

The Valencia Relocation Checklist

A Step-by-Step Guide for Moving to Valencia

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1 Initial Planning & Research (3–6 months before move)

Understanding Valencia's Appeal

- ☐ **Climate advantage:** Valencia has one of the world's best climates according to official sources
- ☐ **Work-life balance:** Research Valencia's progressive outlook and lifestyle benefits
- ☐ **Safety assessment:** Review Valencia's excellent personal safety record and natural disaster resilience
- ☐ **Cost of living:** Compare expenses with your current location (typically 40–60% less than major European cities)

Legal & Financial Preparation

- ☐ **Check visa requirements:** EU citizens have free movement; non-EU citizens need appropriate visas
- ☐ **Currency transfer planning:** Avoid using your home bank for currency conversion (can save thousands)
- ☐ **Banking research:** Identify Spanish banks for account opening
- ☐ **Tax implications:** Understand residency tax obligations in both countries
- ☐ **Insurance needs:** Research health, property, and liability insurance options

Property Market Research

- ☐ **Understand Valencia's 19 districts:** Each has distinct characteristics and neighbourhoods
- ☐ **Price expectations:** Current market shows high demand, low supply, rising prices
- ☐ **Mortgage options:** Spanish rates much more favourable than UK/US rates
- ☐ **Property types:** Decide between city centre apartments vs. suburban areas like La Eliana

☐ **Budget reality check:** Factor in 15% additional costs beyond purchase price

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2 Location Selection & Visits (2–4 months before move)

District & Neighbourhood Analysis

- ☐ **City Centre (Ciutat Vella):** Historic charm, walkable, higher prices
- ☐ **Eixample:** Modern, well-connected, family-friendly
- ☐ **Ruzafa:** Trendy, artistic, excellent restaurants
- ☐ **Benimaclet:** University area, younger demographic
- ☐ **La Eliana:** Suburban, highly sought after by locals (18km from city)
- ☐ **Godella/Rocafort:** Peaceful, close to nature, good for families, lots of high end villas
- ☐ **Beach areas:** Malvarrosa, Cabanyal for coastal living

Viewing Trip Planning

- ☐ **Avoid August:** Valencia Property (and most businesses) close in August
- ☐ **Optimal timing:** September–November for maximum choice post-summer
- ☐ **Multiple viewings:** Plan 4–5 viewings to expect 1 serious offer
- ☐ **Local expertise:** Engage experienced agents at www.valencia-property.com familiar with international clients
- ☐ **Infrastructure check:** Transport links, schools, healthcare, shopping

Lifestyle Evaluation

- ☐ **Restaurant scene:** Valencia's exceptional dining culture
- ☐ **Cultural activities:** Museums, festivals, arts scene
- ☐ **Sports & recreation:** Beaches, cycling, hiking in nearby mountains
- ☐ **International community:** Existing expat networks and support

3 Property Purchase Process (1–3 months)

Financial Preparation

- ☐ **Currency transfer service:** Use specialist providers, not banks (save 2–4%)
- ☐ **Mortgage pre-approval:** If needed, secure Spanish mortgage pre-approval
- ☐ **Deposit funds:** Typically 10% deposit required at reservation
- ☐ **Additional costs budget:** Notary, registration, taxes, legal fees (12–16% total)
- ☐ **Insurance quotes:** Building, contents, liability coverage

Legal & Purchase Process

- ☐ **English-speaking lawyer:** Essential for contract review and process guidance
- ☐ **NIE number:** Apply for tax identification number (essential for purchase)
- ☐ **Property survey:** Especially important for older properties
- ☐ **Title checks:** Verify clear ownership and no outstanding debts
- ☐ **Completion timeline:** Expect 45–90 days from offer to completion

Due Diligence Checklist

- ☐ **Building permissions:** Verify all construction is legal and permitted
- ☐ **Community fees:** Understand ongoing charges and community rules
- ☐ **Utility connections:** Confirm water, electricity, gas, internet availability
- ☐ **Tax obligations:** IBI (property tax), potential tax considerations
- ☐ **Rental potential:** If considering investment, research rental yields

Property Purchase Support Available

Navigate the Spanish property market with confidence using our expert guidance

4 Pre-Move Logistics (1–2 months before arrival)

Administrative Setup

- ☐ **Spanish bank account:** Open account with international transfer capabilities
- ☐ **Phone/internet:** Arrange mobile and broadband services
- ☐ **Utility transfers:** Arrange electricity, gas, water connections
- ☐ **Postal address:** Set up mail forwarding from home country
- ☐ **Local SIM card:** Or international roaming plan

Healthcare & Education

- ☐ **Health insurance:** Private or state system registration
- ☐ **Medical records:** Translate and transfer important medical history
- ☐ **School research:** International schools vs. Spanish system for children
- ☐ **University options:** If continuing education or for children

Transportation Planning

- ☐ **Driving license:** Exchange or conversion requirements
- ☐ **Vehicle import:** If bringing a car, understand import procedures
- ☐ **Public transport:** MetroValencia cards and route planning
- ☐ **Cycling infrastructure:** Valencia has excellent bike lanes and rental systems

5 Moving & Initial Settlement (Moving month)

International Moving

- ☐ **Moving company:** Specialised in Spain moves, customs knowledge
- ☐ **Customs documentation:** Detailed inventory, proof of residence
- ☐ **Restricted items:** Understand what cannot be imported
- ☐ **Insurance coverage:** Comprehensive coverage for belongings in transit
- ☐ **Essential box:** Carry critical documents and immediate needs

First Week Priorities

- ☐ **Residency registration (Empadronamiento):** Register with local town hall
- ☐ **Bank account activation:** Visit branch to complete account setup if needed
- ☐ **Utility activation:** Ensure all services are connected and working
- ☐ **Local shopping:** Grocery stores, pharmacy, basic necessities
- ☐ **Emergency contacts:** Police, medical, property management

Government Registration

- ☐ **Social Security:** If working or self-employed, register for Spanish social security
- ☐ **Tax residency:** If staying more than 183 days, understand tax obligations
- ☐ **Voting registration:** EU citizens can vote in local and regional elections
- ☐ **Consumer rights:** Understand Spanish consumer protection

Settling In Support

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Long-term Integration (First 3–6 months)

Community Integration

- ☐ **Language classes:** Spanish lessons for long-term success
- ☐ **Local communities:** Join expat groups, hobby clubs, volunteer organisations
- ☐ **Cultural adaptation:** Understand Spanish business hours, siesta culture
- ☐ **Professional networking:** Business groups, industry associations
- ☐ **Local traditions:** Valencia's Fallas festival, local celebrations

Professional Setup

- ☐ **Work permits:** If required, ensure proper documentation
- ☐ **Professional qualifications:** Recognition/conversion if needed
- ☐ **Tax advisor:** Professional advice for Spanish tax obligations
- ☐ **Business setup:** If self-employed, understand the autónomo system
- ☐ **Professional insurance:** Liability, professional indemnity as needed

Advanced Living Setup

- ☐ **Property improvements:** Renovations, modernisations through trusted contractors
- ☐ **Local services:** Cleaning, maintenance, gardening services
- ☐ **Investment opportunities:** Additional property, business ventures
- ☐ **Travel planning:** Understand residency requirements for travel
- ☐ **Long-term planning:** Pension, inheritance, estate planning considerations

✓ Essential Contact Categories

Professional Services

- ☐ English-speaking lawyer
- ☐ Independent financial advisor
- ☐ Certified translator
- ☐ Tax advisor/gestor
- ☐ Insurance broker

Property Services

- ☐ Experienced estate agent — www.valencia-property.com
- ☐ Property surveyor
- ☐ Renovation contractor
- ☐ Property management company
- ☐ Utility connection services

Daily Life Services

- ☐ English-speaking doctor
- ☐ Veterinarian (if pets)
- ☐ Reliable internet provider
- ☐ Local bank relationship manager
- ☐ Emergency contact network

Valencia-Specific Tips & Insights

Seasonal Considerations

August closure:

Most businesses close — plan accordingly

September rush:

High activity post-summer, excellent time for viewings

Weather patterns:

Prepare for hot summers, mild winters

Tourist seasons:

Peak times affect rental markets and crowds

Cost-Saving Strategies

Currency timing:

Monitor exchange rates for large transfers

Local suppliers:

Use recommended local professionals vs. tourist-focused services

Community benefits:

Many services cheaper through resident communities

Transport passes:

Annual passes offer significant savings

Common Pitfalls to Avoid

August planning:

Don't expect to accomplish much in August

Bank currency rates:

Never use high-street bank currency conversion

Facebook experts:

Avoid property advice from social media groups

Rushed decisions:

Valencia's market moves fast, but don't skip due diligence

Language barriers:

Invest in professional translation for legal documents

Avoid Common Mistakes

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Timeline Summary

6 months before: Research, visa applications, initial property search

3–4 months before: Serious property hunting, legal preparation

2 months before: Property purchase completion, logistics planning

1 month before: Final arrangements, moving company coordination

Moving month: Relocation, immediate setup, registration

3–6 months after: Integration, community building, long-term planning

Remember

Valencia offers an exceptional quality of life with affordable living costs, excellent climate, and a welcoming international community. The key to successful relocation is thorough preparation and leveraging local expertise.

Take time to enjoy the process — you're moving to one of Europe's best places for an excellent lifestyle!

For professional relocation assistance and property services, consult www.valencia-property.com — we understand both the local market and international client needs and can guide you through all sections of this potential maze.

Ready to Make Valencia Your Home?

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