



PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Bus Conversion Living in 2021

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““ With more people getting together for the holidays and because they are tired of staying at home, the Coronavirus is on an uptick again in many places in the U.S.

Those of us that live in buses seem to be less affected than “normal” people. Many bus full-timers tend to spend more time outdoors but not in crowded restaurants and shopping malls and engage in outside activities more than average folks.

Going into 2021, very few people will be flying and taking public transportation, and cruises are all but shut down. And, now that a vaccine is available, it will take an entire year for everyone that wants it to have access to it so the recovery is still several months out.

RV sales in 2020 were through the roof as people want to get out of their houses. There will be a flood of RV's on the market bringing very low prices after COVID has passed also depressing the bus conversion market as well, as many people that tried RV living in 2020 will decide it was not for them.

More and more people are converting buses as a result of the lockdown as I have noted in previous Publisher's Notes and the longer the Lockdown and Work from Home orders are in effect, the interest in converting buses and living and working remotely is also increasing. People are more interested in becoming self-reliant than in any past years.

One of the drawbacks of the increased interest in RV

usage is that campgrounds are becoming filled to capacity and some are limiting the length of stay to as little as one or two weeks before campers have to move on. Some people are continually moving between two or three campgrounds to stay within the rules which can be quite a hassle. Sure, bus conversions have wheels, but to put everything away for travel and pull up stakes and move to a new location takes time.

I personally am not a fan of campgrounds; I would much rather wake up in nature and watch the sunrise and sunsets and listen to a slight wind and sound of wildlife outside. Most people with houses that live in cities can't enjoy everything we can from a bus.

All that being said, 2021 will be the year many people will consider bus living and will buy a bus already converted or buy one to convert themselves with their own tastes and the layout they prefer and most will never look back.

More and more people now want experiences more than possessions and bus conversions offer just that. Also, during pandemics, buses are the ideal isolation pods. If you can work from home, why not work where you can have a change of scenery whenever you like?

I am looking forward to 2021 with an optimistic outlook and I am excited to be able to have a bus to travel in to see even more of the beauty of the U.S. and to meet some of the nicest people in my travels. More and more people seem to be enjoying the same thing.

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