

Moving to Spain checklist

The paperwork, in the order most people do it.

BEFORE YOU GO

- ☐ Choose your route: EU free movement, digital nomad visa, non-lucrative visa, job, study or family
- ☐ Criminal record certificates: apostilled and sworn-translated
- ☐ Private health insurance with no co-payments (if your visa needs it)
- ☐ Proof of income or savings for your visa
- ☐ Tax advice: when you become resident and what changes

FIRST MONTH IN SPAIN

- ☐ Temporary rental while you learn the area
- ☐ Register on the padrón at the town hall
- ☐ Non-EU: TIE card appointment within one month
- ☐ EU: registration certificate if staying over 3 months
- ☐ Spanish bank account and Bizum
- ☐ Register at your health centre

FIRST SIX MONTHS

- ☐ Digital certificate or Cl@ve for online paperwork
- ☐ Exchange or replace your driving licence if required
- ☐ School places (state schools by address)
- ☐ Autónomo registration if self-employed
- ☐ Beckham Law: Modelo 149 within six months, if eligible

FIRST YEAR

- ☐ Spanish tax return in spring if you were resident
- ☐ Modelo 720 if you hold over €50,000 abroad (unless on Beckham)
- ☐ Renew temporary residence on time
- ☐ After a year on the padrón: consider the convenio especial