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# Moving Overseas : A Short Guide

These days, as globalization takes hold and people become more aware of global happenings, more and more people are taking the plunge and moving overseas. If you're one of those people, check out our little guide for some issues you should consider before moving. It's a big decision to go to another country, so you should try and visit it before you move there permanently to see if you can imagine yourself settling down and being happy there, as there's no point going if you'll hate it.

One of the big things to consider before you make the move is the language barrier you may face in moving to a foreign country. If you're moving somewhere where the people speak a different language to you, then you might want to arrange for language lessons either before you go or as soon as you get there to help ease your transition. Even if you're moving to a country where they speak the same language, you need to be aware that there are likely to be linguistic differences.

Cultural differences are an issue linked to language and another big thing you need to think about. If you live in another country, then you need to know that you can tolerate or enjoy any major cultural or religious customs they might observe. Similarly, you need to know that you can get on board with their work ethic – this differs from country to country and often includes different lengths of working week, so you need to be okay with this.

Money and employment are also major issues you need to seriously think about before moving. This is especially important as some countries won't issue you with the relevant visas unless you already have a job lined up ready for when you make the move. Before you move overseas, you need to be certain that you can take care of yourself. This could mean building up a decent savings account or setting up work so you can earn money while you're over there.

Following this, before you consider moving overseas, you should do some research to find out what visas you need to be eligible to live there. It can often take quite a long time to be granted a visa, so you should plan things well in advance to give yourself enough time to prepare for your move. You should also check how long you're allowed to stay on particular visas in case there's a limit. Finally, importantly, you need to be sure that you can cope away from home.

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