. So, you can add those who you pay electronically into one place. And, if your bank is like ours, they will send a check to the company for those bills that we cannot pay electronically. This streamlines your process and your life.

Now that your home and all of the subpoints that this entails have been covered, let's dive into transportation preparation. A lot of this is covered in our Nomad Resource Guide Of Tools To Get Started. It accompanies this audio and has a wealth of useful information in it.

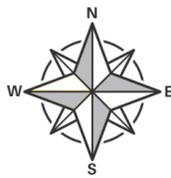
We chose to use our SUV, that we call Ebony, and buy a trailer. We went back and forth on renting or buying a cargo trailer. Ultimately we were forced into one option and it was our preferred one.

Let me discuss the vehicle and then I will elaborate on the trailer. Since you will be towing a trailer, and, if you are like us, you will be doing so through many different climates and over, under and through a multitude of terrains, you will want to ensure that your vehicle's towing capacity will cover the trailer's weight along with the added weight of your belongings. Additionally, you have to account for the weight you place in the vehicle itself. Many overlook this one component.

Also, sometimes you can add extra transmission coolers or other add on items to make your vehicle tow better. See your dealer or trusted mechanic on this one. When we bought Ebony years ago, we got her with 4 wheel drive and the towing option. So she handles towing our trailer with ease. Remember this, as a Nomadic Traveler the way we do it, you rely on your vehicle a lot. So, take good care of it.

Now let's discuss trailers. In the world of renting cargo trailers, there is only one company that will rent you trailers on a nationwide level. Do a little research and you will come to the same conclusion. However, if you own a Ford Explorer or a Jeep Wrangler with a soft top, you absolutely cannot rent a trailer from them. There is no waiver of liability form that you can sign that will cause them to allow you to. Trust me. I tried because, initially, that was our plan; to rent a cargo trailer to go from one place to another.

After being faced with the prospect of not being able to rent the trailer, we actually sat down and further calculated the economics. We concluded that after we paid to rent the trailer five times, that we would be money ahead to just buy one. Since we began our journey, we have used the trailer five times already. So, it has already paid for itself. The trailer has a national warranty in case anything goes wrong. And, it has additional utility value. We are going to use it to market LivingNomadStyle.com and we also use it as a place to store out of season items. For example, our summer gear is in the trailer while it is winter time. No reason to unload it. This gives us more room in our temporary homebase.



Once you buy your trailer, you need to make sure you have maintenance tools with you. Maintenance is the lifeblood of your trailer. It is not hard. But it is frequent. A few minutes of maintenance takes you hundreds of miles and saves your hundreds of dollars. Again, refer to our Nomad Resource Guide Of Tools To Get Started for a list of items you will want to pick up.

The last main point in preparation to embark consists of your plan to travel. Where do you plan on going? Where do you plan on staying? What do you plan on doing?

We made a plan for the next year and a half. What we did was identify the regions where we wanted to stay and the things that we knew we wanted to do or accomplish. For example, we knew that we wanted to explore Washington DC and all of the educational things that encompasses. At the same time we wanted to visit Mount Vernon, Monticello, Fredericksburg, Arlington, see the Cherry Blossom Festival and a host of other things. This gave us a region to shoot for so we could see and do these things. Then as that region became the next place to visit on our journey, we began researching distances to and from each and picked our temporary homebase accordingly.

So, make an outline of regions you would like to visit and plan your trip. Make sure you include time frames. Ask yourself, how long do you anticipate staying in each locale? We have found that shorter than 6 weeks is too stressful and that longer than 3 months is too much. So, we plan with those as our lower and upper limits.

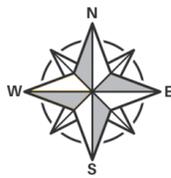
Finally, how do you find a place to stay? We use a service called HomeAway. It is listed in our Nomad Resource Guide Of Tools To Get Started. It is part of a host of sites that all feed in and give you a plethora of choices. They offer vacation rentals by the day, week or month. The places are often furnished and include all utilities. You can earn cashback or miles by using your credit card to pay for the place, if you prefer. We find that to be an added bonus for us.

And we like that once we pay for a place, we have no rent or utilities for the entire duration. This did take some budgetary adjustment though. Because you are now paying for 6 weeks to 3 months of rental up front rather than each month. Once you pay for your first place, you should be able to get into a budgeting groove. Just remember to put aside the monies you commonly would on a monthly rental so you can pay for the next place all at once when you move on.

That concludes the first of the Top 3 Things To Consider Before Going Nomad. Next, we will cover preparation for education.

PREPARATION TO EMBARK ENDS. PREPARATION FOR EDUCATION BEGINS.

Traveling is a rewarding and educational endeavor all on its own. However, when you travel with a family and you have family members who are still primary or secondary school age, most countries require you to provide a basic level of education. Here in the United States, there are varying requirements for basic education and, additionally, there is a minimum leaving age for public school.



That means you have to attend schooling until a specified age no matter what. States vary the minimum leaving age, but it is commonly 16 or 17 years old.

As Nomads, we rely upon Home Schooling as our form of basic education and we love it. Honestly, we believe our children receive the best education possible being home schooled. Why? For two different reasons; one is attended time and the other is format of learning style.

I will discuss attended time first, followed by format of learning and then dive into preparation for education.

When thinking about attended time, let's consider some basic mathematics in conjunction with a few variables we will use for our example. Let's say that most kids, nationwide in the US, attend 7 classes per day. Let's also assume that there are 20 kids per class and each class is 60 minutes long. I won't factor lunch, primary school recesses or travel time to and from class in my example.

If your kid goes to 7 classes that are 60 minutes long, simple math tells us that this equates to 7 hours per day, or 420 minutes. Now, if there are 20 kids in each class and the teacher wanted to give one on one time to each kid, what we are calling attended time, that equates to 3 minutes per class...60 minutes divided by 20 kids equals 3 minutes per kid. Multiply that 3 minutes per kid by the 7 classes and you get 21 minutes of attended time, all things being equal. So, you send your kids to school for 420 minutes to receive 21 total minutes of attended time.

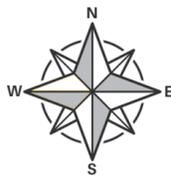
If we give one on one attention to our kids for one hour a day each, it will be almost three times more than the attended time they would receive at public school. If a kid in public school needs more than 3 minutes, it takes away from every other kid. In the end, most kids seek more understanding from their books and from their parents...at home. So, regardless of travel, you can clearly see why we chose to home school.

Please note, we have the utmost respect for all public and private school teachers. They are faced with impossible tasks and still do what they can to achieve them. They should be applauded for their efforts.

Now, as it pertains to format of learning style, public schools teach according to one style, Verbal Linguistic. This is where you read, you absorb and you test. That is fine for part of the population. However, there are at least seven, and some argue up to nine learning styles. These include musical, bodily kinesthetic and many more.

By home schooling, we can and do adjust our teachings to the learning styles of our three distinct young men. We can design curriculum that best suits each of them to maximize their learning ability. Have you ever known a kid in public school that did not test well or do well in public school but was very intelligent? Sure. Many people have either been this kid, have this kid or know this kid. This is a classic example of not using the most efficient learning style for the student's innate learning ability.

Finally, onto preparation for education while traveling. Regardless of whether public school is your preferred method or not, it is not conducive to the lifestyle of traveling. You are left with home



schooling or private tutoring. We chose homeschooling ourselves, so we will use it as our context for preparation.

If you already homeschool, there is not much more I can offer you. You are likely already engaged and plugged into what I am about to share. For the rest of you, here you go.

First, you need to notify the public school your kid or kids attend that they are not coming back. Let them know that you plan on homeschooling your children. If you can do this on a summer break, it is easier. If not, you can do like we did, and take them out on Christmas Break. I am not telling you to put your plans on hold until a break. It just seems to be easier for all concerned when you make the transition.

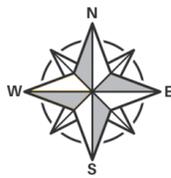
Next you need to know and understand the home schooling laws of your state of domicile. Different states have different laws regarding home schooling. One site you can check out is the Home School Legal Defense Association. If you go to www.HSLDA.org/laws you will find a map of the easiest to the most difficult states for homeschooling as well as links at the bottom that pertain to each state. One of the great things about being a Nomad is that if you do not like the laws of one state, setup your permanent domicile in another that is more conducive to your situation and preferences.

After notifying school and knowing the laws of your state of domicile, you need to establish an educational structure or curriculum. There are many predefined curriculums available that essentially allow you to buy a curriculum in a box. This is the easiest transition for some. However, for our three boys, it took some trial and error. We would try one particular type of math for all and then we adjusted as we saw that some gravitated towards its style while others did not. We continued this pattern through each and every subject until we arrived at a system that worked for us.

My biggest piece of advice is to give yourself some slack. The public school system tried to create a one size fits all curriculum. That is like a one size fits all piece of apparel or one meal fits all solution for dietary needs. It may do some of the job, but it is not perfectly suited for everyone. Be attentive. But give yourself some leeway and forgiveness if you do not find the perfect solution day one. As long as you are diligent and have your family's best interest at heart, you will find what works best for your family. We did and I know you can too. Remember this, homeschool is not public school at home. You have the freedom to customize the solution to your own kid's needs.

Let me leave you with something we implemented while traveling, carschooling. We spend a lot of time in the vehicle. As such, many families spend this time listening to music or watching movies. Well, Mama Nomad came up with the thought of education while we travel to and from. She called it carschooling. When we go from one place to another, and it will be a few hours, we listen to audio books or practice flash cards of information. We recently listened to Machiavelli's The Prince as well as a few books by Ayn Rand. In addition, through using the flash cards, our 10 year old Nomad knows all of the presidents of the United States from the first one until the present one in order. I would say the practice works.

PREPARATION FOR EDUCATION ENDS. PREPARATION FOR MONEY BEGINS.



We have covered preparation for embarkation and preparation for education. Now we get to the section that we seem to get the most questions on and one that, when planned correctly, will perpetuate your journey, the preparation of money.

How do you travel and still provide a living for you and your family? This is a key question for perpetuation of the Nomad Lifestyle.

First I will elaborate on how we do it and then options for those of you who do not or cannot walk my path.

Way before embarking on a Nomadic Lifestyle, I lived the life of creating businesses. I have traveled extensively for business and have founded businesses both within the US and abroad. This granted me two benefits.

The first one, of course, is the revenue derived from the businesses I started or co-founded. I got them going, put others in a position to maintain the growth of the business and that allowed me to reap the benefits of the residual revenue stream.

The second benefit from founding businesses domestically and abroad is the experience I gained and network I have built. However this experience was not always easy to obtain. Let me tell you something, I will be the first to admit I have failed. It is human nature. It is the way we learn. Humans learn by failing and then learning from the failure. Otherwise everyone would still be crawling because we would have tried to stand up, fell down, failed and gave up forever on walking. We all learn from failure. I simply try to close the gap between initiating an action and failing. I fail fast and learn quick.

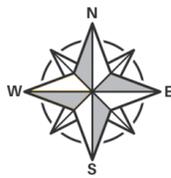
I have been able to leverage all of my domestic and international experience into a consulting business. I do well enough to support my family and our lifestyle by being a professional consultant to other executives and founders of business, celebrities, ex-government officials and more.

Essentially, what I am talking about is taking my particular skillset and leveraging it in a manner that allows me to have a Nomadic Lifestyle.

For most of you, you can take one of two common pathways.

The first pathway is to work for someone else. You can either find a company that will allow you to telecommute or a job at a company where travel is required. More and more businesses are allowing their employees to work from home as long as you have a laptop, fast internet connection and solid phone signal. This type of scenario plays perfectly into the Nomadic Lifestyle. It gives you the freedom of geography you seek and gives the company a savings in the square footage they need to maintain an office. If you work for a company where this may not be offered, but you believe you can do it from home, pitch your boss on it. Remember, the answer is NO to all of the questions you don't ask.

You can also work for a company where travel is a requirement. This is not as conducive to Nomadic Families though. These jobs are found on cruise ships, airlines and traveling sales type jobs. So, if you are single or married without kids, this may be a great choice for you.



The other pathway is to own your own business. You can either create a business that allows you to travel full time or buy one that allows the same. If you plan on building a business, you can begin to build a business with the intention of being an absentee owner or seek to create one that does not rely on a brick and mortar setup. If you want to build a business where you are an absentee owner, go into it with that train of thought. Franchise type businesses fit well into this category because they already have predefined systems as well as support.

On the other hand, avoiding brick and mortar altogether commonly leads you in one of two directions. You can either create an internet based business or professional services business. In this day and age, you can setup many different types of businesses and make them internet based. You can sell products from your website, have the order sent to a fulfillment house that packages the product, sends it to the customer and the payment is automatically deposited into your account. This is one example of an internet based business. As I said before, there are many different kinds. Use a little imagination and you may just find one that fits you.

If you have a valuable set of skills that does not require you to be in one locale, then you can create a professional services business. In doing this you can consult people or businesses directly via phone, email or video conference, you can create content that others pay for or you can even put on workshops or seminars in each locale you move to. The possibilities are endless.

The other option of this pathway is, of course, to buy a business that is already setup to run itself. There are more businesses than one would normally expect that are already setup to run themselves. With a few quick searches in the right place, you may find what you are looking for.

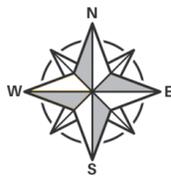
You should seek proper legal and accounting advice as it pertains to starting or buying a business. Spending a little on the front end will save you a lot of time and headaches.

Listen, my definition of an entrepreneur is someone who solves problems for profit. If you can solve a problem while you are traveling, then you can start a business around it to earn a profit and sustain your traveling lifestyle. Honestly, all it takes is a little bit of imagination and a whole lot of persistence.

There is no one right answer to the question of generating an income while traveling. Everyone is different as is their situation. But, with some careful thought and planning, and using some of the points of consideration I outlined, you can create the solution that is right for your situation and preferences.

END PREPARATION FOR MONEY. BEGIN CONCLUSION.

We have covered, what is in our opinion, the Top 3 Things Before Going Nomad. If you address these three things before you get started, then we believe your Nomadic Lifestyle will be much easier and more enjoyable. The Nomadic Lifestyle is one of choice and freedom. You will have a lot of both out on



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the road. If you fear it, your journey will be short. If you embrace it, your journey will be filled with adventure and enjoyment. From our Nomadic Family to yours, we wish you Safe Travels.