

The Starter Checklist

A calm, practical guide for your first months in Málaga with kids. Print it, tick it, breathe.

First 90 days

- ☐ Register your rental contract (empadronamiento)
- ☐ Apply for NIE / TIE at the extranjería
- ☐ Open a Spanish bank account
- ☐ Set up mobile plan and home internet
- ☐ Register with the town hall (padrón)

Schools & childcare

- ☐ Shortlist 3 schools (state / concertado / private)
- ☐ Book school visits and ask about waiting lists
- ☐ Prepare apostilled birth certificates
- ☐ Confirm bus routes and after-school options

Healthcare

- ☐ Register at your local health centre (centro de salud)
- ☐ Get children's SIP / health card
- ☐ Choose a family pediatrician
- ☐ Consider complementary private insurance

Everyday life

- ☐ Learn your neighbourhood: market, farmacia, panadería
- ☐ Save trusted numbers: pediatrician, taxi, plumber
- ☐ Join one local family group
- ☐ Plan a slow Sunday — the Spanish way