

# TO SHIP OR NOT TO SHIP

(AND, IF YOU DO, HOW TO SHIP)

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## **LIVE AND INVEST OVERSEAS**

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# WHAT DO YOU REALLY NEED TO TAKE WITH YOU?

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- Your computer
- Your clothes
- Shoes
- Cell Phone
- Wallet

# WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TAKE WITH YOU?

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- Family heirlooms
- Furniture
- Household Goods
- Appliances
- Car
- Antiques/Art/Collectibles
- Animals



# WHAT SHOULD YOU TAKE WITH YOU?

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- Balancing practicality versus sentimentality
  - Personal preferences
  - Country realities
  - Cost of shipping versus buying new (or doing without)

# SHIPPING - PROS AND CONS

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## PROS

- You get to keep your own stuff
- Spend less time shopping for new stuff
- Certain things are more expensive in some countries (antiques and electronics)
- Certain things aren't replaceable in some countries

## CONS

- The expense...
- You don't get to go shopping in your new country
- Certain things are cheaper (furniture)
- Certain things are better (furniture)

# BUYING NEW – PROS AND CONS

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## PROS

- You're forced to get out in your new country to look around
- It can help you with the language
- Something cheaper (furniture)
- Will save shipping cost and you'll have money from selling everything back home

## CONS

- Take time to find everything you need
- May not find exactly what you want
- May miss not having things from your previous life



# IF YOU DO DECIDE TO SHIP...

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- Fill the container (don't do a shared container if you can help it)
- Get the insurance
- Get the door to door service – packing, shipping, customs clearance, delivery to your door
- Make a detailed inventory...and pack the container with the first box on the list going in last, i.e. it's the first box customs will see when they open the container
- Confirm what's allowed and not allowed in your new country (wine, guns, etc.)
- Confirm customs duty, if any, for your residency permit type

# TAKING YOUR CAR

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- Don't do it



# GETTING A QUOTE

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- Online Shipping Brokers
  - <http://www.intlmover-es.com/>
  - <https://internationalmoving.com/>
  - <https://ship-stuff.com/>
- Country Brokers Where You're Moving