

TO SHIP OR NOT TO SHIP

(AND, IF YOU DO, HOW TO SHIP)

LIVE AND INVEST OVERSEAS

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WHAT DO YOU REALLY NEED TO TAKE WITH YOU?

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

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TAKE WITH YOU?

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



WHAT SHOULD YOU TAKE WITH YOU?

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

SHIPPING - PROS AND CONS

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

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...

- 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

- Don't do it

TAKING YOUR PET

- Cat and dogs are fairly straight forward, but check for any breed restrictions
- Check for airline rules and restriction well in advance
- The health certificate from your vet will be good for only 10 days
- You can use a pet moving company, but they are expensive