



3 Things to Sort Out First

Before You Move to Paraguay -Free Quick Start Checklist

1. Get Your Documents Moving Early

- ☐ Figure out whether each document you'll need was issued at the state or federal level. They follow different apostille paths, and mixing them up is one of the most common (and time-consuming) mistakes.
- ☐ Start a simple tracker for every document: who issued it, when you ordered it, where the apostille needs to go, and how long that's expected to take.
- ☐ Check the recency window Paraguay requires before you order anything - some documents can expire for filing purposes before you even arrive.

There's more to the apostille sequence than this - which office to start with, how translation timing fits in, and how to avoid re-doing a document - but this gets you moving without wasting time at the wrong office.

2. Split Your Money Into Two Buckets

Keep a recurring monthly budget completely separate from your one-time relocation fund; they get spent very differently, and mixing them makes it hard to know if you're on track.

- ☐ Bring your passport, proof of address, and proof of immigration status any time you sit down to open a bank account.
- ☐ If one branch turns you down, don't assume the bank itself said no; try a different branch.
- ☐ Requirements can vary more than you'd expect.

What actually belongs in the relocation fund (and roughly how much to set aside for each piece) is where most people underestimate - that breakdown is one of the things covered in full depth in the complete guide.

3. Pick the Right City for Your First Chapter

- ☐ Asuncion: more international connections, private healthcare options, and furnished rentals- a good fit if your first month is going to be appointment -heavy.
- ☐ Encarnacion: smaller, walkable, calmer pace and a strong waterfront community feel.