

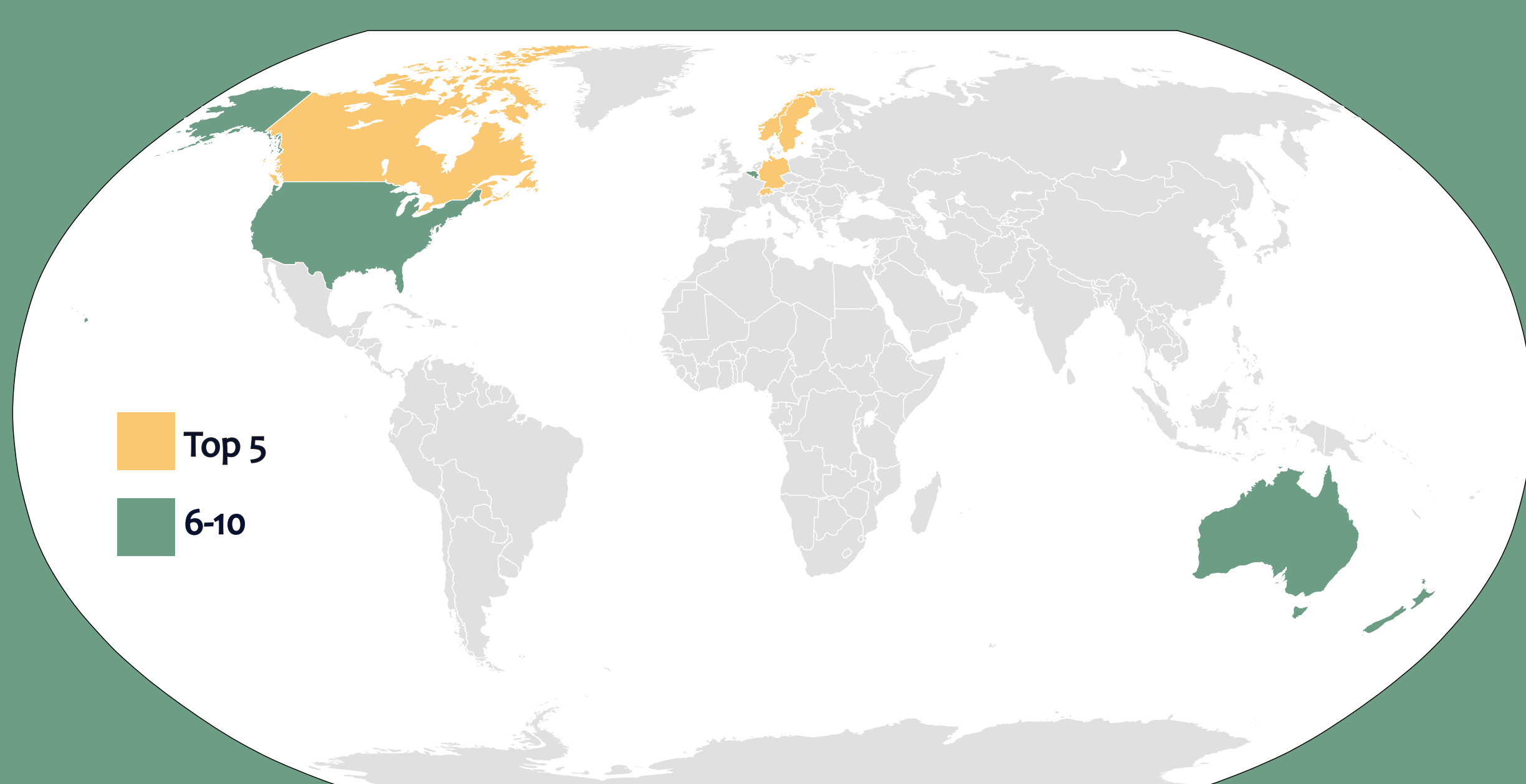
VAN LIFE

Modern Homeowners

Take to the Road

Van life is an alternative, nomadic lifestyle that allows you to live rent-free and minimalist while traveling. Over the past few years, van life has gained in popularity and has become a bohemian social media movement. If you are looking for a simpler, more sustainable lifestyle, vandwelling might be the route for you.

Interest by Region



According to Google Trends, the interest in van life has increased dramatically over the last five years. Popular regions for van life, in order from most to least popular are:

1. Sweden
2. Canada
3. Norway
4. Switzerland
5. Germany
6. Austria
7. Australia
8. Belgium
9. United States
10. New Zealand

Financials

Van Cost



A van that is already outfitted with everything you need will cost a lot more (around \$10k) than a van you modify yourself (around \$2k-\$6k).



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Modification



If you buy a van that is already outfitted with everything you need, your modification costs would be small, and you might not have to modify your van at all. If you do decide to modify, conversion can cost anywhere from \$2k to \$15k, depending on your needs and what luxuries you want to include.



OR



+ Living Costs



It is probably a good idea to keep an emergency fund (around \$1k) in case your van breaks down or another unexpected situation arises. Another \$1k-\$2k can cover your groceries, gas, and other daily living expenses.

How to Convert a Van

Walls and Ceilings:

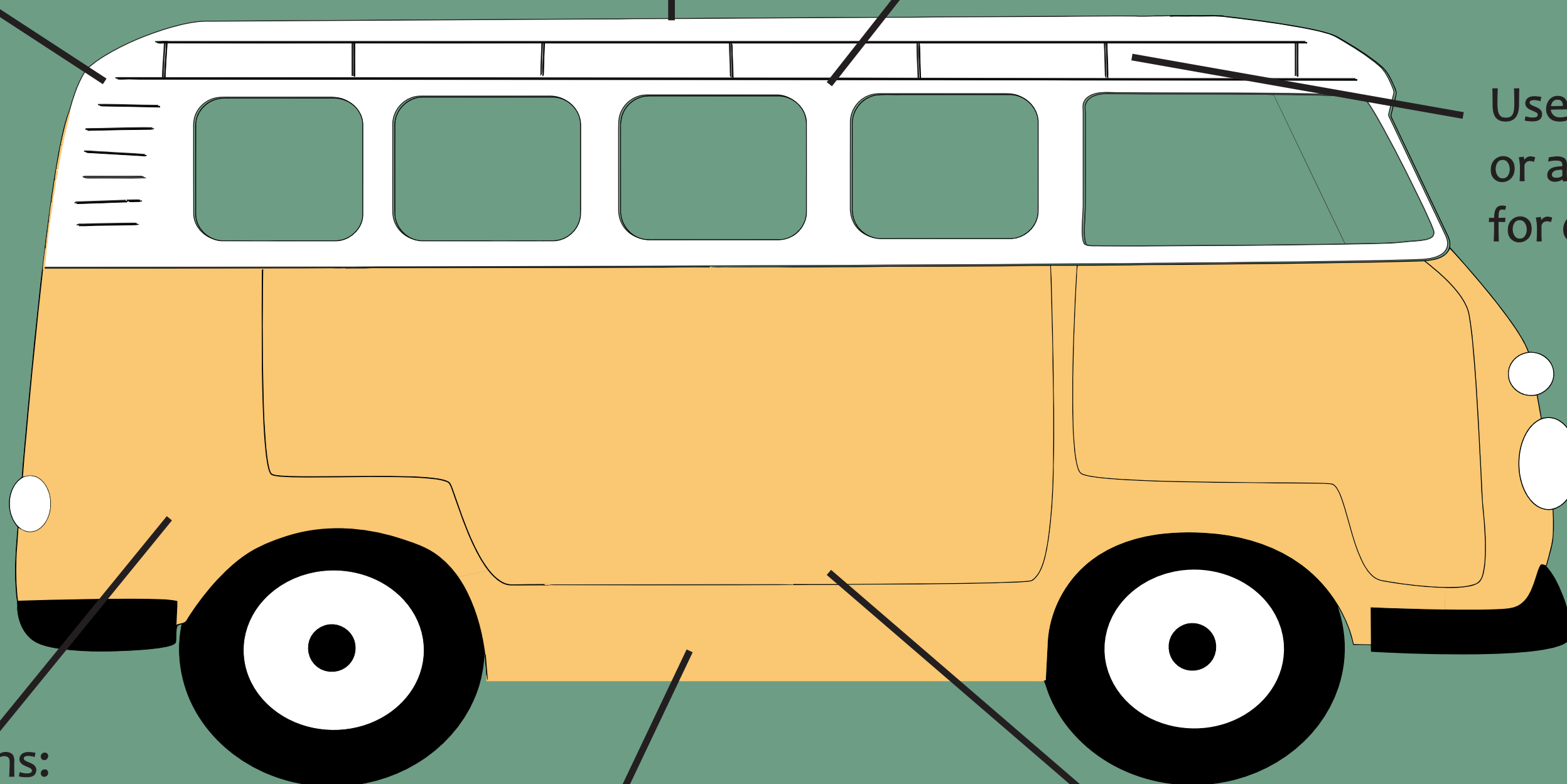
1. Use wood if the van has ribs.
2. Use cork boards if the van does not have ribs.

A **roof vent or fan** can keep your van cool during the warmest months.

Kitchen Placement Options:

1. A Side Door Slide-Out Kitchen
2. A kitchen behind the front seats
3. A kitchen on the side wall
4. Split Kitchen (use both side walls)
5. A kitchen on the side door
6. A Trunk Kitchen

Use solar panels or a generator for **electricity**.



Bed Options:

1. Traditional van bed
2. Bed-Table Hybrid
3. Pull-out bed/couch

Van flooring:

1. Insulate first
2. Lay down plywood
3. Lay down a
 - a. Vinyl floor (waterproof) or a
 - b. Linoleum floor (environmentally-friendly)(Don't use hardwood)

Insulate:

If you are traveling in hot places, you do not have to insulate. To keep your van cool, you can use sun reflectors instead.