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¿East Europe, *por qué no?*

Are you bored of dancing flamenco in Spain? You cannot eat more Belgian waffles? Or maybe having a cup of tea with British Queen doesn't interest you? Take a look at this article and find new interests in Europe.

Poland, Romania, Bulgaria... have you heard of them?

All of those fairly big countries on European map have a lot in common. With the population between 7 and 38 million inhabitants and area between 100,000 and 300,000 sq. m. they are fast developing countries placed in strategic region of Europe.

They are border between Western Europe and either Russia or Middle East. Moreover they all are countries with difficult history, unique culture and strong national identity. They provide a variety of tourism possibilities such as skiing in mountains, sunbathing at the seaside, partying in big cities and resting and enjoying folklore on countryside.

You might be a little confused as what you have just read doesn't match the stereotypical image of these countries in your head. Let's take a closer look at it.



>> Polish people drink too much!

Poles are being commonly known as the ones that overuse alcohol, especially vodka. The tradition of drinking that strong liquor comes from the very past, when weather was pretty raw. People begin drinking to warm up their bodies. Due to difficult Polish history, Poles still have fear if expressing their feelings and drinking helps them to overcome this inner-border. Polish people are also really hospitable so the fact that they will offer you a shot means their help in breaking the ice in terms of getting to know each other. Na zdrowie!

>> Romania are annoying and lazy people!

First of all you should know the difference between Romani and Romanians. Originally people coming from Romania are Romanians, not Romani known also as gypsies. They are an ethnic group which came from Indian subcontinent to Europe around 1000 years ago. They have a specific and interesting loud and musician culture. Romani are only 2,5% of Romanian population so that fact shouldn't affect your visit.

>> I will have my car stolen in Bulgaria!

In the past times when Bulgaria was being established after the Second World War, Bulgarian population had to deal with economic crisis and poverty what resulted in some people taking the advantage of stealing cars on foreign registry plates. Nowadays, as in every country with huge tourism, you should take care of your belongings but there is no need to worry too much. Avoid crowded places as it's a good spot for pickpockets. The country has much more to offer than party places and touristic beaches. Take your time and find hidden beauty of undiscovered nature and countryside in Bulgaria.

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ISN'T PERFECT,
WE'LL MAKE IT OVER.
IF IT'S STILL NOT
PERFECT
MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN
A STARBUCKS.



IT'S NOT JUST COFFEE. IT'S **STARBUCKS**

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We are living in the age where technology makes almost everything possible and people can choose where they want to live.

You can feel the wind in your face, the smell of a new adventure and can't wait to discover a new culture. But beyond that excitement, moving to another country means that you have to take care of a lot of practical things.

HOME SWEET HOME

If you have decided to go abroad and live there, the first thing that you should worry about is where you will stay.

So, you should search for information about the requirements of renting or buying a house. The documents you may need in order to be able to rent or buy your new home can differ significantly from one country to another. It would be good to find out in advance what kind of documents you will need.

You can consult expatriate online forums or even reach out to individual users, because those people that write on forums are really open to share their experience. The set of documents we recommend for you to be prepared with is:

- ✓ Scan of your passport and ID card
- ✓ Tax returns
- ✓ Bank statements
- ✓ A list of past addresses
- ✓ A list of past employers
- ✓ A list with detailed contact info for a few references



TAKE CARE OF YOUR FINANCES

Moving is always an expense, especially when you move to another country. Even though you have a budget and a plan, you should be careful how you manage your money.

The first issue is the bank account. You can either keep the bank account from your home or you can open a new account in the country you are moving. If you keep your home country account, you should look into the transaction fees you will pay as a result of using services (ATM/ credit or debit card).

You could also consider using online management tools. For example PayPal is one of the many online tool for money management. Also, ING Bank has really good online services.



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MAKING NEW FRIENDS

All beginnings are hard and even though you may be a very sociable person, you may encounter difficulties in making new friends.

So, you should participate at events that are compatible with your personality and your interests. In this way is easier to meet new people that you have things in common with. It is a higher probability to have a connection with persons that share the same interests and ideas as you.



KEEP IN TOUCH

Even though we live in a globalized world, sometimes the distance can be a barrier.

You can avoid that frustration by figuring out the telephonic, internet and snail mail options and what you need as a foreigner to establish service.

The expat forums are also very useful for this problem as well. As the VOIP (Voice over Internet Phone) technology is improving significantly you should exploit it. A very common VOIP is Skype. Also Facebook has very good calling and video services.

FINDING A JOB IN ANOTHER COUNTRY

First of all, you should decide what kind of job you want. If you want a simple job like, for a example a waiter, you will probably don't have so many difficulties.

But if you wish to have an occupation which requires academic background it may be more complicated.

You can use all sorts of online platforms.

A really good one is EURES (European Employment Services) which is useful for both employers and workers. They offer advice on how to prepare your CV. The visit for the interview in the country you want to work in is supported by them.

In European cross-border regions, EURES has an important role to play in providing information about and helping to solve all sorts of problems related to cross-border commuting that workers and employers may experience.



HARD to find a **JOB?**



***We Can Help You To Discover
New Opportunities***

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The Future Of Europe, Seriously?

We are living in a world where it doesn't matter that much where have you been born.

If you were in Denmark then you will have the possibility to have a better life. Or for example if you were born in Nigeria the standard of your life it would be very poor.

In this moment, in Europe is happening the biggest movement of people since ancient times. Millions of people are trying to cross the borders in the search of a better life. Even in EU people from the east side are trying to move and start all over again in the west side.

The situation is problematic and the future of Europe is under question. A lot of countries discuss about this subject and are trying to find the measures that can balance the situation. Some of them are discussing to close the borders or even the possibility to exit EU.

I think that in this world of non-endless wars, greedy politicians, economic crises, changing governments, even Nostradamus wouldn't be able to predict the future. But that doesn't mean that we have to stop believing and fighting for the open, trustful and democratic model of Europe, for open space and free borders. That doesn't mean that this model is fake or unrealistic. This is the best thing that should happen to Europe. In this way, people that don't have to worry anymore about their basic needs can concentrate on exchanging ideas, creating new inventions, conserving the environment and developing all parts of Europe.

*Maybe we can find ways to somehow balance the situation... **Seriously?!***





FOR ALL ROUTES TO AND FROM

50%

**ROMANIA
BULGARIA
POLAND**

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