



Check list of essential things you must do before moving to France (accommodation, paperwork, travel and more)

4 months before

- Book your plane ticket (once the immigration permits obtained)
- Check that your passport and those of your family will be valid for the departure
- Establish an expense budget for your departure and the first three months of arrival
- For people who do not speak French, take some classes or listen to podcasts (a good start)
- Do research on neighborhoods where to live and international communities

3 months before

- Notify your employer of your departure
- Let your children's school know they are leaving
- Manage your real estate assets (selling your house or renting, etc.)
- Get quotes from international movers
- Contact relocation agency to help you to find your future accommodation
- Do research on schools and enrollment of children
- Apply for an international driving permit

2 months before

- Notify your bank of your departure
- Let your tax administration know you are leaving
- Certify compliant important documents and "apostille" important document
- Ask your car insurer for a letter of recommendation
- Gather letters of recommendation from your former employers, and other professional documents, which will serve as references professionals in France
- Start sorting out the things you want to leave and the things you want to pack
- Begin to pack your luggage and those of your family, don't forget to pack small things that will make you feel at home!

1 month before

- Sell your car
- Send a letter to cancel your subscriptions (gas, electricity, transport, telephone), your insurance (house, automobile, mutual health) or other monthly withdrawals
- Inform health insurance of your departure
Subscribe to health insurance, hospitalization, repatriation.
- Organize a medical visit for you and your family for a general check-up: general practitioner, dentist, gynecologist, ophthalmologist, etc
- Do vaccines
- Join the group Sojoourn Expat Community on Facebook to connect with others expats in your future city

3 weeks before

- Book your first nights in France (hotel, hostel, furnished, friends or others)
- Organize your move (with the precise list of objects and furniture that you bring to clear your belongings upon arrival) Think about the type of current and voltage (220-240V/50 Hz)
- Buy euros or carry traveler's checks (to avoid excessive use of your credit card upon arrival because of the expense)
- Create a photo album with photos of your friends, places you like, dishes you like and maybe your pet that you can not bring with you
- Organize a departure party with your friends and also with the friends for your children, take pictures of this moment to keep good memories with you

2 weeks before

- Prepare and collect in a pocket folder all the important documents (to be determined according to the case of each): immigration documents, passports, identity cards, health and vaccination notebooks, family record book, driver's license, divorce judgment, death certificate of a spouse, authorization to leave the territory for minors, insurance certificate, employment contract, certificate of funds, list of your belongings in the process of moving, etc. Put important and bulky documents on usb drive!

D-Day Moving Day

Have a nice trip and welcome to France!

Do not forget

Non-exhaustive list

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