



Estate Agent - Advice 4

Designed for information

The following details is to be viewed as a help assistant to all readers, lots of items are widely known and some may help you in making the correct and wise movements. House moving / selling / buying can be viewed as being a very stressful experience.

Please view the following details as help and not us trying to sell you anything i.e. free advice

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Moving to Spain

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Be prepared for a pace a lot slower than in the UK. The weather may be a huge attraction for the Spanish lifestyle, however the sun is great when you're on holiday but if you need to work in it to survive, it's very different game. Moving to Spain is a lot easier if you have a home to go to and a job waiting for you, although finding employment in Spain is relatively easy provided you have a skill and can prove you were trained in the United Kingdom

Property:

There are lots very affordable places to buy and the lifestyle is very relaxed, this is why Spain is the currently most popular destination with the British. Holiday villas are usually empty out of season and owners tend to utilise themselves or reduce the costs to meet the demand

Buying:

- When it comes to buying, Spanish relocation services are more than happy to deal with Expats and can usually find exactly what you're looking for a lot quicker than you could on your own.
- Once you've taken the plunge and decided to go: Decide which possessions you will take to Spain. The less you take, the cheaper the removals costs will be.
- Pallet Movements: We can organise this for you www.1stparceldirect.co.uk
- Removal companies: We recommend at least three removal companies.
- Tip 1 - Decide what you really need and off-load the rest
- Tip 2 - Garage / auction / Ebay all other items - this will pay for postages
- Tip 3 - Make sure you confirm the collection date

- Tip 4 - Make sure you confirm delivery dates
- Tip 4 - Make sure everything is boxed and wrapped safely and clearly labelled.

Obvious advice:

- Make sure you have some cash for your journey and arrival in Spain.
- Notify the DVLA, banks, building societies
- Open a Spanish Bank Account before moving as this will avoid high UK banking charges
- Transfer enough funds to last you at least 6 months
- Passports, travel tickets, car and insurance and your Spanish NIE to hand

Try it before you buy it:

Go on holiday every year to places like Spain or France or even to the Caribbean and only wish you could move lock-stock-and-smoking-barrel-full-time?

Currently that's what 1,000's of Brits are doing each year with Australia being the number one destination, there packing their old lives up in the UK and moving on to new pastures usually in and around Europe but lots are adventuring further a field. Europe is popular as it is only a short cheap flight journey from the UK.

Tip: If you have the time and the money, go to your ideal location for a longer period than a usual holiday time i.e. longer than 2 weeks, avoid the hotel, live where you want to live in the long term, try the supermarkets, talk to like minded people who have actually done it

Top tip: Think with your wallet and it will take care of your brain

Top tip: If you can't afford it do not do it!

Top tip: If buying from a fellow Brit, why are they selling?

Renting once you have bought it?

Go on holiday and rent a property what do you expect?

Well the first thing is first opinion when you walk through the door, is it tidy, does it have un-wanted pets, does all appliances work, is it under 5 years old?

Yes you buy a property to make money on rentals, however; the majority of rentals under 5 years old rent them selves however; if you have a 20 year mortgage where is the rental coming from in the next 15 years - **Tip:** If you are obtaining a mortgage to pay for the property and then wanting 20 years rental to help you pay for the mortgage payments - Then **do not buy** as this is the biggest problem when buying a property where it is in the UK or on the moon!

Look and ask for help:

You will find lots of like minded people who jumped 5 years ago - ask for their advice. They will know of places which may be for sale or available to rent, they will also know of any good areas to find a house within your price range.

Easy Destination:

I would say Spain is the place most British go to judging on the amount of pallets that we ship to that country via www.1stparceldirect.co.uk the main reason is it has sun throughout the year compared to the odd unpredictable summer we experience in Britain. As well as the weather Spain has a lower cost of living so your money would go further in property, food, clothing and entertainment etc. If you do want to move to Spain or any other country in Europe your best bet is to go there on holiday and don't just limit you to the coastal areas but move inland and relax then go and have a look around different towns and villages.

What to take:

If you do decide to move to anywhere in Europe of course you will need help moving all your belongings from your home in the UK to your new home in the sun whether its Spain, France, Portugal, Italy or Germany. You may even decide to just take your clothes, your special items and other important items you want to have with you. Furniture, pots and pans etc. may not be necessary but some people want to start a fresh and also find it cheaper to buy all new furniture when they're settled in their new home as shipping all your furniture and other belongings to your new life can be expensive.

What to leave behind:

If you have a never ending wallet then take every thing however; the best plan of attack is to go by this rule "Do you really need that item" basically the more items that you take with you the more it will cost to ship - can it be purchased cheaper in the country your going to? Could you sell the item in the UK to finance the furniture in the country of your choice? Personal items are number one priorities however avoid glass, china. Porcelain and antiques as they are non-coverable for damage with the majority of logistic carriers! - If you are sending these types of items then use strong Industrial bubble wrap as this is the best form of packaging for fragile goods.

Logistics and Paperwork:

Make sure you have filled in all the correct paperwork so your containers / pallets can be shipped from the UK to your chosen destination. International shipping companies can help make the move less stressful, taking on board all your worries. They may also offer a direct van movement i.e. door-to-door service, which they drive and you fly. The removal and shipping company will take the stress away from your move from the UK to Europe so why not spend that bit of money to make your move less stressful and more relaxing.

Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the good old USA

These are very popular destinations as they are natural English speaking countries, no obstacle here then, however visas and green cards could create a major stumbling block - These websites can offer you lots of food for thought information:

- Australia = <http://www.migrationexpert.com/australia/visa>
- Canada = http://www.migrationexpert.com/canada/visa/visa_canada.asp
- New Zealand = <http://newzealand.embassyhomepage.com/>
- USA= <http://www.migrationexpert.com/us/visa/visa-us.asp>
- New Zealand = <http://newzealand.embassyhomepage.com/>

Best advice:

1. What is good for a holiday could be a different story!
2. Can your life alter for the major lifestyle change!
3. Can your family adapt?
4. Plan in advance!
5. Take your time!
6. Visit before you buy
7. Rent before you buy
8. If renovating - how long will this take?
9. Is your partnership strong to put up with a major step like emigrating?
10. Can you or your partner earn a living?
11. Do you or your partner have a skill that the selected country is in demand for?
12. Money / pension plans have you planned for revenue expenses?
13. Pension - Can this easily be deposited into a different Bank?
14. Pension - How long do you have to wait to gain your funds?
15. Can you come back if all fails - Basically do you a back-up plan?
16. Have all people involved given this their full backing?
17. Take into account health care concerns
18. Life insurance - Is it transferable?
19. Schooling
20. Get all these boxes ticked and you are ready to go

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