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# How to Go RV-ing in Newfoundland

Have you ever thought of riding in an RV while traveling around Newfoundland? Or do you wish to experience living in a motorhome? RVs are well known for simultaneously being a vehicle and a home, as it is also filled with various amenities that one can find in a traditional house. It is used for long vacations, and, sometimes, even as a house to live in.

RVs are an excellent way to experience the outdoors as they both serve as the vehicle and the camp. They can be costly, from the price you get them at and the maintenance you have to do, but your trips with it will rest assuredly be memorable and worth it.

Here are some of the things and tips you can do to enjoy the sights around Newfoundland with an RV.

## Acquire an RV

It's as clear as day that anyone cannot go RVing if they won't ride one. There are three ways on how to acquire an RV: through purchasing, financing, and renting. Purchasing refers to buying the RV in one go, but RV's are sold at a high price. The two other options, however, can help you acquire an RV for a cheaper price.

## **Financing**

Financing refers to applying to loan the RV. Loaning an RV is as costly as purchasing, except that you have to pay a fraction of the vehicle's total price every month until it is paid off. This will usually take at least more or less a decade. Despite this, [RV financing](#) is a good option for people who want to own an RV but could not pay the full price all at once. All it takes is to have enough financial capacity to provide for the monthly costs with interest and other fees concerning the RV itself, such as fuel and maintenance. Used RV's can also be loaned.

## **Renting**

Renting is the cheapest way to have an RV. It refers to borrowing an RV for a short period of time and then returning to the renters. Unlike buying and financing one, renting gives you a temporary use to the RV, but it is cheaper than owning it. Depending on the type of RV, you only need to pay more or less 50 to 100 Canadian dollars per day of renting it.

Renting is the better option than buying or financing if you only want to use an RV temporarily or if you want to try a model you want to own first.

## **Purchasing vs. Financing vs. Renting**

If you are undecided on how you'll get an RV based on your budget, you could try to weigh the financial outcomes in purchasing, financing, and renting an RV.

When you purchase an RV, that means you need to save up a large sum of money because you have to buy the motorhome in one go. And that is just the price for buying it. You still need to save up some money to fuel and maintain it.

The same thing goes for financing. However, it might still cost you a lot in the long run because you need to save for the monthly payment plus interest, which may cost more than a thousand Canadian dollars, and even for the maintenance. It will, however, help you than purchasing as you don't need to pay the whole price in one go. But you should only consider this if you really want to own an RV and if you are financially stable enough to pay monthly.

Renting is a temporary way of having an RV and is thus the cheapest as well. Since you will be using it once, you only have to save for the number of days to rent it, plus additional money for fuel and extra maintenance. A day's rent, plus additional cost for fuel and maintenance will cost you much less than that of a loaned RV for a month.

I would advise that if you do not necessarily want to own an RV, or if you won't go to frequent RV trips, it is best to rent one instead especially if you are budget conscious.

## **Choose your RV according to what you need.**

Once you've chosen by what means you'll get an RV, you have to think of what should be in the RV for your road trips. Imagine this: if you were on a days-long trip with your family to visit some of Newfoundland and Labrador's best tourist spots, what would you have with you?

Knowing what you need is necessary before making any purchase. Do some research. What kind of RV would you like? What amenities do you want to see in it? The following are some of the factors you might consider an RV.

### **Seating Capacity**

One of the most important things to think about when buying any vehicle is how many people could fit inside it. A typical RV can already house five or more people, but various models can accommodate more than ten people. It all varies on the type and model of the motor home.

### **Parking Space**

When you aren't using the RV, where would you put it? Your house must have a garage or at least enough space to keep the RV when it is not used. It is a good idea for renters to look up different establishments that allow RV parking overnight just in case you have to travel far for several days.

### **Towing**

Another thing to consider when buying an RV is whether you want a model that can be towed, or maybe one that can tow other vehicles. You can get a type of RV that can be towed if you have another vehicle that could tow it or the other way around.

### **Additional Features**

This one can boil down to personal choice. What is it that you want in an RV? More than one bed, a bathroom, or perhaps a heater, considering Newfoundland's cold climate? Each RV has its unique features, and you can always inquire about an RV with the particular amenities that you want to have.

## **Assess your budget**

Money is such an essential participant in obtaining an RV. Before you look at what seems to be a good deal, always look at the price it offers and then look at how much you have and if you could afford it. This is mostly to those who want to buy or finance an RV. Those who rent RVs may have it cheaper, but there are other things they need to look out for, too.

These are the following things that you need to fund:

### **Maintenance**

Maintenance refers to the regular care that the RV needs to get. While it is a given that you have to take care of your vehicles, they can be costly, especially when it has damage, which is very likely when you got yourself a used RV.

This is one of the situations where we can say that renting an RV will be financially better than when you finance it. Since you will end up owning the RV if you finance it, it will take a toll on your money as you need to maintain it regularly. If you rent an RV, maintenance will be cheaper since you'll only be using it temporarily. But despite the non permanent obligation, it is still important to check everything needed in order to have a successful and hassle-free trip.

A few examples of what you need to check for are flat tires, damaged home amenities, such as couches or beds, and faulty air conditioning. It is also essential to be knowledgeable about motor homes in general. Research on how to maintain the RV, and save up some money for necessary maintenance products. Always double-check the engine and amenities for anything that might lead to wear-and-tear or damage.

### **Gas**

Another important thing you need to fund for is gas. Funding fuel is especially important for those who use the RV regularly, especially when you have to travel for long distances. Always keep the money to provide for the RV's fuel before and even after the travel, just in case the vehicle will be used for unexpected circumstances.

## **Look for the RV friendly destinations**

There are many places in Newfoundland where you can visit and enjoy it. The best type of activities you can do in an RV involves the outdoors, such as camping and road trips. Naturally, you can go anywhere with your RV, but it would be nice if you were able to go somewhere that caters to RV users.

Fortunately, Newfoundland has dozens of RV parks close to outdoor tourist spots. RV parks function similarly to a parking space, but for motorhomes, even providing amenities such as electricity, water, access to sewers, and even wifi. There is a fee charged depending on the length of stay and the nearby attractions the people go for. RV parks are suitable for road trips or as a temporary stop from long travels.

## **Takeaway**

Trips in RV's make a good experience as long as you are prepared enough for it. Whether you plan to finance an RV, or to simply just [rent](#) one, it is good to plan ahead what to do, where to go, and how to make things work.

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