

Job Hunting as an Expat

You can develop this worksheet with a specific destination in mind or as a way to find the right destination.

Start with an objective...

Jobs: Provide an income, regardless of the role (part-time, full-time, "fill-in" work, or seasonal work)	Careers: Provide a repeatable living income, usually in a particular field	Paid hobbies: Serve purposes other than a job or career, usually more connected to interest than income	Lifestyle: Adopting a non-geographic lifestyle with either a job, career, or paid hobby (digital nomads fall into this category)
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Now, determine your motivation for that choice...

Living income and/or benefits	Pursue personal goal (work in another country, learn another language, experience another culture)	Make money to support others (the send-money-home approach)	Something else? Full-time student? Helping out with family?
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How frequently do you want to work?

Full-time	Part-time	Seasonally	Some other schedule
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What do you bring to the table?

What are your choices for making money? What skills do you have?	What are your opportunities for making money? What jobs might be available?	What visa requirements are there?	What tax requirements are there?	What social services are available?
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How do you want to live?

1. Cost of living

- 1.1. <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/calculator.jsp>
- 1.2. <https://www.worlddata.info/cost-of-living.php>
- 1.3. https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp
- 1.4. <https://www.thebalance.com/cost-of-living-define-calculate-compare-rank-3305737>
- 1.5. <https://www.nationmaster.com/country-info/profiles>

2. Cost of lifestyle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	No frills, but maximum adventure		On the cheap, but smart with money			Retirement life, time to relax		Deluxe lifestyle, here I am!

3. Getting help (job ads, job advisors, etc.)

Site	Best for
https://remote.co/ https://www.flexjobs.com/ (paid site) https://www.skipthedrive.com/	Finding a non-geographically-located job. However, these still may require you to be in the US or in a particular geographic region
https://www.salaryexpert.com/cost-of-living	This is a combination cost-of-living and job search engine, but the US Dept of State includes them on their website
https://www.thebalancecareers.com/best-international-job-search-engine-sites-2061907	Good “clearinghouse” of job search engines for global-style job searches
https://www.goabroad.com/	Volunteer-type job opportunities
	Local job search options - depends on country and

4. Reality check

<https://www.goabroad.com/articles/jobs-abroad/the-potential-loneliness-of-working-abroad-that-no-one-ever-talks-about>