

1. Why do most people choose to travel?
2. Why is it surprising that some people still make their living by constantly travelling nowadays?
3. For people who are constantly travelling, what are their only addresses?
4. What newspaper does writer Joel Garreau work for?
5. What does Joel Garreau call the home for high-tech nomads?
6. What was Joel Garreau surprised about?
7. What is the range of salaries that high-tech nomads typically make?
8. Why do digital nomads have to be constantly connected to?

Rudy Maxa: Like that intrepid group of American tourists, most of us choose to travel because we want to. We've come a long way from times when we had to wander through different lands without homes living as nomads. Or have we? Even today when we can easily interact with someone by picking up a phone or logging onto a computer, some people still make their living constantly traveling from place to place. Their only addresses exist as email or cell phone numbers. Welcome to the world of the high-tech nomad. Writer Joel Garreau investigated this unique breed of traveler for The Washington Post, and he sat down with us recently to tell us what he learned.

Joel Garreau: Well, you know, I thought I traveled a lot, but then I discovered that there were some people who were traveling way, way past anything that I had ever dreamed possible. They basically didn't have homes anymore. The road was their home.

Maxa: Tell me, what are the characteristics of a high-tech nomad? Do they generally have one kind of occupation? Are they generally men or women?

Garreau: I was surprised at how many women I found. I thought it would have been an awful lot of cranky males. The breakthrough is that these nomads are not marginal by any means. They're making 6- and 7- and 8- and 9-digit incomes. These are people who have to be completely wired to the global economy all the time.