

RELOCATION TIPS

LOCATION EXPLORATION – BEFORE YOU GO

Select the best dates to explore the location based on supportive astrological transits for you (and your family). Negative astrological transits will impact your visit.

Make sure you have adequate funds for the exploration trip. Adding pressures related to expenditures adds stress. Don't make the trip until you can afford it!

Try to spend a week if possible or as much time as you can comfortably live. Meaning, if you don't like being away from home for more than 5 days, then plan to stay 5 days only. But, try to visit over a weekend and on a weekday too to make sure you see both aspects of the community. Also, try not to travel on holidays because they do not reflect the typical flow of the community.

Make a plan for how you are going to navigate your time (being sure to leave some space for synchronicity). If you don't have some sort of a plan, you may walk away feeling like you accomplished very little. The research can be exhausting – so plan lots of breaks for hydration and nourishment.

Research the community and select the neighborhoods that you think will best suit your lifestyle. Book your hotel in that neighborhood if at all possible. So, if you intend to live downtown, don't stay in a suburban hotel (and visa versa). Do not stay in a part of town where you would not live.

Search the internet for things that are important to you that you want to check out while you are visiting the location (for example, farmer's markets, grocery stores, museums, parks, schools, sporting venues, etc.). Print out maps, addresses, phone numbers and opening hours.

Plan ahead to attend a cultural event whether formal or informal (for example, at a coffee house, a free community lecture, etc.).

If you are self-employed and will be rebuilding your client base in this new location, if possible, visit shops of people providing similar services. See how the businesses are set up. Arrange in advance to meet with someone in your same field.

Make sure your bank knows where you are traveling (especially if this is a foreign country) to make sure you don't have any unexpected events related to your financial tools.

When making your trip plans, be careful to avoid any travel situations that can create crisis since this is such an important journey (for example, avoid red eyes, avoid tight connections, etc.). Anything, that if it goes wrong, will mess up the visit – just try to minimize that.

Visit with the intention of making the location your home. Go with that attitude firmly planted in your consciousness. Your intention is important - you are looking for a new home.

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LOCATION EXPLORATION – WHILE YOU ARE THERE
We can not predict the weather. Bad weather can make a location seem overall negative and great weather can over exaggerate the positive energies. We are strongly influenced by weather and need to take this into account. Everything naturally feels better when the sun shines and a bit worse when it does not.
If the city has a tourist information center, visit it early in the trip and gather maps and information.
Pick up lots of community newspapers and real estate flyers everywhere you go. These will be valuable sources of information during your trip (read through when you are taking a pause in your day). Also, they will provide a lot of information after you return. You can make a lot of contacts through these information sources.
Your temporary living space can also impact how you feel. If the hotel or space you are staying is negative, make a switch to remove this issue during your trip (or, for that matter, related to any other aspect that is uncomfortable).
Road construction that you may not be aware can impact the feel of your time in a location because it can add stress to travel or alter the natural navigation routes of a city.
Our physical health is also a factor. If we are ill or under the weather, this will naturally impact our exploration. Keep a normal routine with healthy food and get plenty of rest. Don't wear yourself out!
Visit open houses you drive by in the community or stop in to model homes. Or, if renting, make an appointment to view some apartments in the location you might want to live. Or, simply make an appointment with a Real Estate agent before you leave.
Current events can also impact a trip. Negative news events will impact our exploration if the news is disturbing to us personally.
If your first trip is impacted by any of the above, consider another visit.
Take photos of your impressions and of you in the community.
LOCATION EXPLORATION – AFTER YOU RETURN
Evaluate your exploratory visit and determine if you need to visit again. Did you have enough time to fully explore the important aspects of the community? Do you have the information you need to decide to relocate? Try to look at things very objectively!
Do you need to visit again?
Was the culture and society a good match for your lifestyle? Will you be supported in this community?
Will this community be affordable for you?
Identify the best times to relocate and establish a rough timeframe.
Stay in touch with community via blogs, websites, webcams, etc.
Review your photos.

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RELOCATION TIPS – BEFORE YOU MOVE
Have adequate savings or cash on hand to meet moving expenses and initial needs (for example, down payments, security deposits, etc.).
Have a reliable source of income established before you set a date for relocation (for example, from a pension or social security, job, etc.). If you are self-employed, know it will take time to build your business so hit the ground running with advertising, lectures, etc. set up when you arrive (or before you move in order to cultivate your future clientele).
For any relocation, but especially long-distance relocations, evaluate your belongings and bring with you “all that you can’t leave behind”. Moving is always a good time to do some space clearing.
Make some extra cash for your relocation by selling items you no longer need (for example, on Craig’s List, Amazon or E-Bay).
As soon as you have your new address, submit the address change (with the date of your relocation) at the U.S. Post Office and track all address changes you need to make and those you have made.
Identify a mover as soon as possible.
Many things will fall into place for you, but not everything. That doesn’t mean you are not meant to relocate. As we make major change in life, we are asking to become someone new. The process of great change or transformation is not free of effort.
If you are relocating to a foreign country, be sure to fully understand the visa requirements for long-term entry. Create a check-list and a binder to store the required documentation. Keep this safe and in an easy to access place during the entire relocation.
Before obtaining any living space, make sure the feng shui of the new living space is good.
If the location where you are moving has visa requirements you must meet before you can remain long-term, obtain a cost-effective temporary location before you get there.
Make sure your family members and friends know how to contact you during the relocation.
Update your wills and any financial planning documents as required.
RELOCATION TIPS – AFTER YOU MOVE
Be prepared for the unexpected, meaning expect it to happen. We can’t possibly plan for everything and surprises will happen. These are real. Accept them as such and address them as unemotionally as possible.
Especially if you are self-employed, but sure to understand any changes to your required tax processing where you live.
Meeting people takes time and you will be busy during this time. Be sure to take breaks and interact to build these relationships.
Build your new home one step at a time and be sure to attend to the things that will make your new location a home before taking on too much else.
Take time to feel how your energies have changed. Energies are not felt often to their fullest extent until you are in your new home and life begins to function normally again. This takes time. Be patient.
Take time to recognize what energies are being released or emerging.
Live your new energies - observe yourself and the changes taking place in your life. Observe your thoughts and habits and allow bad habits or negative thought patterns to fade. Embrace a new way of being as the new energies unfold over time.
You take your birth chart with you wherever you go. So, always be aware of astrological transits. The motion of the Sun, Moon and stars do not cease, but you can now move in ever greater harmony with them.
Your new routine will be established over time. We find it takes 9 to 12 months before we are established as we wish to be in a new location. Give it time.