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Do you want to travel around the world but think it's not affordable? Have you heard of house sitting but not sure where to start? This edition will help you clarify all the doubts and show you the exact steps that need to be taken to become a successful house sitter.

Nat & Jodie are travelling around the world through house sitting and claim to have had 97% of their accommodation for free. After traveling around the world for two consecutive years, these amazing Aussie ladies plan to visit their family and friends back in Australia, this year.

As we explore yet another way to pursue our passion, let's thank these amazing ladies for being part of our magazine and sharing with us their story & journey so far.

Today is Thanksgiving and I believe you all are having a great time with Family & Friends. Wishing you all a lovely and joyous Thanksgiving!

Love, Ruby Shiv

HIGH FIVE

1. How does it feel to get back from a vacation to begin another beautiful one?

We don't really understand the meaning of 'vacation' as our lifestyle is now truly nomadic, that means no home base anywhere.

However as we do get to live like locals in amazing places around the world experiencing new cultures, languages, food so we feel like we are 'residents of anywhere and everywhere'.

Life is a constant adventure so we do not have any need to take a vacation from living in this wonderful way:)

2. It's a dream for many to travel around the world but are not sure of the cost involved or the right job to keep cash flowing. How did you tackle this situation while starting out on your journey?

As crazy as it seems, we left Dubai with just \$300 between us and a one way ticket to London to start house sitting.

We had 6 weeks in London before spending the summer in a luxury home in SW France - all for free! France taught us about lifestyle and we started to realize that house sitting was already giving us everything we wanted, travel, new experiences, amazing homes and pets to care for and most importantly - the much needed 'space' for creativity.

With virtually zero living expenses and no pressure to HAVE to earn lots of money, we instead applied what we were learning about online business and started to bring a small income, just enough to buy our next flights to our next house sits.

3. What can readers expect from your latest best seller - International House Sitting?

In late 2014 we created the first online video course to help others get started in house sitting and not only drew upon our own experiences, but that of many of our peers including retirees, families with young children, families with teenage children, digital nomads, single men and women. It's called the House Sitting Academy and it provides members with the Confidence and Competency to apply for house sits, know what to do before, during and after the assignments and how to get ongoing referrals.

Our book, International House Sitting, looks at the Ten-C system we created for the Academy taking budding travelers from zero to house sitting and living anywhere in the world rent free. It also includes a few personal tales and stories from other experienced sitters.

4. What are your thoughts on creating a business that's purely based on passion?

Back in 2009, Jodie hosted a coaching program called 'Profit Being You' which was focused on personal branding and doing what you love, sharing your story in order to connect to your customers in an authentic way.

The concept of having a business based around doing what you love is everybody's given RIGHT to creative expression and freedom (this is something we are passionate about!) and having lived through experiences of NOT doing what we loved, instead chasing 'money', not happiness or truth, only taught us that it is a heavy unfulfilling way to exist, so our mantra now is LIFESTYLE FIRST!

5. Could you tell us a little more about housesitting community, it's benefits and who is eligible to join.

Our Facebook group called 'House Sitting World' is a support & discussion forum focused on all things house sitting. It is free and open to anyone to join and network with those doing it, wanting to do it, and even with the homeowners who love using sitters.

The House Sitting Academy provides lifetime membership and a host of added bonuses to those wanting to really step into the game and of course our book is a great place to start your journey from wherever you are right now.

HOW THEY TACKLED TOUGH TIMES



Nat & Jodie

We originally started house sitting as a means to an end after losing all our money (plus some) on a bad business partnership in Dubai and couldn't afford rent anywhere or a flight back to Australia.

Having studied conscious awareness for many years, we took it as a sign to really start living what we knew to be true, that is, we could create whatever we needed to.

We chose to follow our hearts and our love of travel rather than doing the 'logical thing' of trying to get a job and live in a fixed location putting off our travel dreams.

WHERE TO START?

- 1. Join Nat & Jodie's free facebook group House Sitting World.
- 2. Buy Nat & Jodie's book "International House Sitting" here.
- 3. Join House Sitting Academy for more benefits and guidance.

HOW MUCH MONEY WAS ACTUALLY SPENT



Nat & Jodie spent around \$5k/ each year, towards travel expense (together)