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**Who Wouldn’t Want a Vintage VW Vanagon Campervan?**

In search of simplicity and a disconnect from technology, weekend warriors, families, millennials, and baby boomers alike are setting out on the open road in ever growing numbers—in rented vintage VW camper vans, commonly referred to as Vanagons and Westfalias (i.e. We sties). 

Surprisingly, this rising trend is not just for adventure-seekers; the versatility and back-to-nature purity of a Vanagon offers freedom and the opportunity to be as spontaneous or planned as travelers desire without the worry or constraints of hotel availability or crowded restaurants.

Sometimes called VW campervans, Vanagons, Westfalias, Hippie vans and peace vans, these iconic 40 to 50 year old vans are expensive to purchase, restore and maintain. So, so there is a significant uptick to rent them, or rent and try before they buy.

Westfalia camper vans offer all the comforts of home in a compact space without requiring a special Land Yacht license to drive, or the challenges of bulky and hard-to-park RVs. Most come fully provisioned and equipped with beds, linens, cookware, dishes, utensils, a small kitchen, bathroom, and literally all the compact comforts of home. You’re not even dependent upon availability at a camp ground. With a Wes tie you can pick your spot in an instant, pop the top, and call it a night right there! This is very common in Federal Forests and other Federal lands.

Vanagon adventurers are limited only by their imagination and choice of destination—it’s easy to find a unique or remote site near the ocean, streams, lakes, mountains, and trails, and once discovered you simply pop the top and you are home; free to explore, build a campfire, hook up a portable hammock and escape in a good book, do whatever the spirit leads—or nothing at all.

West campervan rentals are a vacation from the ordinary and completely customizable. There are no tour guides, no boundaries, and no restrictions—unless you want them. The convenience is just one of the factors drawing people from all walks of life, and from all over the globe. Vanagons are especially popular with the UK, Dutch, Germans and many other Europeans self touring in the USA.

Who is attracted to the #[***VanLife***](https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/04/24/vanlife-the-bohemian-social-media-movement) trend? Singles, couples, families, women seeking a girlfriend getaway, groups, multi-family gatherings, older couples, younger couples—even international tourists are beginning to catch on to the true sense of adventure, freedom, and spontaneity that is inherent with van camping. There are no limits as long as someone has a valid driver’s license.

What’s the draw? Is it the great memories of the iconic Volkswagen van and its magical pop-up top, and the opportunity to ‘peace out’? Or the lure of a road trip that’s truly self-sustained and not reliant upon or complicated by any other factor apart from a vacationer’s imagination? The motivation behind the love for van “glamping” is as unique as the experience itself.

There’s a sense of community so strong with VW vans that renters often find random people giving them a peace sign as they drive by, nods of the head, and high-fives at stops. Some say the longing to return to a simpler time and the need to experience carefree days are a part of what drives their love of “West” vacations, and then brings them back repeatedly. Simpler times and carefree days are naturally associated with these iconic vintage vans. So is free spirit, peace and love. Vanagon adventures often comment that their lives are changed by a vacation or road trip in them.

Individuals who rent VW campervans report they appreciate most that the possibilities are nearly endless and every day presents a clean slate waiting to be filled with the vacationer’s dreams. Its true freedom, and many campers will testify to the fact that it’s the best vacation they’ve ever had.

“It’s not necessarily about the van,” Bob Muller of [***Vintage Van Adventures***](http://www.vintagevanadventures.com) shares, “it is about a truly different ‘glamping’ experience that’s convenient, different, fun, and completely customizable; all with the true sense of nostalgia and adventure inherent in a VW vintage camper van. We have customers from all over the world renting our vintage VW camper vans. Some return year after year, reserving a year in advance.” And, they have migrated from camping/tenting on the ground to a very comfortable bed in a van.

**Figure 1Wow - Montana is way too far some vans**

USA Today and the [***Financial Times***](https://www.ft.com/content/f1d0cd7c-504f-11e3-befe-00144feabdc0) report that Europeans sometimes have a “stress elimination” transformation as a result of a VW camper van vacation, and this trend is growing within the USA, as well. Vintage van rental companies testify to the fact that loyal customers are seeking out rentals in different regions of the country for an annual “See America” road trip.

While the flexibility of a camper van vacation appeals to those who seek a return to simpler days, millennials also love the fact that they can almost instantaneously chose a stopping point, and pick up again when they choose. Unencumbered by the usual vacation restrictions, a camper van adventure is uninhibited, supports instantaneous gratification and is often in alignment with millennial idealism and purpose.

It also doesn’t hurt that a Vanagon experience can provide the perfect Instagram and Snapchat photo opportunities for timelines, stories, and feeds.

Is a VW vintage camper van the perfect vacation? Many think so and call it “glamping”. It’s difficult to find another affordable vacation option that can meet such a wide range of vacation goals and objectives like a camper van does; whether seeking a vacation that is unconfined, one that provides a sense of community, a connection with nature, the draw of spontaneity, a need for solitude, a romantic getaway, a family adventure, a newlywed couple’s honeymoon, or a group convoy—camper van rentals can meet all these expectations, vacation dreams and more.

**Figure 2Bridget's Wedding Safari - 7 Vans**

Bob Muller explains, “[***Vintage Van Adventures***](http://www.vintagevanadventures.com) is a professional vintage VW van rental company. They provide renovated, modernized and fully stocked camper vans with convenient pickup in Brunswick or Freeport Maine. They are fuel-efficient and economical with room, board, and transportation all in one. Everything you need for cooking, sleeping and enjoying your adventure is included. They are also 100% restored with added safety features not found in the original old vans.”

While [***Vintage Van Adventures***](http://www.vintagevanadventures.com)’, ME home base is Maine, they have one of the most liberal travel areas and 1,500 free miles allowing their clients to adventure-explore all of New England and the Canadian Maritimes. They also have relationships with reliable Vanagon rental firms across the United States, and happily refer their customers who desire a trip origination in another region, or another coast, to a trusted connection. Bob Muller’s additional advice? “Vacation spots, like [***Acadia Park***](https://jameskaiser.com/acadia-guide/acadia-camping/), Maine go fast so make your reservations early.” Other VW van rental firms Bob is familiar with and recommends include [***Peace Van Rentals***](http://www.peacevansrentals.com/), WA, [***Black Forest***](http://www.blackforestwestfalias.com/), WA and [***Dragon Fly Vans***](https://www.dragonflyvans.com/), MT

2018 may just be the year to experience a van rental vacation, and see for yourself what it’s like to hit the open road, and design every moment of your vacation to be exactly what you want; the only limits being the ones you choose.