

**“To be or not to be, that is the question.....”**



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# Objectives

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Requirements
- Pros
- Cons
- Expectations





To be or not to be  
(a healthcare traveler)

That is the question!

# Role of the Healthcare Traveler



1. Clinical expertise for contracting facility
2. Support for patients and staff
3. Resource within your skillset
4. Adaptability, Flexibility, and Reliability
5. Professional role model for the industry

2

years of clinical  
specialty  
experience

Nursing  
Requirements



*Florence Nightingale*

# ALLIED REQUIREMENTS

1. Therapies (PT, OT, SLP)
2. Technical Therapies ( RT, Rad Tech, Radiology, etc)
3. CNA's
4. Laboratory
5. Sterile processing

# OTHER REQUIREMENTS



confidence

independence

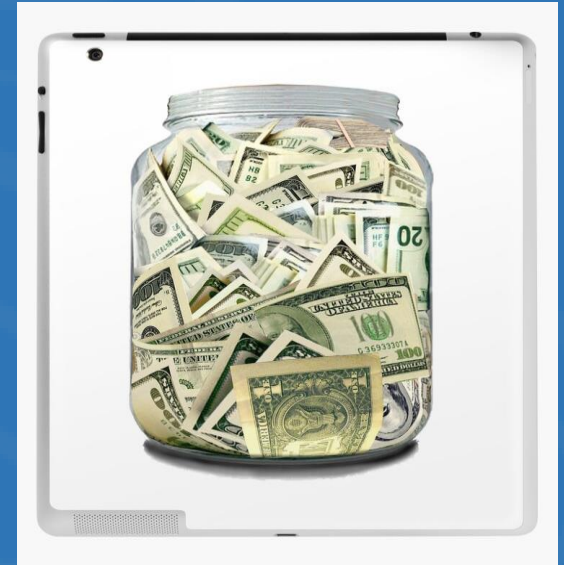
licensure

flexibility

Open to new ideas and experiences



# PROS OF TRAVELING

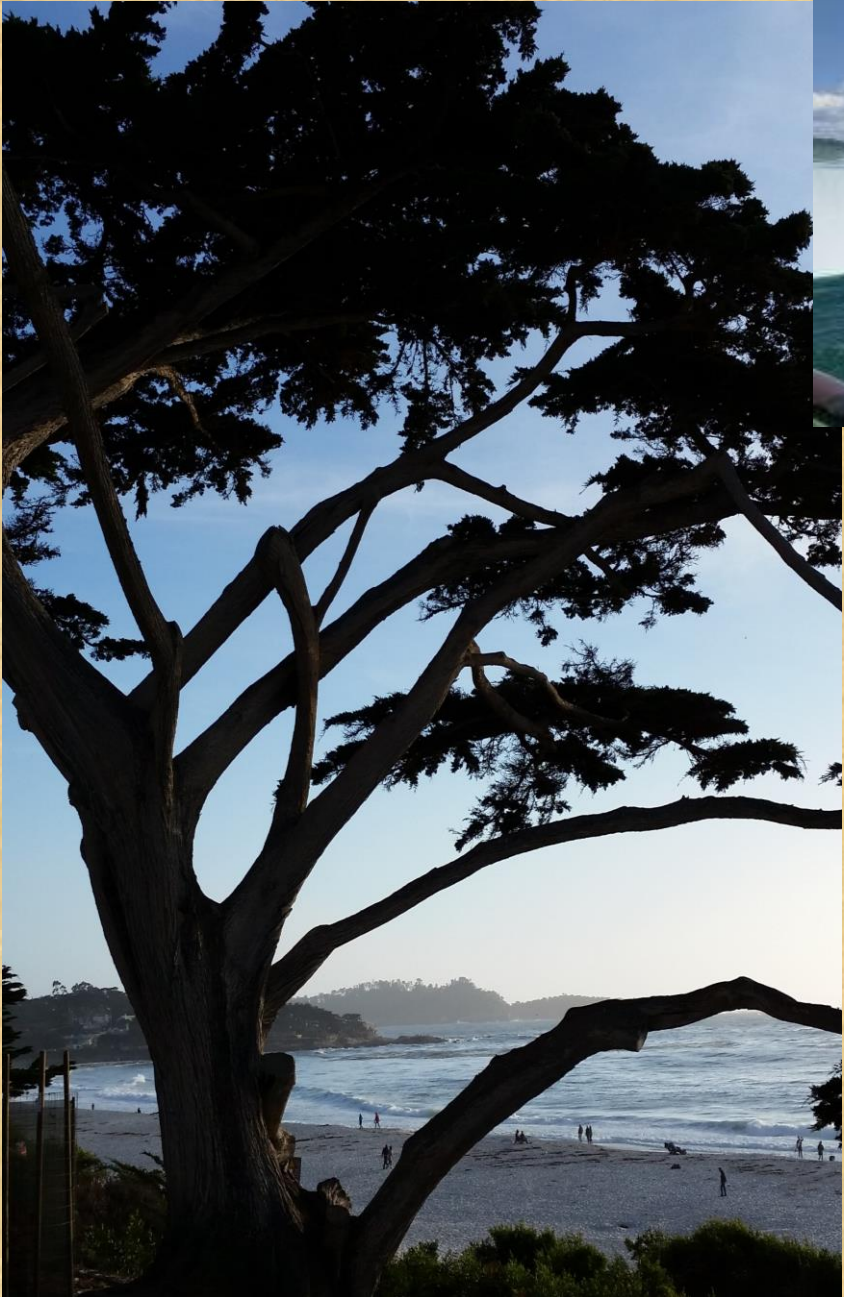


Freedom  
and  
flexibility

Experience  
different  
work  
environments

Avoid  
the  
drama

Explore  
new areas  
of the  
country







# CONS OF BEING A TRAVELER



Less  
Security

Floating

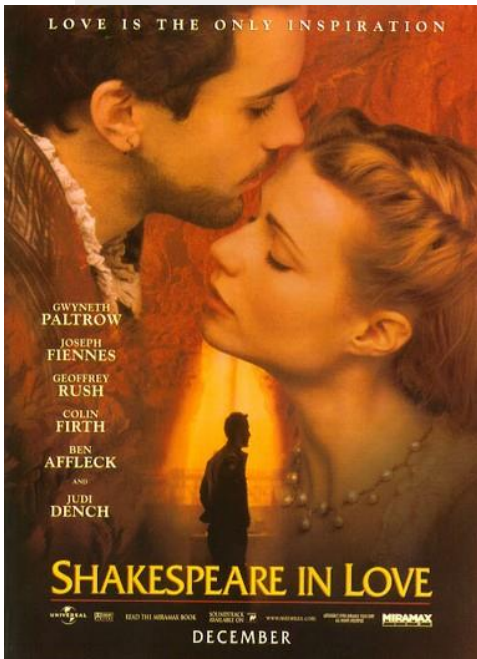
Hostile  
& unsafe  
work  
environment

Loneliness

**High quality work ethics – on time, on task, team player**

- ▶ **Dependability- may be asked to carry out other tasks like charge or precepting**
- ▶ **Personable and professional**
- ▶ **ON time, ON task, Team player**
- ▶ **Don't try to change the system-” You are there to support their world, not change their world!**

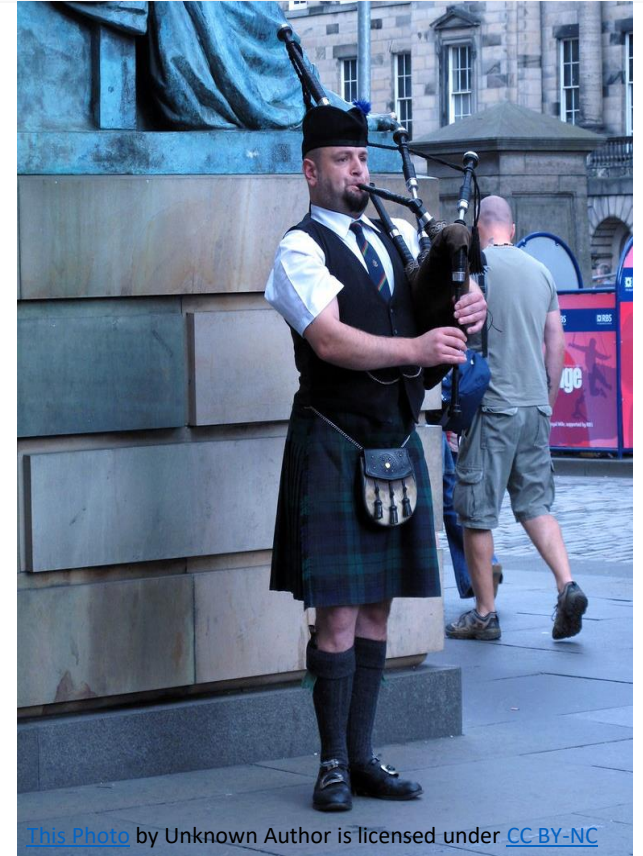
**Expectations of you as a traveler**



Highway Hypodermics  
(website and book)  
Travel Nurse Newbies  
Facebook Group

## Gypsy Nurse Specialty Groups

1. Travel Nurse Jobs
2. Healthcare Facility Reviews
3. Travel Nurse Housing



Blue Pipes

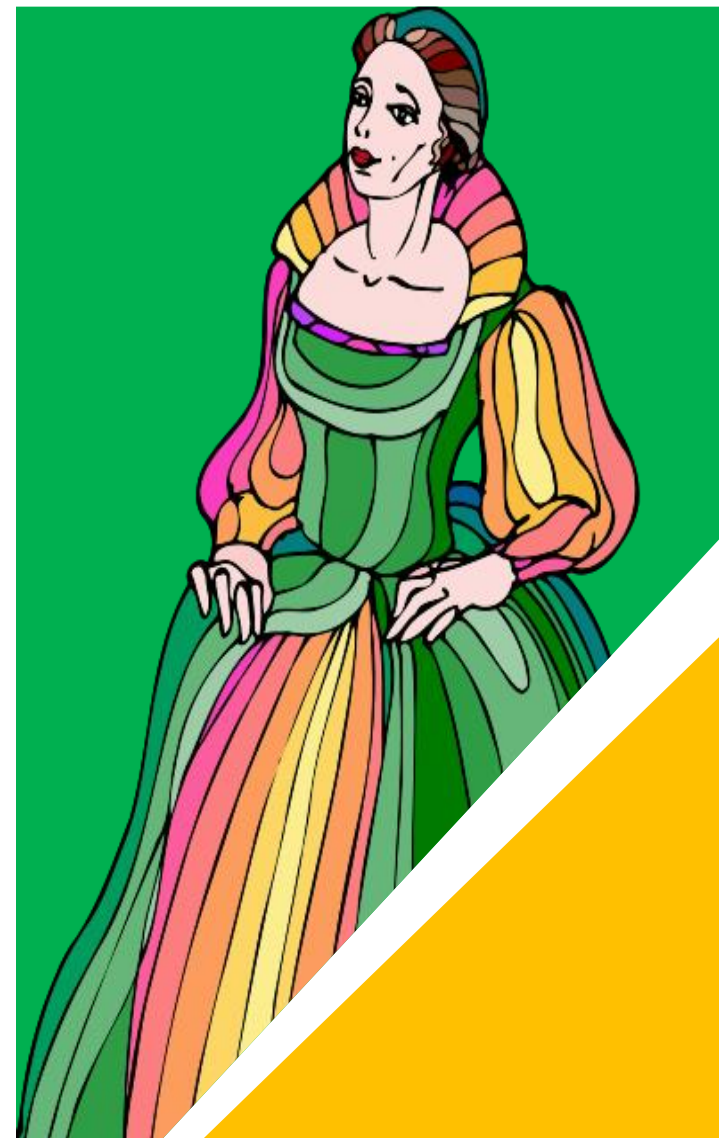
# Resources we like

# Packing tips from Tricia



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# Packing tips from Tricia





# Packing tips from Cyndi



*... It is not easy  
being green...*

Coffee Pot

Family Pictures

Cutting Boards

IKEA

AAA



Kitchen  
supplies

Cleaning  
supplies

Uniforms

Work bag

Versatile  
Luggage



# Five steps to get ready

## #1



### Do your research!

## #2

### Have an Emergency fund

## #3

### Select your agency

## #4

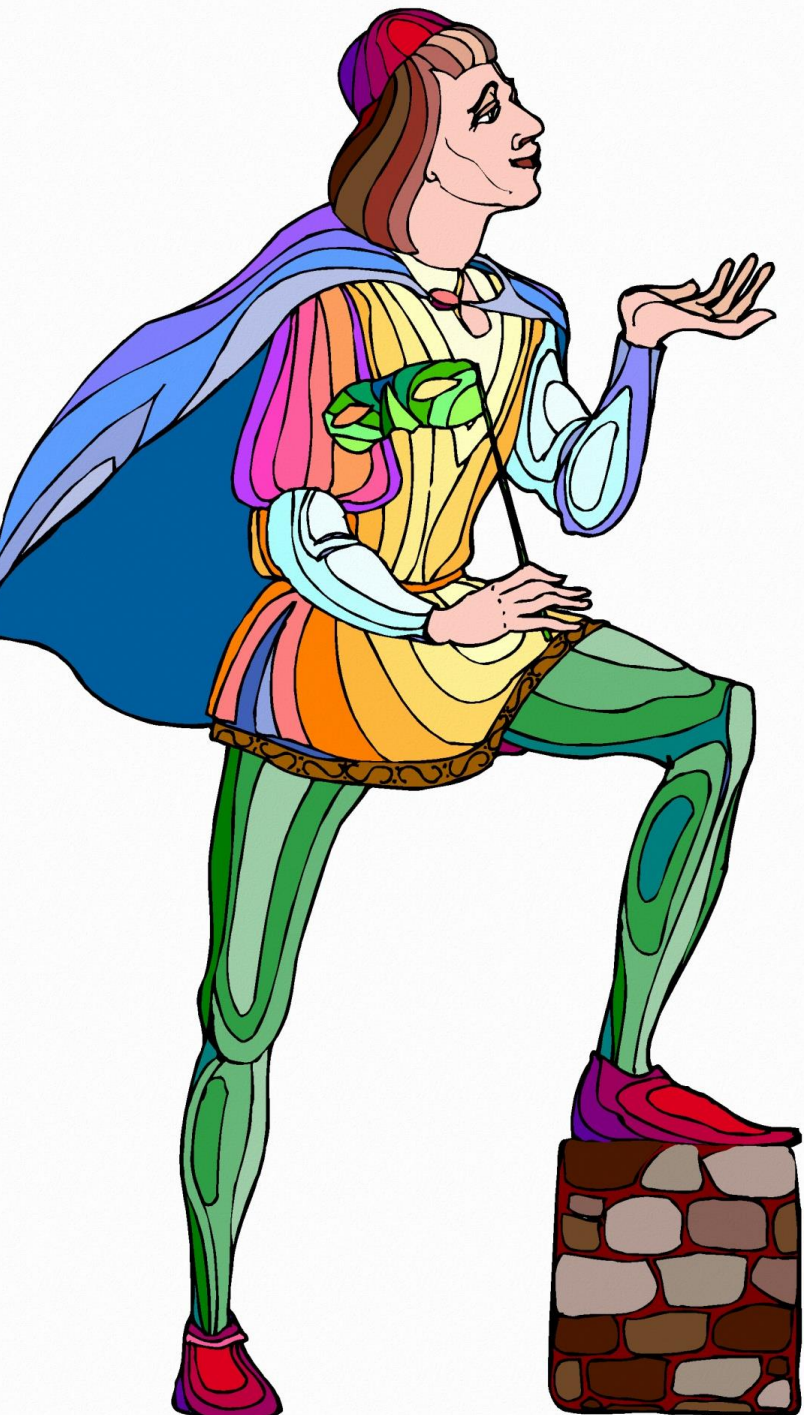
### Documents



## #5

### Map it out!





Do not let conscience  
make cowards  
of you all.....

Or be sicklied over with  
the pale cast of thought.  
Pursue those enterprises  
of great pith and moment.

Do not lose  
the name of action.

# FIVE THINGS TO ALWAYS REMEMBER

1. EVERYONE'S JOURNEY IS DIFFERENT

2. HAPPINESS IS FOUND WITHIN

3. IT'S OKAY TO LET GO AND MOVE ON

4. SMILES ARE CONTAGIOUS

5. KINDNESS IS FREE