

What is actually costs to run our 20 year old Class A Motorhome

Our actual costs around our RV lifestyle. There are many variables but this chart can help you identify if you want to approach it on the budget you have to work with.

These things will impact your costs:

- How many trips you make and the distance of each from home. \$1.19 per km plus \$39 per night last year.
- If you cannot or will not do your own maintenance, servicing, and repairs, you have to pay someone else to do them. To have a shop do a simple oil change type service runs \$250 for our rig (RV and generator). It is about \$75 if I do it. A big diesel pusher rig will be near \$1,000 in a shop. Yes, an oil change is usually only once a year but good troubleshooting and diagnostic skills are essential to being able to use your rig all season long because shops are booked months ahead.
- Do you have to drive at or above the posted speed limits? Speed costs money. An RV is shaped like a brick: an 8 1/2 foot wide 12+ foot high brick. And it is heavy. Ours weighs about 25,000 lbs including the car. Wind resistance alone means you burn twice the fuel at 120kph as you do at 80kph. 90kph is a good speed.
- Your driving record can increase your insurance premium. Speed costs money!
- If you have talked yourself into a new(er) RV, you will have monthly payments (even when it is parked for the winter).
- You probably need a storage yard. Storage yards cost money. Fully secure yards with lights, cameras, paved surface, and so on cost a lot more. And your catalytic converter will still get stolen like ours did! We pay about \$1 per day for a fenced compound with 24-hour access. Shop around.
- It costs more money if you'd rather stay at a resort than an RV park or campground or, heaven forbid, a Walmart! I would never say one RV lifestyle is better than another. You need a \$400 per night waterfront site, fully fenced and landscaped with furniture, gas fireplace and your own hot tub for your 45' Prevost? With a \$2.5 million coach you can clearly afford it so I say go for it. If you are looking to camp for free on Crown land in your well-loved tent trailer, good for you, have a great time. Most of us are someplace in between and you can find your spot on the spectrum too.

Enough editorializing – on the next page are our actual numbers for the last 25 years. Things like fuel, maintenance & repairs, and camping fees vary greatly. Remember to save up for big ticket items - the cost of 7 new tires (we have a spare) is \$3,500+ every 7 years or an uninsured windshield at \$2,000 per side.

Take a look at the other documents in this section to get a better feel for the costs or various types of RV.

I have not included depreciation, or cost of borrowing which may or may not apply in your situation.

Cheap holiday? No. But at \$150 per night all-in, it is cheaper than flying and renting a car, paying for hotels, and buying several meals out every day, each. And you get to see so much more and change your plans at the last minute.

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Year	Gasoline	Propane	Maint & Repairs	Reg'n, Strge Ins	Operating Subtotal	Kms driven	Nights Out	Camping Fees	Avg Fees	Total Cost to RV	Operating Cost/km	Total Cost/Night
1999	\$832	\$22	\$72	\$865	\$1,791	4,847	39	\$702	\$18	\$2,493	\$0.37	\$63.92
2000	\$747	\$40	\$363	\$865	\$2,015	3,260	34	\$646	\$19	\$2,661	\$0.62	\$78.26
2001	\$1,096	\$39	\$1,506	\$865	\$3,506	4,704	43	\$860	\$20	\$4,366	\$0.75	\$101.54
2002	\$1,227	\$32	\$2,478	\$891	\$4,628	4,710	28	\$384	\$14	\$5,012	\$0.98	\$179.00
2003	\$1,073	\$27	\$921	\$816	\$2,837	4,213	38	\$624	\$16	\$3,461	\$0.67	\$91.09
2004	\$2,181	\$62	\$1,011	\$793	\$4,047	6,462	47	\$795	\$18	\$4,842	\$0.63	\$103.02
2005	\$7,083	\$344	\$1,278	\$999	\$9,704	16,506	166	\$2,521	\$15	\$12,225	\$0.59	\$73.65
2006	\$706	\$193	\$401	\$647	\$1,947	1,442	115	\$514	\$4	\$2,461	\$1.35	\$21.40
2007	\$100	\$0	\$132	\$647	\$879	367	0	\$0	\$0	\$879	\$2.40	n/a
2008	\$613	\$38	\$200	\$647	\$1,498	1,024	17	\$426	\$25	\$1,924	\$1.46	\$113.16
2009	\$840	\$34	\$385	\$653	\$1,912	2,052	10	\$231	\$23	\$2,143	\$0.93	\$214.32
2010	\$458	\$47	\$207	\$653	\$1,365	1,348	28	\$766	\$27	\$2,131	\$1.01	\$76.12
2011	\$1,656	\$49	\$500	\$653	\$2,858	3,345	17	\$349	\$21	\$3,207	\$0.85	\$188.62
2012	\$1,170	\$36	\$1,342	\$670	\$3,217	3,007	36	\$913	\$25	\$4,130	\$1.07	\$114.73
2013	\$997	\$58	\$141	\$670	\$1,866	2,858	21	\$410	\$20	\$2,276	\$0.65	\$108.38
2014	\$983	\$51	\$349	\$707	\$2,091	2,836	23	\$616	\$27	\$2,707	\$0.74	\$117.68
2015	\$1,143	\$364	\$1,521	\$707	\$3,736	3,574	124	\$2,230	\$18	\$5,966	\$1.05	\$48.11
2016	\$782	\$188	\$1,993	\$707	\$3,670	2,610	49	\$1,065	\$22	\$4,735	\$1.41	\$96.63
2017	\$2,377	\$140	\$1,119	\$707	\$4,344	4,025	65	\$1,690	\$26	\$6,034	\$1.08	\$92.83
2018	\$1,318	\$75	\$623	\$707	\$2,723	2,439	39	\$946	\$24	\$3,669	\$1.12	\$94.07
2019	\$5,080	\$270	\$878	\$707	\$6,934	12,597	100	\$2,646	\$26	\$9,580	\$0.55	\$95.80
2020	\$547	\$19	\$1,462	\$1,086	\$3,115	1,700	32	\$1,254	\$39	\$4,369	\$1.83	\$136.52
2021	\$812	\$16	\$1,630	\$1,154	\$3,612	1801	24	\$1,084	\$42	\$4,696	\$2.01	\$195.66
2022	\$409	\$40	\$1,134	\$1,161	\$2,745	534	14	\$471	\$43	\$3,216	\$5.14	\$229.71
2023	\$872	\$24	\$148	\$1,181	\$2,225	1,867	19	\$742	\$39	\$2,892	\$1.19	\$152.21
Avg	\$1,404	\$88	\$870	\$806	\$3,169	3,765	45	\$915	\$23	\$4,132	\$1.22	\$114.53