

## The Life Abroad Blueprint - Checklists:

### Before You Leave

- Check passport validity** — Ensure your passport meets destination requirements (often at least 6 months remaining.)
- Apply for required visa/residence permit** — Research and apply for the correct visa/permit type, or none if it's 90 days visa-on-arrival.
- Obtain copies/back-ups of important documents** — Make digital and physical copies of passport and visas.
- Arrange health/insurance coverage abroad (if needed)** — Secure health insurance, unless planning to pay out-of-pocket.
- Organize finances & banking for abroad** — Check your U.S. bank account, fees, and plan access abroad. Open new accounts if necessary.
- Set up mail/address forwarding** — Set up iPostal box and individual forwards.
- Decide what to bring/store/sell** — Downsize and store.
- Book initial travel & arrival logistics** — Reserve flights, first 2 weeks accommodation and know or arrange transport from the airport.
- Cancel U.S. based subscriptions/accounts** — Cancel automatic payments and memberships you won't use abroad.
- Prepare communication tools** — Set up AirAlo eSIM, and install messaging apps.
- Pack smart for your move** — Pack as light as possible. Best plan: Carry-on and backpack only.

### After You Land (First 3 Months)

- Secure local housing** — Book an Airbnb or apartment for after the first 2 weeks, through the end of 3 months.
- Familiarize yourself with local healthcare access** — Find a local doctor/dentist, even if you don't go, and find out the local version of 911.
- Get a local SIM** — Buy and activate a local SIM card.
- Transport** — Get a metro card. Find out and download the local ride-share apps.
- Start daily routines** — Identify your grocery store, local café, and gym.
- Join Groups** — Join local groups / expat groups, language classes, coworking.

## **Staying Longer**

- Renew or upgrade residence status** — Figure out the pathway to staying longer and renew any visas or residency permits.
- Set up long-term housing** — Move over to the cheaper 12 month unfurnished rental market, or buy property.
- Optimize financial & tax structure** — Re-evaluate banking setup, foreign bank account reporting, U.S. tax implications (if applicable).
- Stay legally compliant** — Keep your visa/residence status current, renew licenses, stay up-to-date with local laws/regulations.
- Ship or Sell** — Decide whether to ship to you, or sell off anything you have left in storage in the States.