

The Ultimate Costa del Sol Relocation Guide 2026

Everything you need to know before making your move to Southern Spain

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Why Are So Many People Moving Here?

The Costa del Sol offers a rare combination of climate, lifestyle, and opportunity — and it's no longer just a retirement destination.



320+ Days of Sunshine

One of Europe's sunniest coastlines



Global Connectivity

Excellent international flights and infrastructure



Remote Work Ready

Thriving digital nomad and entrepreneur community



International Community

Families, professionals and investors from around the world



Which Part of the Costa del Sol Is Right for You?

The key is not finding the "best" area — it's finding the best area **for you**.



Marbella

Luxury, restaurants & international lifestyle



Estepona

Relaxed coastal living & value



Benahavís

Golf, mountains & luxury



Mijas

Space, views & traditional Andalusian lifestyle



Fuengirola

Beaches, amenities & excellent connectivity



Benalmádena

Family lifestyle & marina living



Málaga

City life, culture & connectivity

What Does It Really Cost to Live Here?



Your budget will depend heavily on **where you live**, property type, and lifestyle. Establish your total monthly budget **before** choosing your property.

❏ **Key insight:** Your property budget is only one part of your relocation budget.



Housing

Mortgage or rental costs



Utilities & Transport

Electricity, water, internet, car



Groceries & Dining

Daily living and entertainment



Healthcare & Education

Private insurance and school fees

What About Taxes & Visas?

Moving to Spain has important financial and legal implications. Your circumstances will determine what applies to you.

Residency & Visas

- Residency requirements
- Digital Nomad Visa
- Non-resident taxation

Tax Obligations

- Spanish tax residency
- Property taxes
- Capital gains & wealth tax

Always Seek Independent Advice

Never make a relocation decision based on a property salesperson's advice. Always consult a qualified Spanish tax adviser and lawyer.



Moving to Spain With Children?



For families, **location comes before property**. The Costa del Sol has a growing international population and strong demand from families with school-aged children.

→ 🎓 International Schools

Shortlist schools first, then search for property within a realistic commute

→ 🏥 Healthcare & Activities

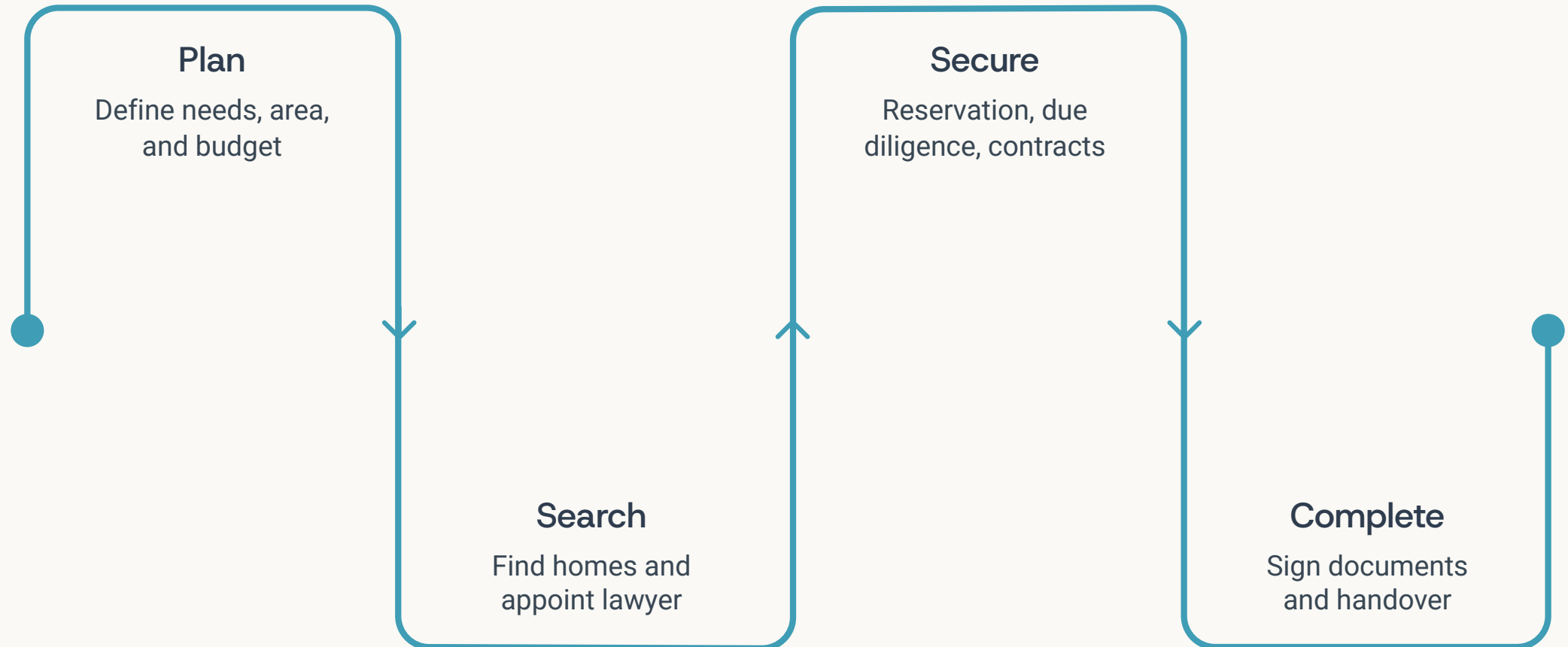
Access to quality medical care, sports, beaches, and an international community

→ 🌍 Community

Children settle quickly in the Costa del Sol's diverse, welcoming environment

Buying Your Home in Spain

Don't buy the property first and figure out your relocation afterwards. **Build the relocation plan first.**



A typical purchase involves eight key steps across these four phases. Working with the right professionals at each stage protects your investment and gives you peace of mind.

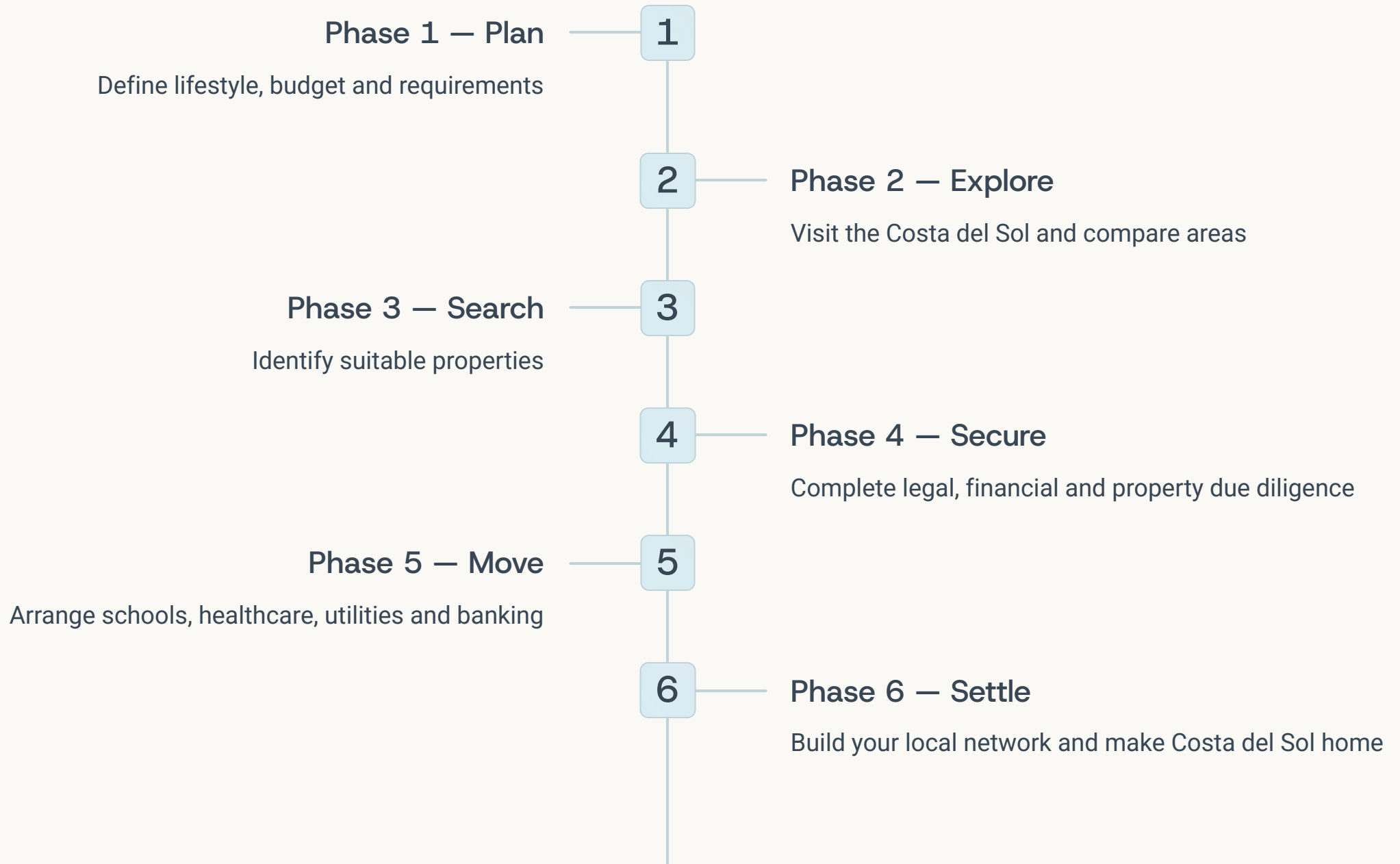
7 Expensive Mistakes to Avoid

- 1 Choosing a property before choosing an area
- 2 Underestimating the total cost of moving
- 3 Ignoring school locations
- 4 Assuming every town offers the same lifestyle
- 5 Buying without legal advice
- 6 Focusing only on the property price
- 7 Trying to organise everything yourself

 **The right advice early can save you thousands later.**

Your Costa del Sol Move: The Simple Roadmap

A structured approach transforms a complex relocation into a manageable, confident journey.





Thinking About Moving to the Costa del Sol?

You don't need to work everything out alone. Get **free personal Costa del Sol Relocation advice** with a 30 minute consultation from Pardalis Estates.

✓ Areas That Match You

Which locations suit your lifestyle and family

✓ Realistic Budget

What your property budget can actually buy

✓ Clear Next Steps

What to organise before you move

Book Your Free Consultation

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