



Navigating Spain, Tips and Tricks for adapting to your New Life

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- 1.- Logistics - formal / legal aspects
- 2.- Cultural aspects



1.- Logistics - formal / legal aspects

Technical / legal information provided by the corresponding governments through their immigration departments (Spain) and Embassies.

- **Spain immigration info:**

- <https://extranjeros.inclusion.gob.es/es/InformacionInteres/InformacionProcedimientos/Ciudadanosnocomunitarios/index.html>

- **Example (US):** the mission of the **U.S. Embassy** is to serve and protect U.S. citizens in **Spain**.



1.- Cultural aspects

The local community is your ally.

- A good start is the local community of expats. Easy to meet in language schools! Learning Spanish is a must if you wish to have native Spanish allies (recommended).
- The next step is meeting the local community of Spanish natives.



Where to meet interactive locals

- **Physical proximity:** neighbours / shops.
- **Affinities:** people who have lived abroad and/or are interested in / curious about other cultures are easy to approach and usually very interactive. Culture events tend to attract these people: talks, concerts, film festivals, exhibitions, cosmopolitan environments are usually very open.



Being yourself is important

- Adapt to your new environment but be yourself. People will like that better than an version of yourself that is not genuine.
- You will develop a better version of yourself and the local community will have a better version of themselves thanks to that.



Give and get back x100

- Be awake to detect particular needs in your new environment and help if you can. Help will come back to you when you need it.
- Don't be shy / scared to innovate if you believe that your social environment will benefit from and or enjoy joining / participating from / collaborating in your project / plan.



Be patient

- Be patient with yourself: adapting to a new country takes time and this is the most enjoyable part really.
- Be patient with others but not passive.



Be open to change the preconceived idea you may have of the country

- **Let the country surprise you.**
- **Try to not have prejudices (either positive or negative).**



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