

Future Expat Meetup



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	<p>https://cleverexpat.com/future-expats-meetup/ <small>Please use MUTE when not speaking!</small></p> <h3>6 months out</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase travel tickets • Begin visa paperwork • Make the necessary appointments if possible (doctors, lawyers, real estate agents, estate sale agents, employers) • Digitize photos and documents • Take one final preview trip if possible • Focus on language learning and cultural understanding • Join expat groups online for your destination country 	

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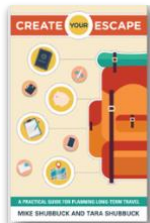
Exercise: Three lists

- 20 minutes: You have to list everything you will be saving; the rest is being taken away

- 15 minutes: List the things you love

10 minutes: Everyday items you want to keep

Resource of the month



Create Your Escape: A Practical Guide for Planning Long-Term Travel by Mike and Tara Shubbuck

- Paperback: <https://amzn.to/3etiJAd>
- Kindle: <https://amzn.to/2PmKsdX>

Ticket out the door: <https://forms.gle/Bb722SL1wjavn4qs6>