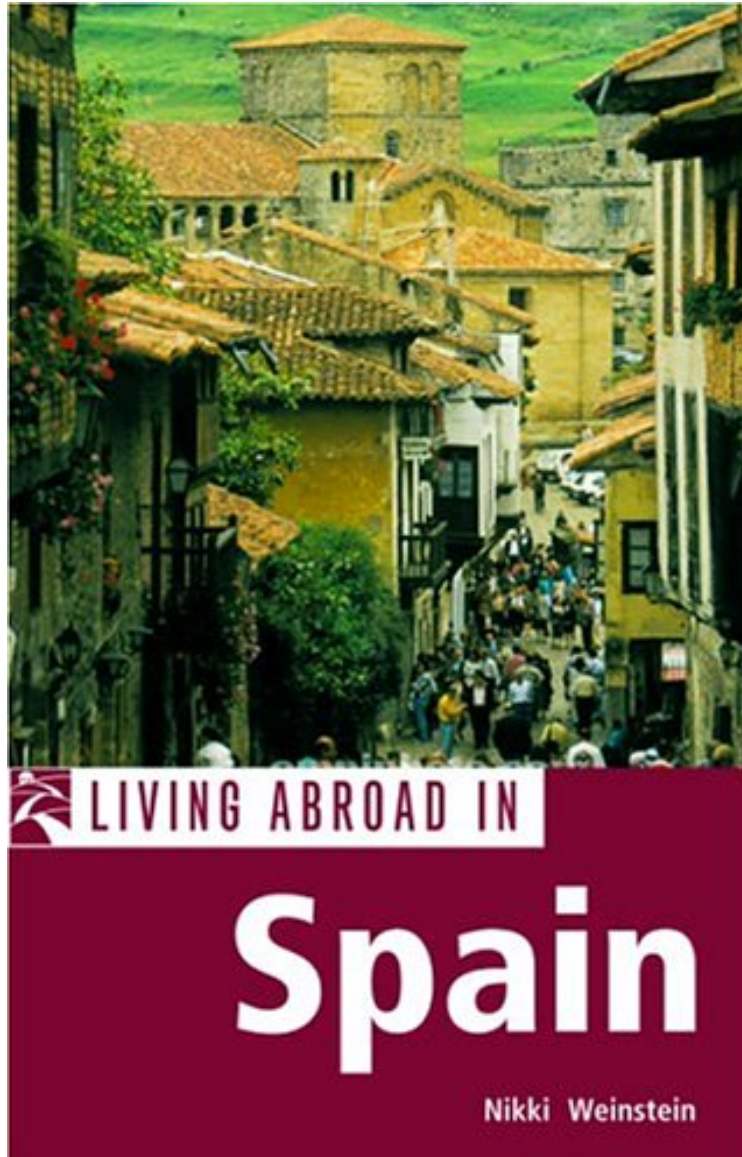


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Nikki Weinstein : Living Abroad in Spain before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Living Abroad in Spain:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Informative and useful--with one glaring exception.By NataliaLaLocaIn general, this is a useful introduction to the issues an expatriate will face when moving to Spain. As an American citizen who is considering making the move, I also like that the book is written by an American (most English-language books on moving to Spain are written by--and largely for--UK citizens, who have it much easier

than Americans with regard to residency and work permits). However, I find it frustrating that Weinstein completely ignores the major catch-22 that bars most non-EU citizens from legal employment in Spain: most Spanish employers will not hire without an existing work permit, but it's extremely difficult to get a work permit without having a standing job offer. Even Google, an American company that has a branch in Madrid, will not consider applicants who do not already have EU working papers in hand. Weinstein does not say how she got around this problem; does not say how any other non-EU citizens have gotten around this problem; does not give any pointers on where to find companies that might be willing to sponsor Americans for a visa; in fact, does not mention this issue at all. Had I known of this glaring, hugely important omission, I would not have bought the book. Now you know. If what you want is general information about the logistics of life in Spain, this book is great. But if you're a non-EU citizen who is looking for guidance in circumventing the major catch-22 of employment in Spain, look elsewhere. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good attempt at capturing the important details on how to live (legally) in Spain . . . but it's not as easy reading a book. By Cynthia I bought this before I moved to Spain. After having lived there for a few months, I reviewed the book again. It's probably as good as it could be given the whims of the funcionarios at the Spanish offices one must visit to make living in Spain official. There are nice descriptions of the locations, but if you want something more detailed on where you're considering living, you have to supplement this with one of Rick Steves' books. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Horribly boring, not at all what I thought it'd be... By Kent A. Elolahow do you write a book about life in Spain without ANY mention of SOCCER or SANGRIA? This book is full of useless information (addresses/phone numbers, etc) that anyone monkey with the Internet can now access easily. There are no passages about nightlife in Spain or stories of mingling with the people at bar or nightclub... Spain is the 2010 World Cup champs and PASSIONATE about soccer (futbol), yet this lady makes no effort to even pretend to know any thing about the sports scene, which is surely immensely popular with the locals (and appealing to most Americans). Great looking cover. clean pages. but dull, drab, boring writing ... so much so that i couldn't even get thru it on a long boring airplane ride and opted for the free magazine selection instead.

Imagine yourself living in Spain. You head home after a fiesta, eating churros and chocolate and celebrating with your neighbors. You know the locals and speak Spanish with ease. You show visiting friends around with the confidence of one who belongs. Author Nikki Weinstein shows you how to make your dream take shape. She left her life as a magazine writer in New York to make a home abroad in Spain. While some give up daunted by the financial, bureaucratic, and decision-making issues that accompany a move so extraordinary you'll be led step-by-step through the information you need on visas, money, jobs, housing, safety, language, culture, and history. Nikki has done the research and made the mistakes so you don't have to. There's a place that matches your budget, needs, and dreams: perhaps it's an apartment in the vibrant city of Barcelona, a villa in sun-drenched Andalusia, or a beach house on the dramatic Galician coast. You can make it happen. With *Living Abroad in Spain*, it's easier than you think.

"It often seems that what binds Spain together is a collective feeling. Emotion is the unifying glue in a culture awash with contradictions, rife with regional differences, and alive with the past. From Galicia to Ibiza, the Spanish jump into life heart first." About the Author Nikki first went to Spain when she was 20 years old. She made multiple trips back to Spain and when she was 28, she decided to move to Madrid. Once she settled in, Nikki made a valiant attempt to try every restaurant in town, practice yoga in Spanish, and even was witness to a traditional pig slaughter. Nikki started her career at CBS News and she has contributed written pieces and commentary to NPR, Time Out New York, Spain, and other publications. She now divides her time between Madrid and New York City and continues to write about Spain.