

**SPAIN  
MADE  
SIMPLE**  
SANDTONS

## **VISAS MADE SIMPLE**

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**THE QUICK GUIDE**

# INTRODUCTION

Moving to Spain isn't about luck; it's about matching your income source to the right visa. For most non-EU citizens (including Americans and Brits), there are only two main paths.

## PATH 1

### THE "PASSIVE INCOME" PATH

Non-Lucrative Visa

#### Best For:

Retirees, early retirees, and anyone with savings or investment income who does not need to work.

#### The Deal:

You can live in Spain, but you cannot work for a Spanish company or anyone else.

#### The Financial Hurdle:

You must prove you have approx. 28,800 Euro/year (plus 7,200 Euro for each family member). This can be from pensions, dividends, or savings.

## PATH 2

### THE "REMOTE WORK" PATH

Digital Nomad Visa

#### Best For:

Remote workers employed by foreign companies (e.g., US/UK) or freelancers with international clients.

#### The Deal:

You can live in Spain and work remotely.

#### The Financial Hurdle:

You must earn approx. 2,650 Euro/month (indexed to Spanish minimum wage).

#### The Catch:

Your company must agree to let you work from Spain. For employees, this often requires a Social Security Certificate of Coverage.

## SANDTONS Insight

"Passive" means passive. If you tell the consulate you will "manage your rental properties back home," they may classify that as work and reject you. You must be truly retired or living on autopilot income.

## QUICK DECISION: WHICH ONE IS YOU?



I have a job in the  
US/UK and want to  
keep it.

**Digital Nomad Visa**



I have a  
pension/savings and  
am done working.

**Standard Residency**



# THE UNIVERSAL REQUIREMENTS (ALL VISAS)

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**Regardless of the path, you will need:**

1

**Private Health Insurance:**

Zero co-pay, fully comprehensive.

2

**Clean Criminal Record:**

FBI background check (US) or ACRO (UK), apostilled.

3

**Bank Statements:**

Usually the last 12 months.

LET SANDTONS HANDLE IT

From document preparation to consulate appointments, we manage your entire visa process.



**Visa Services**

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# NEED PERSONALIZED GUIDANCE?

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We've created dedicated resource hubs for different backgrounds. Get support tailored to your country of origin.

## Get personalized guidance on:

- Tax optimization for US expats and reporting to the IRS
- UK family relocation and post-Brexit implications
- EU residency requirements and Padron registration
- International school comparisons (US, UK, EU curricula)
- Accurate, not abstract cost of living comparisons from where you live to where you want to live in Spain

**US HUB**

**UK HUB**

**EU HUB**

## BEYOND THE GUIDE?

We handle everything—legal documents, tax registration, power of attorney, and complete relocation support including schools, insurance, and settling in.



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