



1. What do I need?

- 1.1. What three things would you say are critical to living well outside the US?
- 1.2. What are your top tips for transitioning to an expat mindset?
- 1.3. What rules and restrictions did you face when you moved?
- 1.4. How soon should I begin preparing to move abroad?
- 1.5. How do I plan now to maintain a US address and mail?
- 1.6. Is it best to focus on settling in one location or “globe-trot” periodically?

2. How do I prepare?

- 2.1. Why did you choose to become an expat?
- 2.2. Where/how do I find other expat communities?
- 2.3. What are your top 5 steps that MUST be taken for a smooth transition to a new country?
- 2.4. Where do I find expat communities?
- 2.5. How do I figure out what visa I should get for my destination country? When should I start applying? Can I get help?
- 2.6. Are there jobs in my destination country teaching English?
- 2.7. How do I find a place to live at “local” prices?

3. Where did you focus your attention?

- 3.1. How did you decide to live in that country?
- 3.2. Where are preferred places for expats of color to live?
- 3.3. Do you advise visiting your potential destination first? If so, what did you learn?
- 3.4. Are you happy with your choice of expat lifestyle and destination?
- 3.5. What challenges did you experience during the visa process?
- 3.6. What surprised you after you first moved to your new country?

4. How has your lifestyle changed?

- 4.1. Was it worth moving to your new home? Why or why not?
- 4.2. What with the biggest lifestyle change you experienced?
- 4.3. How did you assimilate into your new culture?
- 4.4. Have you had language challenges? How have you addressed them?
- 4.5. What did you find the most challenging? Why?
- 4.6. Have you connected to locals? How did you do that?
- 4.7. Did you move with your family? What was your biggest struggle to overcome?
- 4.8. Do you feel homesick?
- 4.9. How successful have you been with connecting to your new community?
- 4.10. What do you wish you would have taken? What do you wish you would have left behind?



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5. Personal questions

- 5.1. How do you think the local people feel about you living in your new country?
- 5.2. How did you find a new social group?
- 5.3. Did you move banking and investments to your new country? How successful was it?
- 5.4. If you traveled with younger children, how did you accommodate school and health needs?

6. Moving your home

- 6.1. Is it smarter to buy all new furniture or ship furniture? Why?
- 6.2. Do you recommend renting or buying a new home?
- 6.3. Did you sell your US home? Why or why not?
- 6.4. Do you maintain a residence in the US? Why or why not?

7. How do I work, manage finances, and afford to live?

- 7.1. Do you have any strong advice about managing your money as you are planning your expat journey?
- 7.2. Have you worked overseas? How easy/successful was your job hunt?
- 7.3. What tools do you use to manage money transfers from the US to your new home?
- 7.4. Did you give up anything financial by leaving the US that you would recommend as important for future expats?
- 7.5. How often do you travel back to the US, and why?
- 7.6. Have you had experience shipping items to and from your new home?
- 7.7. How do you manage your taxes as a US citizen?
- 7.8. What experiences have you had setting up local bank accounts and ATM availability?
- 7.9. What would you categorize as your biggest expenses during the expat moving process?

8. Healthcare

- 8.1. How difficult is it to find medical specialists if you already have a chronic disease that needs ongoing attention?
- 8.2. Do you have any experience with healthcare with someone over 75 in your new home?
- 8.3. Did you give up anything healthcare-related by leaving the US that you would recommend as important for future expats?