

Buying a home and travel planning. How do they fit together?

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Most folks plan a holiday once a year, but they don't purchase a home quite so often.

Buying a home requires a lot of attention to detail, the time to see potential properties, and then pick a favorite. Once your offer has been accepted, it's only the beginning. You have to prepare for the loan, the inspection, escrow, moving, redecorating or remodeling and then settling in to make it home.

Since most people purchase a home in the spring and summer they also like to travel at the same time of the year. Can you fit them both in? Of course...

You can take a holiday before you begin your search. Like Honeymoons, Anniversaries and Baby Moons, this is the quiet time before the flurry of home change activities. It will let you return refreshed and raring to go on your quest for a new home.

Okay, you starting looking. During the purchase there are often long delays prior to closing. The home may need repairs and inspections or you may simply want to bring in a decorator and remake the home into your image. That takes time. You may feel these are the perfect opportunities to leave things to the pros, take a vacation and come back feeling great and ready to enjoy the reveal of all the work that was done.

You may be more hands on, so of course after you have moved in and settled down a bit, you might think this is the ideal time to take a vacation. You can relax and refresh knowing that you will come back to start a new life in your new home.

Okay, so your budget grew and you can't buy a home and travel in the same year. The next best thing is to begin planning for the next trip right away.

Visit with a trusted travel advisor to help you find a perfect destination. Like a professional decorator or real estate agent, a travel advisor will work closely with you to design and plan a travel experience for you and your family that you can dream about until you can go. It will be one less thing to worry about. In fact, it will keep your family excited that your next trip is already planned.

No matter when you travel, enjoy the journey and make memories, not regrets.
