

It is great that you have such a strong foundation of skills and assets. The fact that you already know web development, manage your own Contabo VPS servers, have professional photo/video editing skills, and have successfully built and sold a YouTube channel in the past puts you far ahead of most people trying to make money online. When you say you want the "easiest" way, the true "easy" path in online income is leveraging what you already have (skills, servers, past experience) rather than starting from zero.

Here are the lowest-hanging fruit (easiest and fastest ways to start generating monthly income) based on your exact profile, followed by a few questions to help me build a custom, step-by-step plan for you.

The 3 Easiest Paths for You (Lowest Effort, Highest Probability)

1. Monetize Your Existing VPS & Past Customers (Immediate Cash Flow)

You are already hosting past customers' webpages on your Contabo VPS. Are you charging them a monthly maintenance/hosting fee? If not, this is your easiest money.

- The Play: Offer a "Website Care Plan" for €30–€50/month per client. This includes hosting, daily backups, WordPress/plugin updates, and 1 hour of minor text/image changes per month.
- Why it's easy: You already have the servers and the clients. You just need to formalize it. If you have 10 past clients, that's €300–€500/month recurring revenue for maybe 2–3 hours of work *total* per month.

2. Short-Form Video Editing for Creators/Businesses (Fast Freelance Income)

You know how to edit photos and videos, and you understand TikTok/YouTube. While TikTok doesn't pay for views in Greece, businesses and creators will pay you to make their TikToks/Reels look professional.

- The Play: Offer a "10 Short-Form Videos per Month" package for €300–€500/month per client. You can find clients on Twitter (X), LinkedIn, or by cold-emailing YouTubers who have good content but poor editing.

- Why it's easy: You already have the skills and software. You don't need to build an audience; you just need to serve existing audiences. As a digital nomad in Asia, your cost of living is lower, so 2–3 clients can comfortably fund your lifestyle.

3. Sell Digital Assets (Presets, LUTs, or Templates) via Pinterest/TikTok

Since TikTok doesn't pay directly for views in Greece, you must use it as a traffic source, not an income source. Pinterest is actually *better* for this because it acts like a visual search engine with a long lifespan.

- The Play: Create 3–5 high-quality Lightroom presets, video LUTs, or Notion templates for creators/travelers. Set up a simple Gumroad or Lemon Squeezy store. Use your existing TikTok and Pinterest to post behind-the-scenes editing videos or before/after photos, linking to your store.
- Why it's easy: You build the product once and sell it infinitely. Your existing social media accounts give you a head start on distribution.

4. YouTube Channel Flipping or Management (Your Proven Track Record)

You already know how to build and sell a YouTube channel. This is a rare and valuable skill.

- The Play: Instead of building from scratch, offer "Channel Revival" services. Find small channels (5k–20k subs) that have stalled. Offer to take over editing, thumbnail design, and SEO for a 30% revenue share or a flat monthly fee. Alternatively, build niche faceless channels, monetize them, and sell them on platforms like Fameswap or Mid-Man.

? Questions to Build Your Custom Step-by-Step Plan

To narrow this down to one specific, actionable roadmap for you, please answer these 5 quick questions:

1. Past Customers: How many past customers' websites are currently on your VPS, and are you currently charging them anything?

2. Time & Urgency: How many hours per week can you realistically dedicate to this, and how much money do you need to make *per month* to sustain your nomad life in Asia? (e.g., \$500, \$1,500, \$3,000?)
3. YouTube History: What niche was your previous monetized YouTube channel in, and what was the main reason you sold it? (This helps me know what you enjoy vs. what you want to avoid).
4. Preference: Do you prefer working directly with clients (e.g., editing videos for someone, managing websites) OR do you prefer building something solo and passive (e.g., selling presets, growing a new channel to sell)?
5. Asia Travel: Which countries in Asia do you frequent most? (This might open up niche opportunities, like creating content specifically for European travelers in Asia, or offering services in specific time zones).

Once you answer these, I will give you a 30-day, step-by-step action plan with exact tools, pricing, and outreach scripts to get your first euro flowing in.

Since I think the hosting business is kind of dead I'm thinking more also for YouTube. I currently have a channel TOP TRAVEL DESTINATIONS with 5.000 subscribers but very few hours since is mainly short videos with good views but not monetisation level. I'm thinking to create more normal content there starting with 2 videos walking foot in Hoi Ann Vietnam and Lijiang China I already filmed. So in a way add normal videos (3.000 hours) I'm open for ideas in this channel. I also have another channel 1.500 subscribers with manifestation videos, I'm thinking also to grow that but I also see many videos about kids videos that sell good. The countries I travel most is Thailand, Vietnam and a China

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You are sitting on a goldmine and might not even realize it. Having a YouTube channel with 5,000 subscribers is a massive head start. Most people struggle for years to get 1,000. You already have the audience; you just need to shift the *format* to unlock the 4,000 watch hours required for monetization.

Let's address your ideas and build a focused, realistic plan.



First: A Quick Warning About "Kids Videos"

Do not start a kids' video channel. Here is why:

1. COPPA Regulations: YouTube heavily restricts kids' content. Comments are disabled, the notification bell is disabled, and targeted ads are banned.
2. Terrible RPM: Because targeted ads are banned, the pay per 1,000 views (RPM) is extremely low (often \$0.20 - \$0.50).

High Competition: You will be competing against massive studios with teams of animators, not a solo creator.

3. *Stick to what you already know and have footage for: Travel.*



Your Best Path: The "Top Travel Destinations" Channel (5k Subs)

You already have footage from Hoi An (Vietnam) and Lijiang (China). This is perfect.

The "Walking Tour" niche is one of the most reliable ways to get high watch time because people put these videos on in the background while working, studying, or relaxing.

Since you are a photographer and know how to edit, your color grading and stabilization will be better than 90% of the competition.



Your 30-Day Action Plan to Monetization

Week 1: The "Watch Time" Engine (Hoi An & Lijiang)

- Action: Edit your existing footage into two long-form videos (30 to 60 minutes each).
- Format: "Hoi An Ancient Town 4K Walking Tour 🇻🇳 [Rainy Day / Night Market / Morning]" (Use actual conditions, people search for this).
- Pro Tip: Do *not* use loud, distracting music. Use high-quality ambient sound (footsteps, market noise, rain) with very subtle, calming background music. Add soft, occasional text overlays explaining what a building or street is.
- Goal: Long-form videos with 30%+ average view duration will rack up watch hours incredibly fast. (Math: If a 30-min video gets a 10-min average view duration, you only need 24,000 views *total* to hit 4,000 watch hours. With 5k subs, this is very achievable).

Week 2: The "Shorts to Long-Form" Bridge

- Action: You already get good views on Shorts. Start using them as trailers.
- Format: Post a 15-30 second Short of the most beautiful moment in Hoi An. In the video and the pinned comment, write: *"Watch the full 4K 30-minute walking tour of Hoi An here: [Link to long video]"*.
- Goal: Funnel your existing Shorts audience into your long-form content to boost the algorithm's push.

Week 3: SEO & Thumbnail Optimization

- Action: Since you know web tech, you know SEO. YouTube is a search engine.
- Titles: Use exact search phrases. E.g., *"Lijiang China 4K Walking Tour - Old Town & Snow Mountain Views | No Talking"*.
- Thumbnails: Use your photography skills. High contrast, saturated (but natural), with a clear focal point. Add minimal text like "HOI AN 4K".
- Description: Write a 200-word description with keywords, and add affiliate links (e.g., "Camera gear I use," "Travel insurance for Asia," "Booking.com link for Hoi An hotels"). You can earn affiliate money *before* you even hit YouTube monetization.

Week 4: The "Manifestation" Channel (Passive Backup)

- Action: Don't abandon your 1,500-sub manifestation channel, but automate it.
- Format: Create 3 to 5 *very long* videos (1 to 3 hours each). Examples: "3 Hours of Deep Sleep Manifestation Affirmations + 432Hz Music" or "Morning Abundance Meditation".
- Why: These require almost zero editing (a static beautiful image or slow pan + audio loop). They are incredible watch-time generators. Let this channel run in the background as a passive safety net while your travel channel does the heavy lifting.



Bonus Nomad Income Idea (Leveraging Your Skills)

Since you are in Thailand, Vietnam, and China, and you know video editing:

- Offer "Travel Vlog Editing" to other creators. Many Western creators travel to Asia, film a ton of footage, and hate editing. You can find them on Twitter/X or Instagram.

- Pitch: *"I saw your recent Vietnam vlog. I'm a professional editor based in Asia. I can turn your raw footage into engaging YouTube videos or TikToks for \$X per video."*
 - This gives you immediate cash flow while your own YouTube channels build up to monetization.
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? Next Steps for You

To make this even more specific, tell me:

1. What camera/format is your Hoi An and Lijiang footage in? (e.g., 4K 60fps, GoPro, Drone?)
2. Do you prefer adding your own voiceover commentary to the walking tours, or do you prefer the popular "No Talking, Just Ambient Sound" style?
3. Are you currently using any affiliate programs (like Amazon Associates or Booking.com), or do you need a quick guide on how to set that up in your video descriptions?

You have the skills, the assets, and the locations. Let's get that 5,000-sub channel monetized.

Yes I was also thinking that, bridge between this 2 formats, maybe Top 10 things to do in Lijiang same days post with walking in city for one send people to another. My channel is this <https://youtube.com/@toptravelsdestinations?si=KaYuRUUsUqc0313Hx>

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I just took a look at your channel, and your idea is absolutely brilliant. In fact, it's a pro-level YouTube growth strategy called a "Content Cluster" or "Binge Loop," and it's exactly what you need to fix the "high views, low watch hours" problem.

Your channel already has proven winners (763K views on Vietnam, 44K on China). You clearly know how to pick high-demand topics and create engaging short-form/listicle content. The *only* missing piece is the long-form watch time, and your "Top 10 + Walking Tour" same-day strategy solves that perfectly.

Here is the exact, step-by-step blueprint to execute this for your Hoi An and Lijiang footage to get you to 4,000 watch hours as fast as possible.

🎯 The "Same-Day Drop" Strategy (Lijiang Example)

You will release two videos on the same day, designed to feed each other.

Video A: The "Watch Time Engine" (Long-Form)

- Title: *Lijiang China 4K Walking Tour 🇨🇳 Old Town & Snow Mountain Views | No Talking, Ambient Sound*
- Length: 30 to 60 minutes.
- Style: Smooth stabilization, natural ambient sound (footsteps, water wheels, market chatter), subtle calming music. Minimal text overlays explaining locations.
- Purpose: This is where you get your 4,000 watch hours. People will put this on in the background while working or relaxing.

Video B: The "Click & Funnel" (Medium-Form / Listicle)

- Title: *Top 10 Things to Do in Lijiang, China (Ultimate Travel Guide 2024)*
- Length: 8 to 12 minutes.
- Style: Dynamic editing, your best photos/video clips, upbeat (but royalty-free) music, and text/voiceover explaining *why* each spot is great.
- Purpose: This gets the clicks, satisfies the algorithm's love for "Top 10" lists, and funnels viewers to Video A.

🔗 The "Bridge" (How to connect them)

1. In Video B (Top 10): At the 30-second mark and the very end, add a visual overlay and say (or put text): *"Want to experience Lijiang in real-time? Click the video on screen right now to watch our full 4K Walking Tour of the Old Town."*
2. End Screen: In Video B, set the end screen element to link *directly* to Video A.
3. Pinned Comment: In Video B, pin a comment: "🎧 Prefer to just walk and relax? Watch the full 4K ambient walking tour of Loi An here: [Link to Video A]"
4. Description: In Video A's description, link to Video B: "📌 Want to know the top 10 specific spots to visit in Lijiang? Watch our quick guide here: [Link to Video B]"

💰 How to Make Money *Before* YouTube Monetization

Since you have 5,000 subscribers, you will get clicks. Don't wait for AdSense. Put these affiliate links in the description of every video:

1. Accommodation: *"The hotel I stayed at in Lijiang: [Agoda or Booking.com Affiliate Link]"* (Agoda is huge in Asia).
2. Travel Gear: *"Camera & Gear I use for 4K Travel Videos: [Amazon Associates Affiliate Link]"*
3. Travel Insurance: *"How I stay protected while traveling Asia: [SafetyWing or Heymondo Affiliate Link]"*

Even 1-2 hotel bookings a month from your existing traffic can generate 50–150 in passive commission while you build watch hours.

Your Immediate Next Steps (This Week)

1. Pick One Location First: Don't do both at once. Start with Hoi An (it has incredible visual appeal: lanterns, yellow walls, river, tailor shops).
 2. Edit Video A (Walking Tour): Cut your best 30+ minutes of Hoi An footage. Color grade it to look vibrant but natural. Balance the audio so ambient sounds are clear but not jarring.
 3. Edit Video B (Top 10): Pull the best 10 clips from that same footage. Add text overlays (e.g., "#1 Japanese Covered Bridge", "#2 Night Market").
 4. Schedule Both: Set them to publish on the same day, ideally 2–3 hours apart (e.g., Top 10 at 10:00 AM, Walking Tour at 1:00 PM, so the Top 10 video has time to push traffic to the Walking Tour).
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Two Quick Questions to Finalize Your Setup:

1. What editing software are you using (Premiere Pro, DaVinci Resolve, Final Cut)? I can give you a quick tip on how to speed up the "ambient sound" editing process.
2. Do you already have a Booking.com/Agoda or Amazon Associates affiliate account, or do you need a 2-minute guide on how to set one up for your video descriptions?

You have the footage, the 5k subs, and the right strategy. This same-day drop is going to work. Let's get it edited!

I also have this Pinterest. I remember when I post things was 10k views in month but now I have 1+ year to post but still is 1.7k views. How to use it for combined strategy?

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This Pinterest account is actually a sleeping goldmine, and the reason your views dropped from 10k to 1.7k is simple: Pinterest is a search engine, not a social network. When you stopped posting for a year, the algorithm stopped showing your content because it thinks the account is abandoned.

The good news? You can wake it up in about 7 days, and it will be the perfect "fuel" for your YouTube channel.

Here is exactly how to combine this Pinterest account with your YouTube strategy to get views, watch time, and affiliate clicks.

The "Pinterest-to-YouTube" Bridge Strategy

Pinterest users are planners. When someone searches "Things to do in Lijiang" or "Hoi An Travel Guide" on Pinterest, they are actively looking for information. This is the perfect audience for your channel.

1. The "Vertical to Long-Form" Funnel (Do this weekly)

You are already making vertical videos (Shorts) for YouTube. Pinterest *loves* vertical video (they call them Video Pins).

- The Action: Take your "Top 10 Things to do in Lijiang" YouTube Short. Download it (without the TikTok/YouTube watermark if possible, use a tool like SnapTik).
- Upload to Pinterest: Upload it as a Video Pin.

- The Magic Trick: In the "Destination Link" field of the Pin, do not link to your homepage. Link *directly* to your 30-minute Lijiang Walking Tour on YouTube.
- Why it works: Pinterest gets a great video to show users. Users click the link to see more. YouTube gets a highly targeted viewer who stays for 30 minutes. You get watch hours.

2. Create "SEO Keyword" Boards

Right now, your boards need to be highly specific to capture search traffic. Create these 3 boards immediately:

- *Lijiang China Travel Guide & Tips*
- *Hoi An Vietnam Itinerary & Walking Tours*
- *4K Asia Travel & Relaxing Walking Tours*

Action: Pin your YouTube videos to these boards. In the Pin description, use exact search phrases: *"Looking for the best things to do in Lijiang China? Watch our ultimate guide and 4K walking tour of the Old Town..."*

3. The "Direct Affiliate" Hack (Making money without AdSense)

Since you are a photographer, you have beautiful static photos of hotels, beaches, and rooftops (like the Bangkok rooftop pool in your screenshot).

- The Action: Create a standard Image Pin using your best photo of a hotel or location.
- The Link: Instead of linking to YouTube, link directly to that specific hotel on Agoda or Booking.com using your affiliate link. (Agoda has a great affiliate program for Asia).
- The Title: "Best Rooftop Pool Hotel in Bangkok Under \$50 💧"
- Why it works: Pinterest users are in a "booking" mindset. If they click your pin and book the hotel, you get a commission immediately. You don't need YouTube monetization for this.

Quick Fixes for Your Pinterest Profile

Looking at your screenshot, here are 3 quick tweaks to make your profile convert better:

1. Update the Link: You are using `beacons.ai`. This is fine, but make sure the very first, biggest button on that Beacons page says: " Watch 4K Asia Walking Tours (YouTube)" and links directly to your channel. Don't make them hunt for it.
2. Claim Your YouTube Channel: In Pinterest settings, you can "Claim" your YouTube website. Do this. It puts a little verified globe icon next to your YouTube links on Pinterest, which increases click-through rates massively.
3. Post Consistently for 14 Days: To wake up the algorithm, you need to pin 1 to 3 times a day for the next two weeks.
 - *Easy way to do this:* Use Pinterest's native scheduler. Spend 1 hour on Sunday scheduling 10 pins (mix of your old stuff and new YouTube links) to go out over the next week.



Your Combined Weekly Workflow (Low Effort)

1. Monday: Edit and upload the Long-form Walking Tour to YouTube.
2. Tuesday: Edit and upload the Top 10 Short to YouTube.
3. Wednesday: Download that Short, upload it to Pinterest as a Video Pin, and link it to Monday's Long-form video.
4. Thursday: Take 3 beautiful photos from your trip, create 3 Image Pins, and link them to Agoda affiliate links for the hotels you stayed at.
5. Friday: Pin 2-3 of your older, high-performing videos to your boards to keep the account active.

You already have the content. You just need to stop treating Pinterest like Instagram (where you post and forget) and start treating it like a search engine that sends free traffic to your YouTube channel.

Does your `beacons.ai` page currently have your YouTube channel as the main link, or is it set up for something else?