



Starting A Business And Raising A Family in Catalonia, Spain

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Why Spain?

- Easy climate
- Low cost of living
- Easy access to UK
- Easy access to rest of Europe
- Spanish is quite easy to speak, isn't it?

We Started In Andalusia

- Packing up our life in the USA, then UK
- Driving Over Lemons... Down to Andalusia, with a 1-year-old
- The beginnings of a business...

... Then Moved To Catalonia

- The decision to move to Catalonia via:
Costa Tropical, Costa de la Luz...
- Running to find a house



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How to complicate your expat life:

- Move house
- Start a business
- Have a baby!



Sitges, Catalonia

The Jewel of the
Mediterranean... Where the
sky is always blue

Running a Business

Benefits of starting up in Catalonia:

- Cosmopolitan
- Entrepreneurial spirit
- Open-minded
- Plenty of English-speaking professionals to help



Barcelona: Beach And City Life

Going To School

- They speak Spanish here don't they?
The challenges of Catalan versus Spanish
- The school system: love it or loath it?



At School: Learning In Catalan, Spanish And English

Family Life

- Great quality of life: outdoor 365 days a year
- Expats friends from all over the world
- Fantastic for sport: swimming, triathlon, cycling, hiking
- Easy access to Barcelona for museums, shows, exhibitions etc.



Antoni Gaudí's Famous Casa Batlló



Time For A Vacation

- Northern Spain
- Southern France
- Costa Brava



The Cantabrian Coastline

All Good Things...

- Time to sell the business and see the world!