

Roam Collective 2027

Family-of-Four Decision Packet

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Executive decision

Do not place a non-refundable Roam deposit until the 2027 price sheet and terms are obtained. Roam remains a credible premium option, but its decisive advantage is not cheap housing or camp: it is late-day childcare intentionally aligned with U.S. hours, plus community and logistics.

For a Pacific-time household, that advantage is narrower than the marketing phrase 'U.S. working hours' suggests. The published 2026 camp schedule is 14:00-21:00 in Spain. In summer that is approximately 05:00-12:00 Pacific. A normal 09:00-17:00 Pacific workday would therefore extend roughly five hours beyond camp. Porto would be approximately one hour later relative to Pacific if Roam keeps the same local clock schedule.

The strongest verified DIY analogue is San Sebastian: a summer 2-bedroom rental plus Lacunza's full day camp. The modeled 4-week all-in total is about \$18,000 for four people, versus about \$23,600 all-in using the published 2026 five-week Roam family-of-four program price as a proxy. These are planning models, not 2027 quotes.

What is verified about Roam

- **2027 footprint:** San Sebastian, Spain; Porto, Portugal; Annecy, France. A July 2026 interview with a co-founder says the 2027 program will include four-week, five-week, and four-week collectives. Exact public 2027 family pricing was not found.
- **2026 five-week benchmark:** An archived/dev booking page lists €8,500 including one adult and one child, plus €1,300 for an additional adult and €2,500 for an additional child. That makes €12,300 for two adults + two children, or about \$14,190 at the current FX rate.
- **2026 three-week structure:** Current Roam-specific terms for Aug. 2-23, 2026 list €1,800 per child, €990 per adult, and variable home rental. This proves Roam has used materially different price structures by cohort.
- **Childcare:** 2026 terms specify Monday-Friday, 14:00-21:00, meals/snacks included, low educator-to-child ratios, and third-party childcare providers. Roam/ilo says it does not directly operate a childcare center.
- **Included support:** Vetted housing, arrival fridge fill, kid/baby gear, mid-stay cleaning, community events, adult-only events, family events, local experiences and support are described across Roam pages.
- **Excluded/extra:** Flights, required travel insurance, airport transfers/car rental, optional coworking, extra childcare, and personal spending are not part of the base inclusions.
- **Contract exposure:** The 2026 Roam-specific terms use a 30% non-refundable deposit and become fully non-refundable after a cutoff. The same terms page also contains a later general ilo section with

different deposit/cooling-off language. The 2027 contract must be obtained and read rather than extrapolated.

Cost model

Scenario	Modeled all-in	Evidence quality	Interpretation
Roam 2026 5-week price used as proxy	\$23,590	Medium	Includes \$14,190 Roam program proxy + flights/living allowances. 2027 Roam price unknown.
DIY San Sebastian - 4 weeks	\$18,015	Medium-high	€4,000 summer 2BR proxy + two children at Lacunza full-day camp + travel/living.
DIY San Sebastian - 5 weeks	\$21,220	Medium	Housing scaled; camp has published 5-week pricing.
DIY Porto - 4 weeks	\$15,500	Low-medium	Potentially cheapest DIY, but camp/location fit is not sufficiently verified.
DIY Annecy - 4 weeks	\$17,077	Medium-low	2027 housing is verified; equivalent month-long childcare is not.
Boundless Life Sintra - 2027 starting-price model	\$14,161	Low-medium	Uses advertised €4,300/month starting package; exact 2-adult/2-child configuration is required.

These totals deliberately include airfare, food, local transport, insurance and activities so the comparison is closer to 'leave home and return home' cost. Airfare is an allowance, not a 2027 fare quote. Current 2026 summer examples from SFO show roughly \$900-\$1,100 round trip to Porto/Geneva at the low end, while historical June Europe pricing can be higher.

DIY findings by destination

San Sebastian - strongest DIY case

Lacunza publishes a bilingual/international camp for ages 6-13. Its 2026 Day Camp runs 09:30-19:00 Monday-Friday and costs €455/week: €1,820 for four weeks or €2,275 for five weeks per child. For two children, four weeks is €3,640. Published summer 2-bedroom monthly rentals found in the city start around €4,000, with premium central units substantially higher.

Tradeoff: local daytime camp is excellent for European daytime work, but poor for a normal Pacific workday. Roam's late camp is materially more useful if important U.S. meetings occur in the morning Pacific time.

Porto - cheapest-looking but not yet decision-grade

High-season furnished 2-bedroom examples found around Porto run roughly €4,300-€6,000/month. A 2026 Portuguese day-camp proxy advertises 09:00-18:00, ages 4-14, €155/week with a four-week discount. The price is attractive, but I did not verify a 2027 central-Porto camp with the same quality, location and language fit. Do not treat the \$15,500 model as bookable yet.

Annecy - housing solved, childcare not solved

A concrete 2027 summer furnished 2-bedroom example is €4,400 for 28 days, plus taxes/cleaning. Local 2026 camps exist, but the results found were generally specialized, short-duration, or age-restricted rather than a clean four-week full-day substitute. Roam's bundled childcare may therefore carry more value in Annecy than in San Sebastian.

Best packaged competitor

Boundless Life is the most important price check. Its public pricing page currently lists Sintra, Portugal Summer Camp 1 (June 16-July 21, 2027) starting at €4,300/month and Summer Camp 2 starting at €2,900/month. The page says packages include children's tuition, community access and a family home, but the displayed starting price is not an exact family-of-four quote. An exact configuration is required before claiming it beats Roam.

A Swiss family-workation concept (frilingue/Family Hostel) is another useful category check: coworking, family accommodation and optional/professional daycamp are offered, but it is a different product and destination rather than a direct Roam substitute.

Legal / travel checks

- U.S. citizens can generally make short Schengen tourism/business visits up to 90 days in a 180-day period, subject to passport rules. This does not by itself answer whether a particular employee's remote-work arrangement is lawful.
- The EU states ETIAS is expected to start in the last quarter of 2026. A summer 2027 trip should therefore plan on checking/applying for ETIAS once its exact launch is confirmed.
- EES is operational. Travelers should expect biometric entry/exit processing.
- Roam explicitly makes participants responsible for visa, employment and local-law compliance. Employer permission and destination-specific remote-work analysis remain separate checks.

Decision gates before paying Roam

1. Exact 2027 price for 2 adults + 2 children, with housing category and all taxes/fees.
2. Exact dates for each destination and which destination gets the 5-week session.
3. Exact 2027 camp hours in each city, including holidays, pickup grace period and optional late care.
4. Name/address of each childcare operator; ages; ratios; background-check standard; licensing/insurance; language; emergency process.
5. 2027 deposit/refund/transfer terms and treatment of a Roam cancellation or provider substitution.

6. Whether housing is assigned before the refund cutoff and what happens if the assigned home is unacceptable.
7. Cost and hours for coworking and extra childcare.
8. Whether children's meals are lunch+dinner in all 2027 locations and whether adult/community events include food.

What I need from you

Only the following inputs materially block a final recommendation. Everything else can be researched around them.

- Children's ages in summer 2027.
- Your actual work constraint in Europe: required Pacific-time meeting window versus flexible/asynchronous work.
- Which of June, July and August are possible.
- Maximum comfortable all-in budget and whether you want points/miles treated as available.
- Minimum housing requirement (2 bedrooms assumed) and any childcare/allergy/accessibility requirements.
- Passport nationality and expiration dates for the four travelers.
- The Roam 2027 FAQ, price sheet or Inner Circle email if you have it. I attempted to search connected Gmail, but access was declined, so no mailbox content was inspected.

Recommended next action

1) Obtain Roam's 2027 packet without committing to a non-refundable payment. 2) If both children are 6-13 and Pacific work hours can shift earlier, price San Sebastian DIY first. 3) If late-day U.S.-hours childcare is essential, Roam becomes substantially more valuable; compare its exact quote against Boundless and the cost of adding a local evening sitter to DIY. 4) Do not pursue Annecy DIY until full-month childcare is verified. 5) Treat Porto DIY as a cost-saving lead, not a recommendation, until a central 2027 camp is verified.

Source register

- **Roam official:** <https://roamcollectiveabroad.com/>
- **ilo Roam overview:** <https://iloretreat.com/roam-collective/>
- **Roam / ilo terms:** https://iloretreat.com/refund_returns/
- **Archived/dev 2026 five-week booking page:** <https://dev.iloretreat.com/retreats/roam-collective-2/>
- **2027 co-founder interview:** <https://keekeesbigadventures.com/podcast/summer-camp-in-europe-for-families/>
- **Boundless Life pricing:** <https://www.boundless.life/pricing>
- **Lacunza Summer Camp:** <https://lacunza.com/en/cursos/lacunza-summer-camp-6-17/>
- **U.S. State Department Europe guidance:**
<https://travel.state.gov/en/international-travel/planning/guidance/europe.html>
- **EU ETIAS:** <https://www.travel-europe.europa.eu/etias/how-to-apply/what-you-need-to-apply>

- **Annecy 2027 housing example:**
<https://www.annecymysweethome.com/frenchalpssabbaticalleaveannecy/thecosygroundfloor>
- **Porto-area camp proxy:** <https://animapark.pt/en/atl-en/>