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## Jim and Carmen Beaubeaux have been on the road since 2016



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Jim and Carmen Beaubeaux have always loved to camp.

"Before we were married, we were getting into your VW van and driving to Yuma to camp out there," Carmen said to Jim on our Name Drop San Diego podcast



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"But we did realize that the older we're getting, the harder it is to sleep on dirt," Jim said.

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The couple were curious about motorhomes, but they weren't seriously considering #vanlife until their mothers died, leaving them a lifetime of belongings to sort through.

"Cleaning out everything that they had over their life, and trying to find places for this stuff, it just really impressed us that we were probably going in the wrong direction," Carmen said.

The Beaubeauxs had accumulated a lot of props and power tools as entrepreneurs who ran a magic show, as former bookstore owners and as parents who homeschooled their son.

So they began paring down their possessions in 2014 and started reading about minimalist living. When they learned of Airstream lifestyle, they knew they had found their calling.



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The couple bought a 2001 Airstream Excella named “Beauty” and a 2014 Ram 2500 Crew Cab named “The Beast” and hit the road with their Chihuahua, Pico de Gallo, in July 2016.

Jim and Carmen chronicle their adventures on [LivingInBeauty.net](#). They’ve driven more than 52,000 miles across the United States, stayed in more than 350 different overnight locations and travel with the “4-3-2” method: They drive for four hours, stop by 3 p.m. and stay at least two weeks.

They keep active with hiking, biking and kayaking, and return to San Diego once a year to see their son and their doctors. Jim still sits on the board of Alliance Healthcare Foundation, a San Diego nonprofit that distributes grants to underserved communities. Health has been key to their adventures.

“I think we’re going to do this until our health says no,” Jim said.

“We see this as probably a parentheses period until the very last thing,” Carmen said. “But it’s wonderful. It sure gives you motivation to take care of yourself.”

Hear the full interview on the player above or wherever you get your podcasts.

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