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Austin Adventures' RV trip planning includes 24/7 on-the-road support



IN 2018, A STARTUP SKI RESORT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF AUSTIN ADVENTURES' TRIP. THE PHOTOGRAPHY COURTESY OF OVERSEAS LIFE & GROUP. ALL OTHER PHOTOGRAPHY COURTESY OF BACKSTORY.

## GREAT RV ADVENTURES

My memories of our first RV experience include a starlit night sky, good conversation around an open fire, and multiple bottles of sparkling wine. The gathering included our daughter, her then fiancé, and her future in-laws who were wintering in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. When we

reminisce about this occasion, we laugh about the number of wine bottles, each wrapped in brown paper to conceal its identity, and how in the end we all voted for the same one to be served at the wedding. I also remember the beauty of the desert and the joy of sharing it with our expanding family. >>



Blacksford offers fully-stocked Mercedes-Benz Sprinters

« Given our lack of experience with RV travel, it's surprising things went as well as they did. We rented a vehicle from the closest agency, loaded it up with our stuff, and blithely took off for the desert, where an ideal spot had been reserved for us. Had it been a longer trip without savvy support, things might not have gone as well.

### Your New Best Friends Are Standing By

In this era of COVID-19, the popularity of RV rentals has skyrocketed. This is especially true for families wanting to maintain social distance and avoid public restrooms. In response to the number of first-time renters, additional layers of support are available.

Already a leader in customized travel, Austin Adventures' RV service includes arranging the rental of a suitable vehicle, planning a road trip that incorporates all of your favorite activities, and making campground reservations. They love getting clients off the beaten path, and directions, maps, and anything else you request are provided on a trip app. They'll even set you up with local guides for rafting, horseback riding, hiking, biking, and fishing.

"My wife Carol and I have had an RV for the better part of the last 25 years," founder Dan Austin says, "and when we thought back to what tips and tricks meant the most to us, 'Phone a Friend' was without a doubt the number one stress reliever. Simply put, each and every guest gets assigned a 24/7 contact to reach out to for simple questions, to eliminate confusion, or just to help navigate the RV world. This has been a huge hit with our travelers." [austinadventures.com/rv-tours-by-austin-adventures](http://austinadventures.com/rv-tours-by-austin-adventures)



RV travel provides an ideal way to enjoy a change of scenery while maintaining social distancing measures

Another option, Tumbleweed Travel Co., offers pre-planned, tried-and-true itineraries in the Western United States and Canada. Founder Brooke Johnson can also create custom RV road trips, including a manageable route, the right vehicle, and recommended campsites. [tumbleweedtravelco.com](http://tumbleweedtravelco.com)

### FYI

RV Share and Outdoorsy are good sites to find privately owned RVs to rent. These almost always have to be roundtrip. [rvshare.com](http://rvshare.com), [outdoorsy.com](http://outdoorsy.com)

If you're not ready to tackle a long excursion, Cruise America, Road Bear, and other big RV rental companies allow one-way rentals because they have locations across the U.S.



Glacier National Park is one of our country's most beautiful places