

Your relocation research, organised

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US to Spain or Portugal: illustrative remote-work research

Research goal: digital nomad visa | Household: couple | Timing: year

Questions recorded for investigation

Which consulate covers our US address? What must our employers approve? Which background checks, apostilles, partner documents and US tax questions need confirmation?

Comparison at a glance

Spain: Spain International Telework (Digital Nomad) Visa

Qualifying work income: 200% of monthly SMI for the principal applicant, plus 75% for the first accompanying family member and 25% for each further member. Initial in-country residence application fee: EUR 73.26 per person; consular visa fees are separate.

Original source check: 2026-10-14; review due 2026-10-21.

Portugal: Portugal remote-work residence visa and permit (D8)

2026 main-applicant professional income: at least EUR 3,680 per month on average over the previous three months (4 × EUR 920).

Original source check: 2026-10-14; review due 2026-10-21.

You chose these routes. This document organises public evidence and the questions still to resolve. It does not determine eligibility or include individual professional review.

Planning from the United States

Passport or nationality recorded: United States (illustrative household). This does not determine eligibility.

Confirm the passport you will use, your lawful US residence and the consular office covering your US address. US residence does not establish US citizenship or visa eligibility.

Confirm that your employer or clients permit work from the destination, and ask about payroll, social-security coverage and local work restrictions.

Check background-record jurisdictions, document validity windows, apostilles, certified translations and each household member's documents before ordering them.

Ask a qualified adviser about US and destination-country tax filing, foreign-account reporting, healthcare and any applicable relief before committing.

Spain: Washington consular telework guidance

Find the Spanish consulate covering your US address. Ask about employer consent, social security and the application channel. The Washington page does not cover every US state.

<https://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/washington/en/ServiciosConsulares/Paginas/Consular/Telework-Visa.aspx>

Portugal: US remote-work residence visa checklist

Check the current US checklist and your consular jurisdiction. Ask about work and income evidence, tax-residence certification, background checks, apostilles and insurance. The linked checklist is dated 10 July 2025.

<https://www.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/portugal/usa/english/pdf/residency-visa-for-remote-work-digital-nomads.pdf>

IRS: US citizens and residents abroad

US citizens and resident aliens generally remain subject to US filing rules on worldwide income. Ask a qualified cross-border adviser which filing, reporting and relief rules apply to you.

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/us-citizens-and-residents-abroad-filing-requirements>

Spain: Spain International Telework (Digital Nomad) Visa

Spain's international telework permission covers qualified adult third-country nationals performing fully remote work for foreign businesses. Applicants need a recognised qualification or at least three years' relevant experience, established foreign work relationships, sufficient employment income and compliant health/social-security cover.

Published financial conditions

Qualifying work income: 200% of monthly SMI for the principal applicant, plus 75% for the first accompanying family member and 25% for each further member. Initial in-country residence application fee: EUR 73.26 per person; consular visa fees are separate.

These conditions are not a total application or relocation fee quote.

Documents and requirements to check

A complete document list is not established in this record. Confirm requirements, translations and certification with the relevant authority.

Unresolved questions

A consular telework visa lasts up to one year, or less for a shorter work period. Qualifying applications made while legally in Spain can obtain residence for up to three years. Residence renewals are for two-year periods if conditions continue. Confirm the applicable documents and procedure with the competent consulate or UGE.

Official evidence and review dates

Internally checked by WhereCanIMove systems. Checked 2026-10-14; review due 2026-10-21. Generating this pack does not renew the check.

Spain Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration - UGE

<https://www.inclusion.gob.es/documents/d/unidadgrandesempresas/nomadas-digitales-faqs-espanol>

Spain Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Washington consular section

<https://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/washington/en/ServiciosConsulares/Paginas/Consular/Telework-visa.aspx>

Spain Official State Gazette (BOE)

<https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2013-10074>

Full programme record and source locators

<https://wherecanimove.com/programme/spain-digital-nomad-visa>

Portugal: Portugal remote-work residence visa and permit (D8)

Portugal's remote-work residence route is for employees and independent professionals working for people or organisations outside Portugal. A qualifying residence visa is followed by an AIMA residence-permit application.

Published financial conditions

2026 main-applicant professional income: at least EUR 3,680 per month on average over the previous three months ($4 \times \text{EUR } 920$).

These conditions are not a total application or relocation fee quote.

Documents and requirements to check

Show the overseas employment or service relationship, proof of tax residence and average monthly professional income over the preceding three months of at least four Portuguese minimum monthly wages. AIMA also requires a valid passport/residence visa, evidence of the foreign work relationship, accommodation and compliance with criminal-record and entry restrictions.

Unresolved questions

A visa or residence card does not itself grant IFICI tax relief; IFICI has separate qualifying-activity and prior-tax-residence conditions. The two-year validity stated here is the initial residence permit from card issuance; AIMA states renewals are for successive three-year periods. It is not the entry-visa duration.

Official evidence and review dates

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Portugal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

<https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/national-visas/necessary-documentation/residency>

DGERT Portugal

<https://www.dgert.gov.pt/evolucao-da-remuneracao-minima-mensal-garantida-rmmg>

AIMA Portugal

<https://aima.gov.pt/pt/trabalhar/autorizacao-de-residencia-para-o-exercicio-de-atividade-profissional-prestada-de-forma-remota-com-visto-de-residencia-para-o-exe>

Full programme record and source locators

<https://wherecanimove.com/programme/portugal-digital-nomad-visa-d8>

Your action checklist

Before choosing

- [] Confirm the passport you will use, your lawful US residence and the consular office covering your US address. US residence does not establish US citizenship or visa eligibility.
- [] Confirm that your employer or clients permit work from the destination, and ask about payroll, social-security coverage and local work restrictions.
- [] Check background-record jurisdictions, document validity windows, apostilles, certified translations and each household member's documents before ordering them.
- [] Ask a qualified adviser about US and destination-country tax filing, foreign-account reporting, healthcare and any applicable relief before committing.
- [] Confirm the current application channel and requirements for Spain International Telework (Digital Nomad) Visa.
- [] Obtain itemised government, professional and household costs for Spain; keep qualifying financial thresholds separate.
- [] Confirm the current application channel and requirements for Portugal remote-work residence visa and permit (D8).
- [] Obtain itemised government, professional and household costs for Portugal; keep qualifying financial thresholds separate.
- [] Which current route should a specialist check for my passport and work arrangement?
- [] What income evidence, employer permissions and local work restrictions should be checked?
- [] Which application costs, renewal conditions and tax questions need separate confirmation?

Before applying

- [] Ask the authority or adviser for the document list, translations and certification requirements for Spain.
- [] Ask the authority or adviser for the document list, translations and certification requirements for Portugal.
- [] Confirm your partner's application, work rights and supporting documents separately.

Before moving

- [] Complete your budget worksheet using actual quotes. Unknown costs are not zero.
- [] Ask a qualified adviser about tax residence, home-country obligations and healthcare before committing.

Your budget worksheet

Your own researched amounts in one currency. Income or capital qualification thresholds are separate from money spent. Unknown items remain unknown; this is not a complete cost estimate.

Application and government fees: Unknown - obtain a quote

Professional advice: Unknown - obtain a quote

Documents and translations: Unknown - obtain a quote

Travel: Unknown - obtain a quote

Moving and shipping: Unknown - obtain a quote

Housing and deposits: Unknown - obtain a quote

Insurance and healthcare: Unknown - obtain a quote

Contingency: Unknown - obtain a quote

Scope, corrections and support

An automated research comparison of the routes you chose. No individual professional review or eligibility decision is included.

Official conditions can change. Each route keeps its original source and internal-check dates; generating this pack does not renew them.

Financial conditions are not a total fee quote. Published information and unanswered questions need confirmation before applying.

No application preparation, visa approval, citizenship, tax outcome or agency availability is promised.

Your saved checklist and budget are reflected at download time. The original route snapshot retains its evidence dates. Report a source error at <https://wherecanimove.com/corrections>. For order or refund help: jack@wherecanimove.com.