

Your ultimate “Moving to Madrid Made Easy” Checklist



We love living in Madrid and we want you to love it too!

Citylife is an **international community** that helps you prepare for your trip, settle in smoothly and enjoy your time in Spain to the fullest. Whether it's **to work, study or just to live life**, we will be by your side.

We work hand in hand with **Madrid's government, universities and various organizations** to provide you with the best services available while making things **simple and easy**.

Whether you are looking for a place to live, setting up all the essentials (like opening a Spanish bank account or getting your public transportation card) or just want to meet new people, we've got you covered!

We want you to live, enjoy & discover the culture we love so much. So make sure you **get the most out of your experience** with our social & cultural activities as well as our trips across Spain, Portugal, Morocco and Europe!

Join us on this Spanish adventure. Try new things, meet new people and truly experience Spain!



Complete our checklist and be as prepared as possible for your move

Our experienced team of internationals has worked hard to put together this comprehensive checklist. We hope you find it useful when preparing for your time abroad.



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Sorting out the Essentials Before Getting on the Plane

In this modern age **nearly everything can be done online**. This makes moving abroad much easier than it used to be. The more you set up from home, the less you need to sort out when you land in Madrid. Meaning that you can start enjoying your new Spanish lifestyle right away! **Take a look and get working!**

Find your Home in Madrid

- [Housing Guide](#) – Download this comprehensive eBook for an insiders look on housing in Spain's Capital.
- [Housing Request Form](#) – Fill out this form with your needs and we will match you to reliable offers around the city.
- [Roommate & Flat Search Forum on FB](#) – Connect with fellow internationals to find roommates and/or housing offers.
- [Citylife Relocation Support Package](#) – Skip the work and let us find your apartment for you.

Order your Monthly Transport Card in Advance

- Skip long lines & waiting lists for appointments by [ordering your transport card now conveniently online](#).

Get Connected - Cell Phone Plans & Internet Services

- Understand and [select the best available options](#).

Set up a Free Spanish Bank Account

- Learn about the best ways of [opening a Spanish bank account](#) & transferring money.

Sorting out the Essentials Before Getting on the Plane

Understand the Spanish Healthcare System

- Make sure you know [how the healthcare system in Spain works](#), as it will most likely be quite different from home.

Set up the Right Health Insurance

- Set yourself up with the [best international health insurance](#) to cover you properly during your time abroad.

Follow the Spanish News

- Stay informed on the latest news in Madrid and Spain by signing up for our [free NewsTicker](#).

Make Sure you're Never Alone When you Need Advice

- Save our [free Healthcare Advice Hotline](#) in your contacts. You can contact us if you need advice or support.

Keep your Legal Topics up to Date

- Take advantage of our [free legal support](#) for visas, NIE/TIE and Empadronamiento.

Connect to our International Community Now!

- Start connecting with those already here and those coming before you arrive by joining our [Whatsapp](#) & [FB Interest Groups](#).

Attending our “Moving to Madrid Made Easy” Webinars

Now that you’ve completed step one you should be pretty confident about your move! But if you want to inform yourself even further, then we have something for you!

Every semester **we host several FREE Moving to Madrid webinars** for incoming students & expats. These sessions are hosted by one of our experienced team members who have been living in the city for many years. If you’d like to join the sessions and learn as much as possible before the semester begins,

be sure to register right here:



Join Our Online International Community

One of the most important aspects to spending time abroad is all the amazing people you will meet along the way. **This is what we like to call the international community.**

Nowadays it's completely normal for people to connect online and we wanted to make that easier for you by creating our official [Facebook Groups](#) as well as our [Whatsapp Interest Groups](#).

Here you can plan meetups and post any generic questions about accommodation, cultural tourism, language exchanges, discounts or **whatever!**

Join Now!

Facebook



Join Now!

Whatsapp



If you'd like to connect with us directly, please feel free to reach out to us via [email \(info@citylifemadrid.com\)](mailto:info@citylifemadrid.com) or Whatsapp. Save our [contact information](#) and get in touch or stop by our office upon your arrival in Madrid!

Save Citylife contact card on your phone



Plan & Organize your Trip to Spain

Now that you've prepared nearly everything you need to start your life in Spain, it's time to plan the trip itself!

Below we've outlined some incredibly useful information that will help you to prepare for your trip to Spain. From recommended booking platforms for flights and hotels/hostels to many great discounts that will help make your travel & your first days in Madrid as easy as possible.



Click on the links below to check out our hints & tips and available discounts:

- **Packing Hints & Tips**

It's not just about what clothes to bring! Check out our pro tips for [packing for a move to Spain](#).

- **Travel & Flight Recommendations**

- **Hostel, Hotel & Touristic Apartment Recommendations**

Our top picks on [accommodation in Madrid](#) along with some awesome discounts.

- **Airport Transportation Service Recommendations**

[Travel from airport](#) safely and save money along the way.

- **Parcel & Luggage Shipment**

Have a lot of stuff? [Ship it all](#) and save money at the same time.

Stop by the Citylife Madrid Office Once you've Arrived

You made it! Now it's time to come and introduce yourself to the Citylife team.

Stop by our centrally located office to pick up anything you might have pre-ordered (like your transportation card or your **free Madrid Starter Pack**), ask us any questions you might still have and let us show you all the exciting things we have prepared for the upcoming semester.

Last, but certainly not least, take a break from all the prep work you've been doing and take a look at all the amazing things we have set up for you once you arrive. Every semester we host lots of fun social & cultural activities around Madrid as well as many amazing trips throughout Spain, Portugal, Europe and Morocco!



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