

Moving to France Checklist

You have considered all the factors and decided to take the leap and re-nest in France! What's next? Here are the top 10 things to check off your list before getting on the plane.

Papers in Order

Obtain required visas for your situation

Keep originals & copies of all relevant papers & certified translations

Go paperless whenever possible! Scan docs too

Driver's licenses valid or exchangeable in France?
Any documents expiring?

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Home Sweet Home

Consider pros & cons of buying or renting, unfurnished or furnished

Plan on 3 mos. minimum to complete a purchase

Sell your home or rent it out while you are gone!

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Moving Logistics

Weigh the cost of shipping your furniture vs. buying new

Will you import your car or buy/lease in France?

Factor in the time to receive your shipments

Research pet transport -
Make reservations for all travelers

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Staying Healthy

Get quotes from insurance providers

Update kids' vaccines and bring their records

Get check-ups done before you leave

Refill your prescriptions

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Finances

Understand the tax implications of the move

Check into currency exchange fees

Does your bank have a branch in France?

Consider getting a credit card with a chip

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Staying in Touch

Make sure you have an unlocked GSM phone

If buying a house, consider setting up internet before arrival - lead times can be long

Set up Skype accounts or other video chat

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Back to School

Check if there's a waiting list for school or daycare

Make sure you know the equivalencies, school holidays, and options for distance learning or homeschooling

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Working

Research workplace expectations and law

If looking for work in France, update your CV, start networking, check out job listings and any certification you can do online

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Parlez Vous Français?

Figure out what program you are going to do and get started

Consider a language exchange with a native French speaker and/or joining a French conversation meet-up

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Networking

Utilize your social networks, join a forum for expats in France

Go to your local Alliance Française

Book a consulting session with Renestance

Don't forget your friends from home - enjoy your going away party! ☺

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