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THE QUICK GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

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The Goal:

To transition your life from the US to Spain without losing your mind or your savings.

The Reality:

The bureaucracy is slow. The process is paper-heavy. But the lifestyle payoff is massive.



THE VISA: YOUR TICKET IN



Non-Lucrative Visa (NLV)

For retirees. You must prove you have approx €30,000 in savings and agree NOT to work.



Digital Nomad Visa (DNV)

For remote workers. You must earn approx €2,600 /month from a US employer.



Student Visa

For those enrolled in 20+ hours of study per week.



THE "FBI CHECK" BOTTLENECK



Where 90% of Delays Happen

The Requirement:

You need an FBI Background Check that is less than 3 months old at the time of your visa appointment.

The Catch:

It must be "Apostilled" (internationally verified) by the US Department of State. This single step can take 8-12 weeks. Start this first.



HEALTHCARE: THE "SIN COPAGO" RULE



The Rule

To get a visa, you must have private health insurance. It must be "Sin Copago" (No Co-pay).



The Cost

Surprisingly cheap. Approx €50-€150 /month depending on age.



The Network

Sanitas, Adeslas, and Mapfre are the big players.



QUICK DECISION: ARE YOU READY?



I have a remote job

Green Light

The Digital Nomad Visa is your path. It offers the best tax benefits (Beckham Law possible).



I am retired with a pension

Yellow Light

The Non-Lucrative Visa is perfect for you. Just ensure your pension meets the income threshold.



I want to find a job in Spain

Red Light

Spain has high unemployment. Getting a work visa sponsored by a Spanish company is extremely difficult. Come with a job, don't come looking for one.

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