



# FIRST STEPS TO EMIGRATING

YOUR GUIDE TO A SMOOTH AND SECURE START

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## WELL SUPPORTED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING

The idea of living in Morocco excites many – the climate, the people, the culture. But between making the decision and actually arriving lies a phase that is often underestimated: the beginning. Suddenly you're faced with forms, deadlines, uncertainties – and a lot of question marks.

We know exactly how that feels, because we've been through it ourselves. That's why we wrote this little eBook for you – as an honest, well-structured and practical guide for your first steps. You won't find empty phrases here – just real content, clear guidance, and most importantly: the feeling that you're not alone.

Because that's exactly what we stand for – **personal, human and from the heart.**

### STEP 1: GAIN CLARITY – WHAT DO I ACTUALLY WANT?

Before you dive in, take a moment to honestly answer the following questions:

- ▶ Why do I want to move abroad – for adventure, work, family, freedom?
- ▶ Do I want to stay long-term, or just try it out for a year?
- ▶ Am I aiming for a big city like Tangier, or something quieter like Asilah?
- ▶ Will I be coming alone, with a partner, with children?
- ▶ Is a tourist visa enough – or will I need long-term residency?

Be realistic about your expectations:

- ▶ What kind of life do I want to build in Morocco? As a digital nomad? In the heart of the city?
- ▶ What do I expect from everyday life there – and am I willing to adapt?
- ▶ What compromises am I ready to make (language, bureaucracy, comfort)?

Our tip:

*Write down your motives and expectations – they'll be a valuable guide later when making decisions on the ground.*

### STEP 2: SORT OUT THE OFFICIAL STUFF – BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Make sure you've taken care of these things before your departure:

- ✓ Do I need to deregister my residence – or should I keep it for now?
- ✓ Clarify visa requirements (tourism, studies, business?)
- ✓ Review and cancel any current contracts
- ✓ Secure bank access and cash supply
- ✓ Prepare emergency authorizations and important documents (also for family members)
- ✓ Digitize all essential documents



## WHAT MANY PEOPLE FORGET – COMMON PITFALLS

- ✓ **Passport expiring soon?**  
*Morocco often requires a minimum validity of 6 months – make sure to renew it in time!*
- ✓ **Online banking blocked?**  
*Let your bank know you're moving abroad – otherwise your account may get restricted.*
- ✓ **Important documents only as a scan?**  
*Many authorities require certified originals – a scan alone is not enough.*
- ✓ **Forgot to update your vaccinations?**  
*Vaccines like Hepatitis A/B or Tetanus need some lead time – plan 2–3 weeks ahead.*
- ✓ **SIM & internet?**  
*Plan ahead: Roaming can be expensive. Many people use eSIMs or Moroccan prepaid SIM cards.*

## STEP 3: PACK SMART – NOT TOO MUCH, BUT THE RIGHT THINGS

Make sure not to forget:

- ✓ Essential tech (chargers, adapters, power bank)
- ✓ Document folder (originals & digital copies on USB or in the cloud)
- ✓ Clothing for different climates (yes, Morocco can get cold too!)
- ✓ Cash for the first days & a working bank card
- ✓ Basic medical supplies (prescriptions + travel pharmacy)

Our tip: *Pack as if your luggage might arrive 5 days late – and you'll be fully prepared.*

And what if it turns into more than just a suitcase?

No problem! Many people send additional boxes via moving companies, courier services or transport crates. Even container or group shipments to Morocco are possible – and we're happy to help you plan it.

## STEP 4: GETTING ORIENTED – FOR YOUR FIRST WEEKS IN MOROCCO

Once you arrive, these steps will help you settle in:

- ✓ Organize a place to stay for the first few weeks
- ✓ Plan your first errands (SIM card, registration, shopping)
- ✓ Identify public offices and services (police, local authorities, emergency doctor)
- ✓ Refresh your language skills (French, or possibly Darija)
- ✓ Build connections (Facebook groups, Telegram, local contacts)

## YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK THIS PATH ALONE

A new chapter in life doesn't begin with a plane ticket – it begins with clarity, planning, and the right support. This eBook was your first step: it gave you an overview, helped you sort your questions, and covered important topics.

But many challenges come later: paperwork, appointments, housing search, language barriers, bureaucracy. That's where we come in.

We support you personally – before your move, during the transition, and once you've arrived in Morocco. No call center, no anonymous online service – just real people who know what they're talking about. **Because we've made the move ourselves.** We know Morocco. And we want you to feel as confident as we did.

Now is the right time to get in touch.

Whether you're just starting out or already have specific questions – we're here for you.

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