
TRAVEL FINANCE SERIES

Part 1: Making Money to Fund Your Travels

In the first part of this series, you will learn how to get the bucks rolling in for your travels and how you can travel for free with some great online resources and lots of patience.



1. Your Day Job

If you have a day job, you're in luck. Whether you absolutely love it or you dread going there everyday, your job is going to come in handy when you want to fund your travels. Life comes with its many responsibilities so whether your job helps pay the bills or frees up responsibilities so you can

Your job is a great starting point for funding your travels. Hate it or love it.

travel, it's a great asset to have.

2. Alternative sources of income

Having multiple streams of income is the dream, isn't it? There are several ways to get more money on top of what you already earn. You can then channel these funds towards travel. Here are some options.

- **Freelancing Websites**

Websites like freelancer.com are great for freelancers or people with sellable skills. If you have a skill in demand, this is your haven. Can you build websites, design graphics, translate documents, proofread documents, write codes, etc? With this website, you can sell your services. Other websites like this are: PeoplePerHour, Upwork, etc.

- **Uber**

Uber has become a vital technology in our everyday lives and I personally love just how convenient it is. Have a car and want to drive in your free time? You can drive Uber! Uber is a great way to make that extra cash that can help fund other activities like, travel.

- **Teaching English Online**

-RICHARD NEY

Did you know you could teach english online or become a private tutor? The internet is such a wonderful place. Sites like lingoda.com and preply.com are great for teaching english online. They are designed to help you teach a foreign student the english language from the



The great thing about multiple income streams is that, they can help free up some responsibilities that sometimes limit your ability to travel.

“Money is the sixth sense that makes it possible to enjoy the other five.”

comfort of your bedroom, through chats and Skype video calls.

- **AirBnB**

AirBnB is an online marketplace that enables people rent or lease their properties to others on a short term basis. If you live in a two bedroom, why not put the other bedroom up on AirBnB and get some income off it? A couple of people in one bedrooms do it as well, because they are willing to sleep on the couch. Maybe a little extreme but if that works for you, go for it.

- **Captioning, transcription and voiceover**

If you know how to properly caption or transcribe videos, sites like rev.com and waywithwords.net are in need of your valuable service. Alternatively, if you have a great voice, even with an accent, sites such as voices.com or thevoicerealm.com can definitely use your service.



Don't be afraid to ask for more. There is dignity in labour.

- **Consulting services**

When people talk about consultancy, they can sometimes make it seem like an unattainable position to have. Consulting simply means asking an expert for their opinion and/or guidance. Think about something that you do so well and the people around you always reach out to you for. Do you know how to piece together a good outfit, or shop with the least amount of money? Are you the one who is able to get the best deals online or do they come to you when they are trying to research on something and need help? You can start to collect a fee for that, and it is okay to start small.

3. Travel for free

Saving this for last as this is what you probably came here for, right? Let me just quickly add that nothing in life is truly free. You will have to put in some work to get it.

While this isn't a way to make money, this gets you to the end goal, which is, traveling. Here are a few ways.

- Get a job that gives you the opportunity to travel for projects and take an extra two days to explore the city on your own terms. Next time you are in the job market, you can search for jobs that are international in scope, this way you get to travel on your company's payroll. Alternatively, look at the job you currently have and see if there are loopholes that can be filled through traveling to a different location. E.g. Do you think that traveling to meet a top client who lives in a different city will enrich the business relationship? Tactically suggest it to your boss.
- Volunteer abroad through programs like: Diverbo. I am not sure how Diverbo is still a secret but it is still not very popular and I guess that can be a good thing. Diverbo basically gives you a free vacation when you volunteer abroad, with Spain being its major destination. Being in Spain can open up limitless European travels.

Final notes

Travel is a rewarding experience and money is a major catalyst for that. I hope you learned a thing or two on ways you can earn money to travel. On the next series, I will be sharing money management tips and how to stretch your dollar to maximize travel. We will have a lot of fun. As always, you can catch me on www.theufuoma.com or reach out to me on info@theufuoma.com. If you found this useful, say thank you by sharing with your network and subscribing to my mailing list.

Catch you on the next series.