

The Benefits of Working Remotely While Traveling



Working remotely has gotten easier than ever. Everything in the work place now revolves around computers, the Internet, and the cloud. Software, rather it is Google Docs, Skype, Group Me, or OneNote, has given us the freedom to move away from the office and into new territories. My current experience of working remotely include being an online tutor for StudyPool and more recently, being a code editor for my University's websites. I can tell you from my personal experience, that there are several benefits to being a remote worker.

Change of Venue

If I didn't have the opportunity to work remotely, my jobs would probably be designated to the basement of some building on my campus. When I worked as a tutor for my university, I was working in the basement of the Arts & Science building. Now that I work as a tutor online, I get to choose my own office space! This usually means the nearest local coffee shop, but it could be anywhere I want. Since I travel quite a bit, working remotely has made this even easier for me. I never have to worry about taking off unpaid time from work. So when I am visiting my family half way across the country, I am still able to pull out my laptop and clock in some hours. With the growing availability of Wi-Fi on planes, even the time spent flying could be used as productive time.

Flexible Work Schedule

Working remotely usually means being in charge of your oversight. What I mean by this is you are in control of what hours you work, how productive you plan to be, and how long your breaks are. Although this allows for a lot of flexibility, you do need to be very self-motivated. If you are highly motivated and can set goals for yourself, working remotely can be quite rewarding. Personally, I am a night owl, I get all my best work done in the last hours of the night. This is just when I feel most productive. If you can set what goals you need done for the day, you should have no problem being able to complete them at whatever time is most convenient.

Having a flexible schedule also means you can take breaks or go on last minute trips. Now you can finally fit that 12:00 pm yoga class in between work hours. Life is spontaneous. I constantly have friends invite me to impromptu road trips or hiking expeditions. Just a few weeks ago, my cousin had her baby pre-

maturely and since I can choose my schedule, I was able to see the birth of her daughter. Before my remote jobs, being able to attend any of these events would have caused great stress in finding someone to cover my shifts. Most of the time, you have no other choice but to miss out on these awesome life events. With working remotely, I have the freedom to live life to the fullest.

No More Commute

The days of being stuck in traffic will be a thing of the past. You will be left with the occasional nightmare of five-o-clock rush hour but that will soon fade into a distant memory. Your wallet and car will be singing your praises. With all the extra time you save, you can focus your spare time on being a more productive worker. For me, that means helping more students with their questions or spending more time perfecting code. This extra effort will also be appreciated by your managers and clients.

These are just a few of the benefits of being a remote worker. There are still plenty of benefits to discover yourself. Sites like [FlexJobs](#) or [WorkingNomads](#) offer a variety of different remote jobs to choose from. The site I use, [Study Pool](#), is always looking for new tutors. Plus, helping students learn and grow is a great added reward. If you are looking for a job that gives you freedom and the ability to manage yourself, remote work is an experience you shouldn't miss out on!