

Your First 7 Steps to Moving to Germany

A Starter Checklist for Americans Seeking a New Life Abroad

1. Define Your *Why*

Why do you want to leave the U.S.? Be honest. Write it down. Your clarity will carry you through the hard parts.

2. Choose Your Path

Which visa is right for you? Student, freelancer, retiree, family, worker – or something else? We help you find out.

3. Research Your Timeline

When do you want to move? In 3 months? 12 months? Set a rough date and work backwards from there.

4. Organize Your Finances

Create a budget for your move: flights, deposit, health insurance, visa fees, startup costs. Germany is affordable – but you still need a cushion.

5. Learn the Basics of German

No need to be fluent yet – but learn key words. Apps like Duolingo, Babbel, or free YouTube videos can help a lot.

6. Scan & Organize All Important Documents

Passport, birth certificate, diplomas, marriage license, etc. – digital and printed, ready for embassies and landlords.

7. Build Your Support Network

You're not meant to do this alone. Talk to others who've done it. Join expat groups. Book a free call with us.

■ Bonus

- Download our Visa Checklist
- Get real talk from Americans already living in Germany
- Join our newsletter for fresh info, free tools, and motivation