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Introduction

About one year from D day, 31 July 2008, we started to set out a plan of what needed to be done for our trip to Europe. The priorities were:

We started with, schools, money and van and business as route could be changed easily and length of time will depend on the others. As time went by and we researched further we discovered that after about three months it didn't matter how long we stayed from a business point of view. We discovered that we needed good systems that could be managed remotely. We couldn't rely of friends and family.

We found that accommodation for only a couple of months in each place was going to be expensive as we would need fully furnished holiday accommodation.

We found schools would be free.

Before we left

How do we run our business remotely

- 1 Our mail Travel secretary
Changing our address to TS - do keep a copy of changes.
Managing properties
Phone/internet

List of things to take with us

- Important ID documents to set up a bank account
- To keep in an easy access place in Australia
 - Birth cert in case of loss of passport
 - Power of attorney papers
 - Will

Spare set of prescription glasses

Other things we bought from Australia

Computer/s

Battery charger AA

Home schooling books

Computer games

Portable DVD player

Our home phone

10. Countries to visit

The destination was always somewhere in Europe.

Option one - would we settle in one or two places which would enable us to put the kids in school and rent accommodation at a reasonable price. Since Derek had seen much of England and we needed an English speaking country for the kids school we thought Ireland would be a good place to stop. We would take vacations to England and Europe.

Option two – We travel around Europe in a caravan or motor home,

9 Time Frame

Initially we decided that we would go for six to 12 months depending on exchange rates, interest rates and whether we sold our old house.

7 CHILDRENs education

Because we had decided to buy a caravan and travel, Australian distance ed was not suitable because we would not always have internet hook up. Also it was going to cost \$4000.00AUD for the two children for two half years. (We had not decided to stay for 2 years at this stage.)

International schools were too expensive

I found a couple on the internet who have home schooled their 6 children and have a full curriculum so I bought a years supply for the two children for 300 AUD.

We also bought our books from school which had not been finished.

14 Organised before we left.

International driver licence.

Passports visas. Check with embassy

I applied for an Irish passports for my family three years before we left. The citizen papers took two years to process then we had to apply for passports.

Which helped with insurance. Other wise visas long stay visa.

Medication, allergy, letters from doctors for prescription drugs, years supply

Reciprocal medicare – uk

Travel insurance

Vaccinations up to date

Dental, optical checks

Doctor check up

Tax up to date

B List of things to take with us

What to bring from Aust

Bring power boards for the caravan and power board for your home country appliances

Brought with us from Australia

Australian power boards

Lap tops

Computer games

Kids school books

- 1 Mobile office
- 2 Organised before we left

C Arriving in the UK

BUYING AND INSURING A CARAVAN

We decided that we wanted to stay twelve months and buy a caravan to travel around as we couldn't find a hire option and anything less wouldn't justify the setup expense. We also needed to buy a car to tow it with as hire cars wouldn't have a towbar and were mostly not suitable for a large caravan anyway. We also decided that purchasing the caravan in the UK was the only option as caravans in Europe are wider than there UK counterparts and not allowed to be towed by standard vehicles in the UK.

Finding and buying a caravan over the internet wasn't too hard although I did have to come to grips with the fact that caravan sites in the UK and Europe generally don't have connections for water and waste. You must use what is called "Water Hogs" to cart water from the tap to the caravan and vice versa. What we call "Annexes" are called "Awnings" and an "Annex" is a tent structure that attaches to the "Awning".

Some caravans are just poles to hold up some of the Awning. The Awnings and Annexes are huge. There was an additional hiccup when we went to pickup the caravan in the UK as I thought based on the suppliers comments, that my Australian

bank account would be accessible via their EFTPOS. It wasn't and I had to organise a direct transfer of funds from my account over their internet connection.

Insurance was another matter. This proved to be an arduous task. Nobody in Australia would insure a caravan (or car) in the UK and Nobody in the UK would insure a foreign resident. We tried for months prior to leaving to find an insurer that would accept a foreign resident without success. We even tried Lloyds.

Eventually we gave up and told the insurance companies that we were immigrating to the UK. As we had Irish citizenship we could if we wished. We had friends in the UK and used their address. This solved the problem for the caravan and the cover included Europe. If it had been a motorhome there would have been no problem with insurance for a foreign resident.

The above solution was also used for the car insurance. Unfortunately in this case it did not completely solve the problem. We wanted a dual cab ute as we knew we would have lots of gear and we needed five seats. The other options with high towing capacity were the Landcruisers and Landrovers etc however these were expensive to buy and to run. Fuel is over a Pound and Euro per litre at the time of writing so good fuel economy was essential. A dual cab ute is called a "Van" in the UK and is of course a commercial vehicle. After scouring insurer after insurer for a reasonable price for a resident on a Australian licence we found that their insurance only covers the 3rd party requirements in Europe. We took the insurance from Aviva anyway as it was the only reasonable option at the time. Comprehensive European insurance was going to have to wait.

Change licence for insurance.

D List of things to buy in the UK

We packed to the limit but I would not recommend this, 2nd hand shops are excellent in England and you can get most things

Washing machine full size twin tub. Excellent choice it was light and big enough to do the family washing. In a lot of places there is no water hook up or drainage so having a twin tub made filling with a hose and emptying possible.

- Second awning Tap adaptors
- Floor plastic tarp for wet weather.
- Other awning
- Storm straps
- Longer hose
- Longer waste hose for hook up
- Shelves
- Heater
- Electric frying pan
- Kettle
- Big hard drive
- Auto gas
- Drain plugs basin plugs

Bought while in the uk
Kitchen goods
Excellent pot recommend pic
Sheets
Sleeping bags
Pillows
Washing machine
Spare plugs to fit uk van if we buy European appliances
Egg beater
Derek fitted a big auto gas tank??
Satellite setup
TV?
Spare gas regulator

4 UK MOT
Spanish adverts
Just pay the rego ????

ACCOMMODATION

a Motor homes

Suitable for moving quickly, most had bike racks on the back for getting into town. Because you can stay in Aires which are some time close to town bike are ideal. We thought our children were too small to bike on roads, and the little one too heavy to carry. You can attach a trailer bike for little kids.

Pros	Cons
Europe is really set up for MH	transport
Aires	Site seeing
Water and waste	Room for three kids
Numbers to choose from	
Suitable for moving quickly	

c. Short term rental

Holiday style accommodation was going to eat up at least \$1000 per week Australian. This was looking like more than we wanted to spend on accommodation and we were thinking we wanted to travel more so we began to look at alternatives such as motor homes. There were guaranteed buyback schemes available that make reasonable sense for stays of six to twelve months. Unfortunately unless you also buy a car and trailer every time you want to drive to the shops you have to pack up the house. Not very practical for a long stay with a family of two adults and three kids.

Pros	Cons
Can put the children in English school	Cost
	Wouldn't get to see as much

b. Caravan

We then started to look at Caravans. We had experience with caravanning in Australia and it means that you don't have two engines to maintain. (If you tow a car) The difficulty comes when trying to hire a caravan. We couldn't find anyone to hire a caravan that was suitable for our family. Even worse when you start looking into the practicalities of buying a caravan it gets even worse. Everything is setup for foreigners to hire or buy campervans.

Caravans more suitable for longer term stays

More popular in the Northern countries England and Germany.

Pros	Cons
Only one motor to maintain	Cant stay in Aires (only some in winter)
One rego and insurance	Not many to choose from
Had a car to site see with.	Could not hire one

We had by this time decided to travel around Europe in a caravan and ute, So we needed to look at home schooling for the children.

ONCE WE WERE IN THE UK

Once we are in UK

We looked at things we would need

1. One of the first thing we bought was a sat nav TOM TOM
2. Caravan set up items
3. insurance car and van
4. MOT
5. Satellite dish internet set up
6. tv connection
7. washing machine
8. UK Bank account

Things we bought in the UK

Spare electric plugs for country caravan bought in ie UK different from EU.

Washing machine – twin tub, light, no water hook u

Vac cleaner

Gas set up. Cooking with gas

Extra annex in uk

Reversing camera

Tom Tom

Light bulbs

Fuses

Extra gas regulator

External light, van light inadequate

Electric kettle 800 watts for use in Europe about 4 amps

Electric frying pan impossible to buy in UK

Clothes dryers

Satellite tv

Big hard drive

Storage containers

Heater electric, gas too expensive

Shower head water efficient, because 10L tank, not gas continuos.

Travelling in Europe

You need GB stickers

Vests

Triangles

Green card

Head light covers

How are we to run our business remotely

Our next priorities after having decided our route and accommodation revolved around setting up our rental business so that we could be contacted overseas

- 1.
2. How are we going to be contacted?
3. What are we going to do with our mail
4. Getting mail sent to us ie bank cards
5. e Mail
6. internet
7. phone
8. fax
9. Who will manage properties
10. Paying bills

BUSINESS SYSTEM

Derek researched the business systems and found:

MAIL

There are a couple of Australian mail services that will handle your mail. They have similar services and a few different options as to what they do with your mail:

1. You can have them hold your mail and forward it to an address that you nominate via their website.
2. They can open the mail scan the first page and upload this to a website you get secure access to view. You can then nominate if you wish to have the mail forwarded or held.
3. They can open your mail, scan all the documents and upload this to the website. You can then download the documents and have an electronic copy of all your mail. You can then choose to have them hold the mail or forward specific items to you.

We chose option 3. For about \$AUD40 per month we have all our mail scanned and uploaded to their website. We have specific items like credit card replacements etc forwarded to a friends or address where ever we are. About three months from D day we started redirecting all our mail to the mail service so that when we left hopefully little mail would be lost. We are using <http://www.keepingyouposted.com.au/> as it

has a large amount of included scanning and cheap rate for additional pages. Other services we looked at that might suit other users with lesser volumes of mail are:

Landbase Australia, Mailaway Redirection Services, Mail to Follow, Pass the Post & Post Haste Australia, SOS Mail Solutions, Trail Mail and Viking Mail Service to mention just a few. Do a search and find the one that suits you best.

TELEPHONE

Overseas mobile phone calls are expensive for the receiver. When someone calls you on your mobile when you are overseas you pay for the call from Australia to wherever you are at a very high rate. For an extended stay where we were likely to use the phone often and be called for business often we wanted to see if we could find a better system.

We had a VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) setup in Australia which enables you to make and receive calls over the internet. As part of the service you are given or lease an Australian telephone number in an area of your choice. You can set this up with an ATA (analogue telephone adapter) this device plugs into your broadband modem and converts your telephone code to internet code. So all up you plug your telephone into the ATA and this into your modem and you can then make calls over the internet using your standard telephone (you can also buy internet telephones that can plug directly into the modem). As you also have a telephone number in your chosen region people can call you as if you are in that region whether you are or not. The calls are also very cheap and you have full control over call redirection over the web. You can also make and receive calls with you computer on the web. This gave us a couple of options for telephone contact.

One option was to buy prepaid sim cards in each Country we visited and redirect calls from the Australian number to our overseas mobile thus people in Australia would always call the same Australian VOIP number and we would only pay the cheap VOIP call to the overseas mobile. We would then have reasonable mobile rates in the country we stayed in and cheap VOIP call fees from Australia as we would be calling a foreign mobile and not an Australian mobile. I am starting to let on that we didn't end up just visiting Ireland.

We had the above as a backup system – the other option which we used once we were setup was the standard VOIP system of phone over internet. As you have control over redirection over the web you can change from one system to the other anywhere you can get internet access.

So – when we had internet access we could make and receive calls as if we were in Australia at very cheap rates. When we didn't have internet access we could redirect our Australian calls to our International mobile at cheap rates. Our international mobile could call local numbers at reasonable rates and internationally cheaper than our Australian mobile although still not very cheap.

FAX

In Australia we used an internet fax service. This is a service where any fax sent to us is converted to a "PDF" document and emailed to us. If you want to send a fax you simply email the service your document and they send the fax. It is all done electron-

ically. Again like the VOIP service a phone Australian capital city number is allocated to your fax line which you give to your suppliers or whoever. As this service was already setup we just continued to use it. The one we use is utbox.net. It is about \$50 US per year.

INTERNET

With our initial plans of staying in Ireland and staying a couple of months in each location a 3G mobile phone plan would have been the go. The plans can include a reasonable amount of internet usage and they are simple to setup. Plug the card into a laptop or the USB port and you are more or less away. We might have had some trouble setting up the ATA for the VOIP as Windows Vista in particular doesn't like sharing the broadband connection. I think if you were running Windows XP it would be much easier. You can also get mobile broadband plans that include a wireless router that you could plug the ATA straight into.

By this time we however were starting to think that staying in only a couple of places was going to still be expensive and we would like to see more.

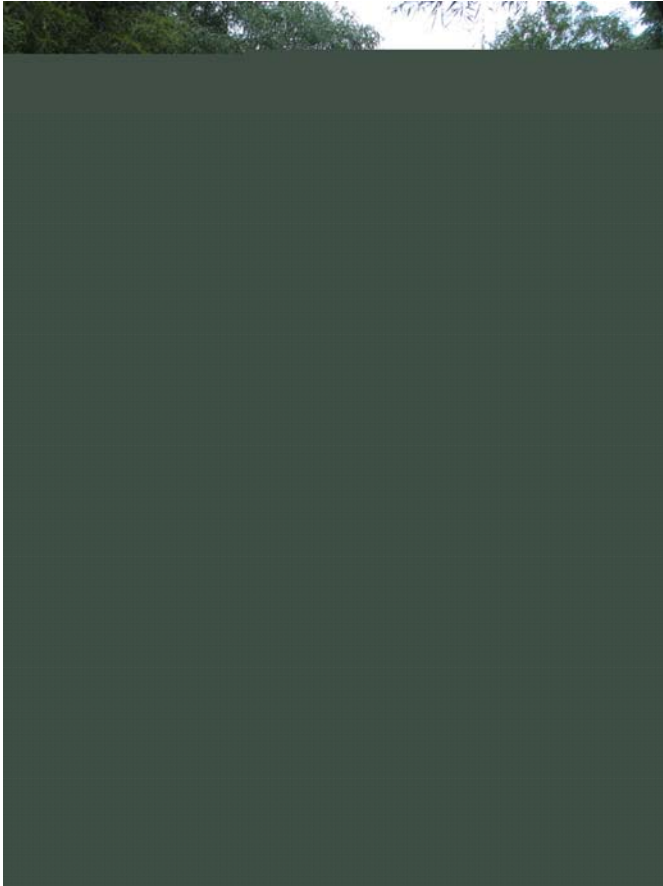
3G mobile plans could be purchased in each country we visited if we were going to be staying for a few months in each place. Roaming 3G in Europe was ridiculously expensive and not an option. As each country is relatively small you can't get a mobile plan that covers much of Europe without roaming onto different carriers that charge very high rates to the carrier that you have a contract with. For shorter stays total or longer stays in each country this is the simplest option.

Another option was Internet over Satellite. This turned out to be the best option for us. So long as you are in the satellite footprint it doesn't matter where you are the service is the same. There is a couple of different delivery methods.

One option is one way satellite internet. This involves using the satellite for only the download and your mobile phone or dial up internet connection for the upload. If you want paytv and you don't download more than 500Mbytes per month at time of writing then this is probably a good option. You subscribe to the paytv and get internet downloads as well for only a little more. You use your 3G mobile with the sim from the country you are in for the uploads. This reduces your usage for the 3G network massively and would allow you to use the internet quite a lot without paying large amounts for the 3G mobile phone internet usage. One carrier that we looked at was www.europeonline.com with plans of about \$400 per annum for 500Mb plus your setup and upload method. As we would be travelling around the upload method was going to prove troublesome.

The other option we investigated and eventually settled on was two way satellite communication. This involves both upload and download over the satellite. It has the advantage of one subscription to one carrier and coverage over a very large area. In our case we are using <http://www.beyondsl.co.uk>. UK based distributors for the Astra connect satellite internet delivery. This uses the Astra 1E satellite network covering almost all of Western Europe and some of Eastern Europe. They have an array of plans from about 500Mb per month to 2Gb per month and speeds from 500kbs to 2Mbs download. They also use a system of essentially unlimited download amounts subject to speed restriction depending on the satellite congestion after your download limit. Our cost was about \$1000 GBP for a 12 month subscription to 2GB monthly guaranteed download amount at maximum 1Mbs speed. In actual fact our average

speed has been around the 600kbs download and 70kbs upload – depending on time of day. The major disadvantage to satellite internet is the high latency. As the signal goes 50 000 kms up to the satellite and then back down to earth before starting its land based travel this takes time. When you are using VOIP it can take a second or so for the sound to travel from you to the receiver on the other side of the planet and then another second for their response to come back to you. Another option was <http://www.avonlinebroadband.co.uk/>



EMAIL

Having setup everything to come electronically we needed a reliable email account. When we disconnect the phone the email account also gets disconnected. We found that you can setup your own Domain Name and this can be hosted and give you and email account that is yours. You can then receive email no matter who is your internet provider. We chose crazydomains.com.au. For about \$50 per year you have your domain name hosted on there website with your email accounts. Provided you keep up your subscription the account is yours forever. Even if Crazydomains goes broke your can move your domain name to a different host provider.

THE OFFICE COMPLETE

We now had a telephone number for our local area that would reach us anywhere in the world.

We had a mail service that would reach us anywhere we had internet access. We directed all our suppliers to send invoices and statements via email, fax, or to the mail service.

We had internet access anywhere in Europe that we could setup our satellite dish tripod.

We had a telephone that could receive calls as if we were in Australia and make outward calls at very cheap rates.

We had an email account that we owned and could be ours forever regardless of internet provider.

On the road

1 Legal requirements to travelling in Europe

You need GB stickers

Vests

Triangles

Green card

Head light covers for right hand drive cars.

2 Books used

Discount books

Camping Morocco

4 European camp sites

English campsite

Open fields

Farms

Ablutions like Aust

Free camping frowned upon

N Water hook and waste

Unlike Australia there is usually no water hookup and drainage so water has to be carted to the caravan in An Aqua roll and from the caravan in a waste water hog. Motor homes have bigger tanks so don't have this problem. How ever if they plan to stay for a while in one place they have to arrange to fill up their tanks and empty them.



Waste water tank



France and Spain

Camp site are divided into sections by hedges

Electricity usage

Between 6 to 16 amps

Usually 6 amps is not enough to boil a kettle so we bought a 600 watt 3 amp kettle.

Ablutions blocks

Usually no

Toilet seat, no toilet paper

No soap

Cold showers, solar heated

Aires

Lots of stray cats that urinate on your annex.

Most usually no water hook up and waste hook up.



Swiss and German

Totally different

Toilet seats and paper

Soap

And rubbish bin and bags in each toilet

Toilet brush

Hot showers in a heated building.

More usual to find waste and water hook up, more caravans here.

More usual to pay for your shower hot water

Poland

Was a mix of old and new, but generally clean.

The Karkow camp site had free laundry, wifi and showers.

Wroclaw – clean but very old

Prague

Camp site laundry

Range from 1 pound in Scotland very unusual

To

E 4 or 5 in most places

Plus another E4 for the dryer.

Gas Fittings

English

French

Morocco

Spanish

Auto gas

Annex

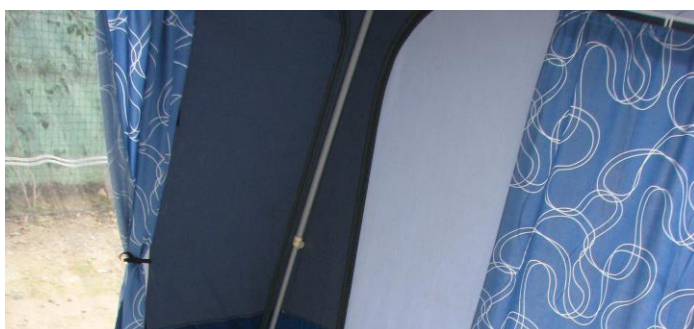
Breathable floor for the grass sites in UK

As soon as it rains you have a wet floor and mud.

In Morocco we got a pvc floor made out of the same material they use for donkey saddles.

Awning

English chook pics







What we needed for another year in Europe:

1. MOT and Tax disc for the car
2. Car and van insurance renewal
3. Travel Insurance renewal
4. Caravan service
5. Internet for Eastern Europe

1. MOT and Tax disc for the car:

As we had a UK registered vehicle it and it was turning 3 years old it then starts a system that requires an annual MOT (road worthy-ness check) every year prior to paying your road tax / registration. Unfortunately the UK does not accept this being carried out by anyone outside the UK. All the other European countries have similar systems however the UK will not accept a European check. This created quite a difficulty for us as we were travelling in Europe long term and did not want to go back to the UK just to have a MOT carried out.

We looked at lots of expat forums for a solution and read the papers.

Option 1: When we were closest to the UK leave the family in a hotel and do a dash to the UK. Probably about \$1000 - \$2000 lost by the time we pay accommodation and ferries etc.

Option 2: Pay the road tax prior to the MOT expiring. Foreign police are unlikely to check for the MOT. Causes difficulties with insurance however if we need to make a claim as the policy requires the vehicle to be road worthy. For us this eventually turned out to be not possible as our car was just turning three years old so it didn't actually have a MOT.

Option 3: Take the car off UK roads. You can sign a declaration that the car has been taken off the road and not pay the registration. Generally foreign countries don't care if you have paid your road tax or not in the UK as you are not driving on UK roads anyway. This is done by lots of Expats however risky. The foreign agreements to allow you to drive on there roads is that you have paid your road tax in the cars country of registration. If it is checked your car will be impounded and will be difficult to get back until you have it registered somewhere. Also if you turn up in the UK at some time you will have to have it transported from the ferry as number plate recognition cameras check your registration as you exit the ferry.

Option 4: I saw an advertisement in a Spanish paper for MOT for English vehicles. I rang the number and was advised that all I had to do was send my registration details to an address in England and a MOT would be sent to me. On receipt I then send 300E cash to another address. I can advise that I personally know someone that used this system and it worked. The only drawback was that the MOT supplied had to be presented to a UK post office with your insurance details to get your tax disc. It could not be done using the online system. Bit of a nuisance if you are in Europe.

2. Car and Caravan Insurance Renewal

Caravan insurance renewal was no problem. I rang my insurer the Camping and Caravan Club and paid the premium. As I was still “living” in the UK there was no problem. Please note that you must have a UK address that you live at. You can not live in the caravan or you will not be insured. You can holiday for as long as you like so long as you have an address where you live.

Car insurance was a bit more troublesome. As I needed continuous cover for my UK car in Europe I was forced to insure with a European insurer. I could not get continuous European cover for my UK commercial vehicle with my Australian drivers licence in the UK. Maybe if I had applied for a UK drivers licence I might have been able to find an insurer but that was going to take weeks and I couldn't be without my passport and drivers licence for weeks.

Problem with my European insurer was that the cover note supplied was in Spanish and this would not be accepted by the UK post offices. As I ran out of time waiting for the English policy documents to arrive I had to take out third party insurance with a UK insurer get my tax disc with this policy and then cancel the policy after for a full refund. You have 21 days to cancel at no cost.

3. Travel Insurance

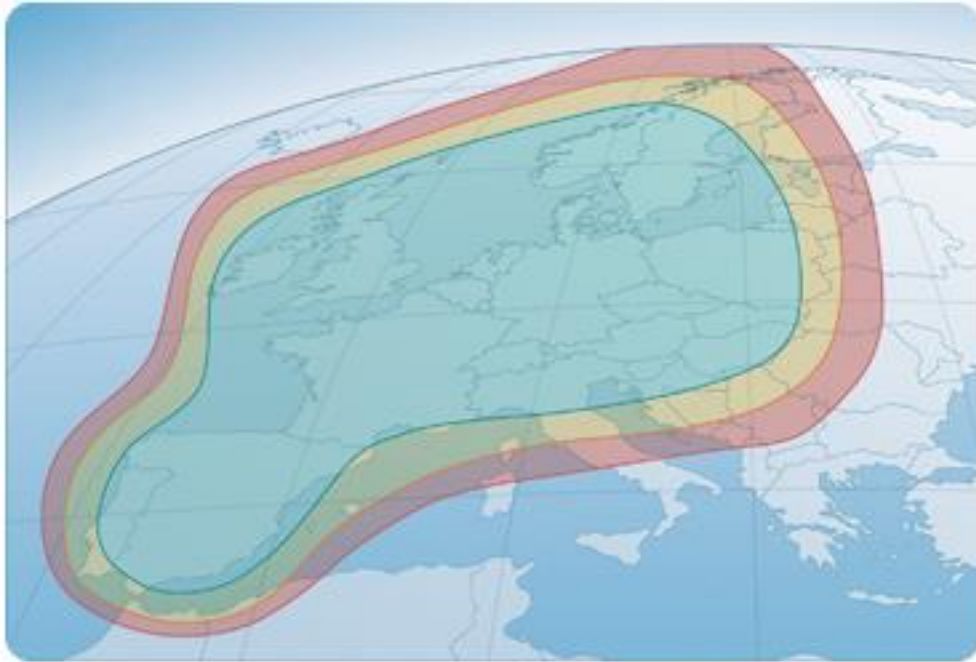
I thought this was going to be another insurance nightmare as our existing travel insurance policy would not cover more than 12 months overseas and some other policies I looked at had to start and end in Australia. I found another one called Travel Insurance Direct that did accept a policy that started while you are out of the country. The premium was even less than I had paid for my MBF travel insurance previously. It was a simple process of an online application and credit card payment.

4. Caravan Service

As part of the warranty requirements the new caravan we purchased required an annual service by a Bailey Authorised service centre. Of course Bailey being a British manufacturer had no service agents in Europe. In this case however after an email to the manufacturer they do allow one only service to be carried out in Europe provided the agent is registered with all the European appliance manufacturers so this proved not too difficult.

5. Internet for Eastern Europe

What a difficulty this proved to be. The footprint for the Astra system I was using is reproduced below from the Beyondsl website. It doesn't cover Greece or Turkey where we were planning on spending the winter.



I spent months researching and emailing and I could only find one provider that could supply a two way satellite system that covered Eastern Europe down to Greece and Turkey. This was called Tooway internet. Unfortunately this used different satellites for different parts of Europe and different bands on those satellites. They also use different frequencies for different regions on the one satellite. As I wanted to go to Greece and Turkey I needed the Ku band system which was only available in Eastern Europe although the coverage of the satellite was pretty much all of Europe. In Western Europe Tooway use Ka band which uses different antennae components.

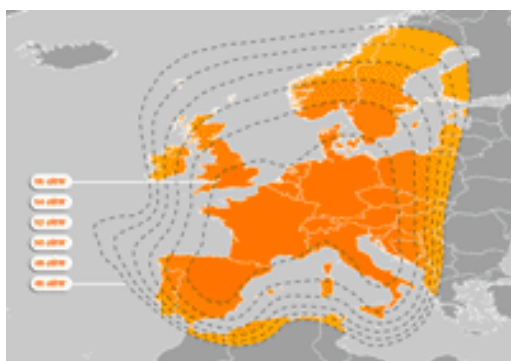
<http://www.tooway.com/>

From the Tooway website

Where can I get Tooway™?

European-wide coverage

Tooway™ operates on different frequencies, depending on satellite downlink coverages, from [HOT BIRD™ 6 at 13° East](#) (Ka-band) and [EUROBIRD™ 3 at 33° East](#) (Ku-band)



[Ka-band : HOT BIRD™ 6](#)



[Ku-band : EUROBIRD™ 3](#)

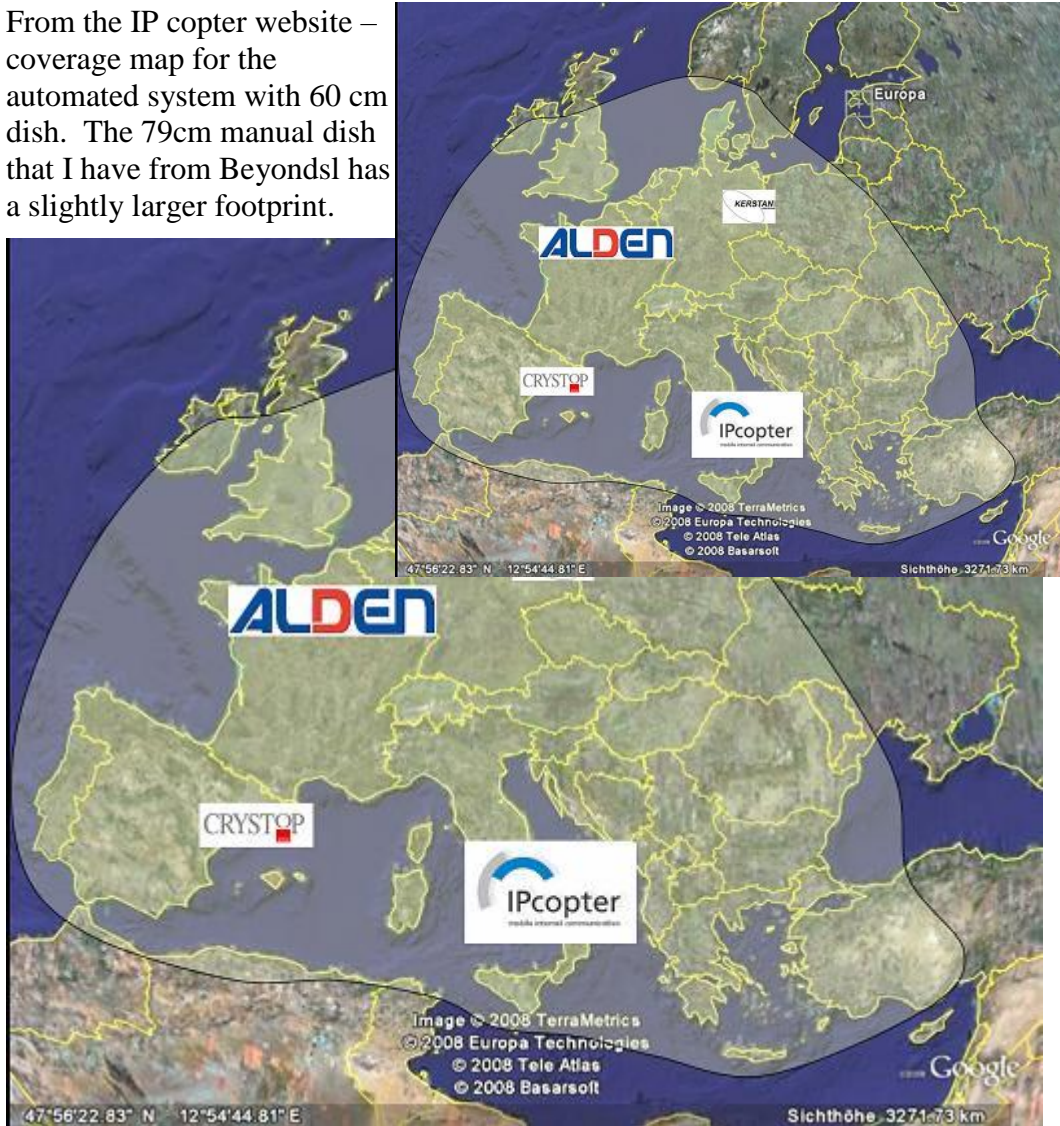
The problem with purchasing in Eastern Europe is that you need to “live” in that region to subscribe to the package just like previously I was “living” in the UK and “living” in Spain for my car insurance. The difficulty with living in Eastern Europe is that I couldn’t speak the local language and all the contracts were in the local language.

The cheapest place to take out a contract was in Greece however the most helpful distributor in Greece didn’t like the idea of me travelling around in a caravan and wouldn’t let me install myself. The next distributor was happy for me to self instal however only had a Greek application which was in low resolution picture format and could not be interpreted by Google Translate. When I finally did get the contract partially completed and sent it in the agent I had been talking to was away and the contract was lost. I spoke to other people however with the voip delay and the lack of English it all got too hard.

I then found that I could purchase the system in Poland. The contract was as usual in Polish however it was a text document and I was able to upload into Google Translate and do a reasonable job of completing the contract. The agent was worried that I may not be able to get internet when I travelled out of the satellite spot beam that covered Poland so I contacted the Tooway head office in France. They assured me that it should be no problem as it was all the same satellite. I was still a bit nervous and repeatedly contacted the satellite base station in Italy however they refused to answer any of my queries and just kept refereeing me back to the agent and the agent wasn’t sure. On further research I found that there were four spot beams that covered all of Europe and two different frequencies. I would need to purchase another receiver component to be able to receive the other frequency. The cost of this component was around another 150 euros. On top of the professional satellite meter I needed to find the satellite the costs were adding up. As it turned out my Polish agent was fantastic and actually said he would supply this additional item for me free. All this research took time and by the time I got to pay for the system I had already been in Krakow Poland three weeks and we needed to be moving on as we were already booked in Prague. We decided to move on and have the system shipped to us in Prague. More time to wait for the shipping quote and international funds transfer to the Polish Bank.

After sending the additional funds for Freight I was surfing away on the net and stumbled upon IP Copter satellite internet which was marketed as solely available to Alden mobile satellite system users. When I looked at the pictures I noticed that the system looked the same as I was using however the coverage map was all of Europe and Turkey. I sent an email of to IP Copter to see if there was any way I could use my system on there satellite. To my amazement they said yes fully compliant no problem. As I already had all the equipment and there was no problem with changing spots etc as this system was setup for motorhomes I was ecstatic.

From the IPcopter website – coverage map for the automated system with 60 cm dish. The 79cm manual dish that I have from Beyondsl has a slightly larger footprint.



Somehow I had to cancel the Tooway system which I had spent months researching and contracting and paying for. I made the phone call anticipating rejection and having to re-sell and lose lots of money. I was astounded when the agent said no problem I will organise a refund – which he did.

All I needed to do now when the time came to change from Beyondsl to IP Copter was send in my modem serial number complete the English contract and pay the money about 650 euros for the 12 months. Point the satellite dish at Hellas Sat 2 at 39 degrees east instead of Astra 1E at 23 degrees east and all would be done for all of Europe, Greece, and Turkey. Everywhere I wanted to go was covered. In fact if I had known I was going to spend two years travelling around and there automatic system was available when I was starting off I would have bought it. They offer a fully automatic system for 1500 Euros plus your subscription. Stop your van press the button and you have internet anywhere in the coverage map above.

<http://www.ipcopter.com/en/>

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