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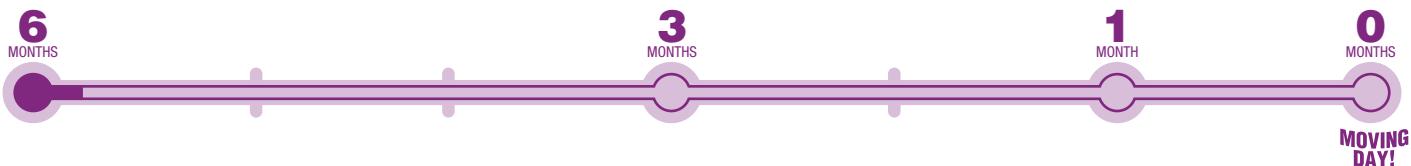
MOVING CHECKLIST

Relocating to the Algarve

So you're moving to the Algarve. Excellent!

This is where your journey begins.

When you've ticked all the boxes, you're there!



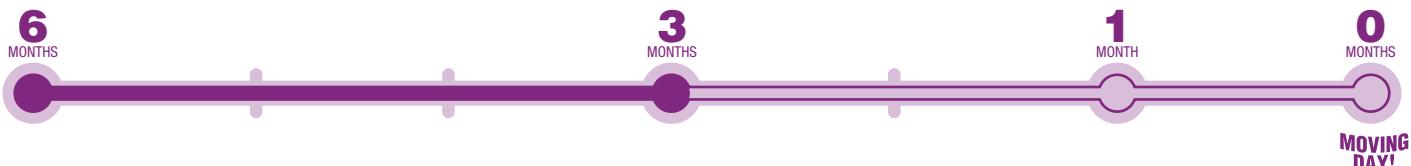
Six months prior to move

Learning about living in the Algarve

- Contacted friends and family living in the Algarve to tell them the good news and seek their help and advice
- Checked online resources and expat forums for specific information and support

Documentation

- Checked passports and other required documents are up-to-date and valid for Portugal
- Checked what other documents we need to live in Portugal, including driving licences
- Obtained necessary forms for completion from home country, for residents moving abroad



Three months prior to move

Healthcare and education

- Checked entitlement to state healthcare in Portugal and researched all healthcare options
- Informed current doctor that we will be moving abroad and taken advice on continuing medication
- Notified current education authorities of planned moving date
- Checked out the schooling options and facilities for children in new area

Travel and transport

- Cleared out all unwanted items
- Confirmed International removal company, checked their insurance and agreed moving date
- Pets micro-chipped, and passports, inoculations and health certificates up-to-date
- Personal and pet travel arrangements confirmed
- Vehicles and travellers insured for journey

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One month to two weeks prior to move

Money and mail

- Arranged future banking, savings and investments, mortgage or loan
- Signed up for mail redirection service

Insurance and security

- Insured new home and its contents from day of sale completion
- Checked security of new home, locks, alarms, fences

Packing and personal things

- Arranged for utility meters to be read and supplies to be disconnected on moving date
- Cancelled Internet and mobile telephone contracts from moving date
- Cancelled insurances that won't be applicable in Portugal; house, car, pet
- Cancelled store credit cards
- Cancelled licences and subscriptions that we don't want to continue in Portugal
- Cancelled newspapers and other regular deliveries from moving date
- Cancelled library cards and other local memberships
- Made an inventory of all items for transport and listed every item packed into a box
- All boxes sealed, numbered, referenced and labelled with their contents
- Made sure all our friends and family have new contact details
- Packed suitcases early and checked their weight
- Have travel documents, passports, credit cards, money/travellers cheques, valuables and pets' documents safely in one place. Doubled check that they are all in order



Moving day

Final checks

- Made sure we have left nothing behind, checked all cupboards, behind doors and on walls
- Checked everything off as it was loaded into the removal vehicle
- Checked the date our shipment will be arriving in the Algarve
- Made sure we have all the essentials in our suitcases
- Stocked up with essential food and drink supplies on arrival
- Celebrated our move to the Algarve!**

Don't forget the little things

- Ensure you either change your plugs on all appliances or have sufficient adaptors
- Plan ahead to finish off all your food stocks before your departure date
- Defrost your freezer two days before the packers arrive
- Unplug your fridge one day before the packers arrive