Your international move, one clear plan.

A neutral, country to country planner. Use it alongside your corridor page on moveabroadindex.com. We do not rank or recommend any mover, so every choice below stays yours.

The countdown

8 to 10 weeks out

- Book video or in home surveys from at least three movers, and ask each for a binding quote.
- Compare shared container, sole use container, and air on a like for like basis.
- Check your destination customs rules for used household goods, and start the visa or residence route.

4 to 6 weeks out

- Confirm your mover and lock a collection and delivery window.
- Gather documents: passports, visa or residence paperwork, inventory, proof of address, insurance valuation.
- Declutter, because volume is the single biggest driver of cost.

1 to 2 weeks out

- Deregister at your current address where required, and settle utilities and contracts.
- Sort pet paperwork, vehicle paperwork, and anything that needs an appointment on arrival.
- Confirm the packing date and what you will carry yourself.

Arrival

- Be present for delivery, check the inventory against what arrives, and note any damage in writing the same day.
- Register your address, tax number, and residence as your destination requires.

Documents to keep in one folder

- Passports and visas
- Signed inventory and mover contract
- Insurance policy and valuation
- Proof of new address
- Receipts for recent high value items
- Pet and vehicle paperwork

Quick cost worksheet

Line item	Your estimate
Freight (shared / sole use / air)	_____
Insurance (transit cover)	_____

Packing and materials	_____
Customs, port, and handling fees	_____
Destination delivery beyond the port city	_____
Storage, if any	_____
Total	_____

How to choose a mover, with no names attached

- FIDI (FAIM) or IAM affiliation, the audited quality standards for international moves.
- Real experience on your exact corridor, and the port and clearing agent they use.
- A binding pre move survey, not a sight unseen estimate.
- Clear insurance terms: what is covered, the valuation basis, the excess, and how claims are handled.
- Consistent recent reviews that mention customs and delivery, not just collection day.
- Like for like scope, so every quote covers the same volume, services, and insurance.

Rules change and depend on your circumstances. Verify customs, visa, tax, and vehicle requirements with the official authorities before you rely on them.