

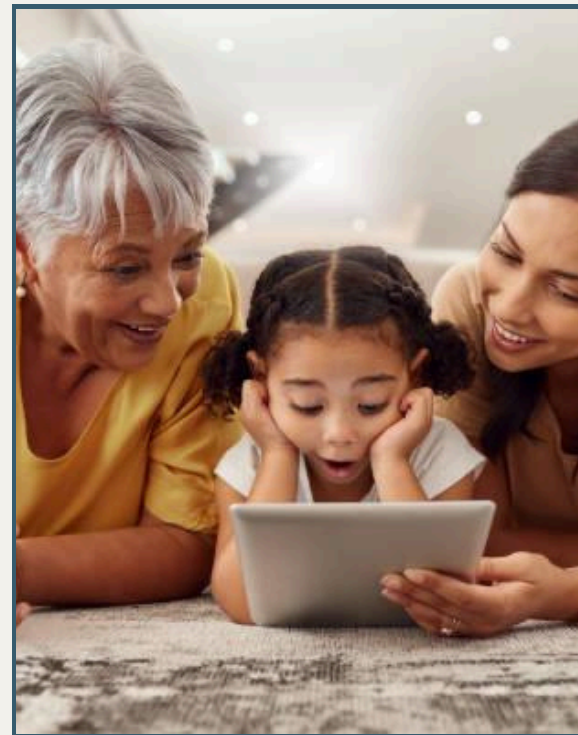
# JUST LANDED IN SPAIN?



Your Welcome Guide from Be Spain Savvy

# INTRODUCTION

Bienvenidos! Whether you've just stepped off the plane or unpacked your final box, arriving in Spain is both exciting and overwhelming. Between navigating new customs, tackling paperwork, and finding your rhythm, the first few months can feel like a whirlwind. This guide is designed to help you settle in with confidence—from essential admin steps to fun cultural experiences you won't want to miss.



# THE PAPERWORK PARADE



Spanish bureaucracy has a reputation, but knowing what to expect makes all the difference. Here are key steps to prioritise:

- NIE (Foreigner Identification Number): Essential for most legal and financial transactions.
- Empadronamiento (Padrón): Register at your local town hall for access to public services.
- Healthcare Registration: Public or private, depending on your visa type.
- Bank Account: Necessary for rent, utilities, and many subscriptions.
- Driving Licence: EU licences are valid; non-EU may need conversion.
- School Enrolment: Research options (state, semi-private, international) and apply early.





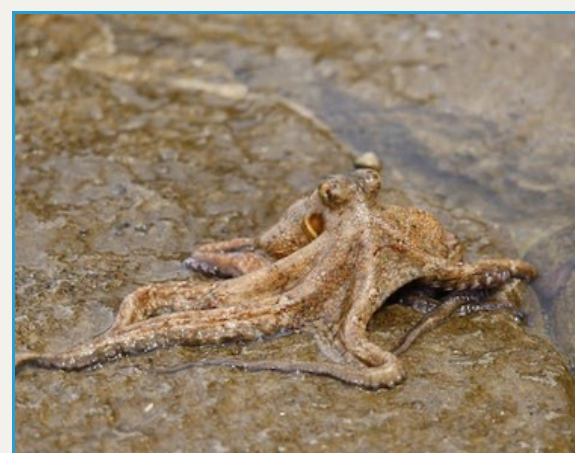
# EXPLORE & ENJOY



GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION TO TAKE  
BREAKS FROM PAPERWORK AND  
DISCOVER WHAT MAKES SPAIN  
SPECIAL:

- Tapas & Traditions: Try local dishes and join in the seasonal festivals.
- Weekend Trips: Start with nearby pueblos, beaches, or nature reserves.
- Free Days: Many museums and cultural sites offer free entry on certain days.
- Markets & Mercadillos: The best way to experience local life and pick up fresh produce.
- Kids Activities: From outdoor play areas to language classes and sports clubs.

Getting to know your new area will help you feel at home faster.



# SETTLING IN



Here's how to make the transition smoother:

- Language: Start learning Spanish early. Use apps, take a class, or attend intercambio meetups.
- Social Circles: Join Facebook groups, hobby clubs, or local events to meet people.
- Cultural Norms: Expect flexible timing, lots of paperwork, and warm-but-formal interactions.
- Shopping: Learn the local schedules—many shops close for siesta and on Sundays.
- Healthcare Tips: Pharmacies (farmacias) offer excellent first-line care and advice.

The more you lean into local life, the more rewarding your experience will be.

# INSIDER TIPS

These first few months are the foundation of your new life in Spain. Be patient with the process, celebrate small wins, and keep exploring.

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Keep digital and paper copies of all your important documents.

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Consider becoming a BESS Subscriber to help with Spanish bureaucracy and and questions that might pop up.

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Always book appointments where possible (many offices require it).