

#### WHAT WILL YOU GET RID OF BEFORE YOUR MOVE?

no furniture. most of my clothes. I'll shred all of my paperwork, I will only take 2 suitcases with me

Excess paperwork, I made a digital copy of everything as well as important documents. Too many books. There will be more books where I am going lol

Pretty much everything ... letting most things go

Books, furniture, hobby supplies, yard supplies, most clothes

Winter clothes!

electric appliances, television (different voltage and technology in France)

TVs, furniture, car

110v kitchen appliances to a 220v world

Furniture, anything that has an electrical cord, most things that I felt I could replace here (dishes, cookware, etc.)

I had an estate sale and sold virtually everything, all furniture, small appliances, my Celtic harp, my sewing machines, most of my artwork. I have 4 suitcases and 3 small boxes left. Mostly clothes, bed pillows a few books, a few pieces of artwork and some knitting projects.

I prefer to make a list of priorities then the rest could be eliminated

I'm already giving things away. I don't care for yard sales, as people will try to underbid the cheapest offered price and that just annoys me. I'm letting friends come over and pick clothes and books and other things.

I also sold my car to my son, I don't plan to have a car in Portugal. I have already gotten rid of all furniture & no longer have a car here in the USA, have been taking bus, Turo, Uber, car rental, bike, walking and practicing getting ready.

#### HOW WILL YOU DECIDE WHAT TO KEEP?

I'll be selling my house in February, so, I will still need it to be staged and not empty. So, I have to weigh the timing of when to get rid of what

I have been getting rid of things for about 5 years already & it got stepped up during Covid as I moved to Alabama from Texas & put everything in storage.

I've worked from home for 2 1/2 years now, and realized that there are not even 20 pieces (plus some undergarments) of clothing that I wear on a regular basis. I believe it might be easier for a guy...

Even though I am effectively packed up and ready to go, I continue to cull items. I reopen the suitcases and boxes now and again and each time, I set aside something else to put in the donation box.

It helped me to consider if I am willing to pay extra to keep certain things. Most of the time, I didn't want to pay more than what my belongings were worth.

I'm solo, so had only myself and my things to consider. What is it like for couples and families?

I moved with a large suitcase and shipped a small box. And filling the suitcase and box was definitely a puzzle exercise.

#### HOW WILL I FIND OUT WHAT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO PURCHASE?

Every country has expat groups on facebook and you can ask others there

If you can do an exploratory trip to your new country, it's a great time to find out what's available and what's not

This has been very helpful about the psychological & emotional aspects of making a big move like this. Thank you.

We have room beside our house here to rent a "Pod" (moving container), and will start moving 'stuff' into it shortly after. We are aiming to move about 1/2 of a 20' container over to France, so this will be our equivalent to your 4x4x6 space.

My focus has actually been as more of a Digital Nomad at first, more than an expat & it is very interesting to reflect on the difference because I am keeping a few things in storage here in the USA & plan to visit 20 or more countries & go back & forth before I settle in one country.

Good walking shoes are a must for enjoying my new life

Also, some small things that will make your new place more homey as you make the adjustment can be important. I have a friend who packed her favorite tea and special candles so that when she was adjusting to her new place it was comforting to her.

Hot spot & reliable international phone service

I have a lot of recipe books that I hate to part with. So, the idea of getting the spines get cut off and scanning is a possibility that I hadn't thought of

Oil painting of my daughter, one of my handmade quilts

Yes definitely would like to talk more about Google Fi in the future, one of my greatest concerns as I travel is access to communication

#### THINGS YOU WILL DEFINITELY TAKE WITH YOU

Specialized tools.

my yoga mat, jewelry

family jewelry and digital photos

Tablet, a book, cardigan

Some artwork, pictures, photo album, yoga mat, jewelry,

Computer/electronics

My iPad, computer and iPhone

A small vial of my husband's ashes, a small painting dibe by a friend, sweaters I knitted for myself

My cats, a wooden jewelry box that my father carved for my mother, the small number of books in my library that I hadn't read yet

IPad, computer, phone

HANDOUT: <https://cleverexpat.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-10-Deciding-what-to-bring.pdf>