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ADVANTAGES OF LIVING IN PORTUGAL:

AFFORDABLE COST OF LIVING, which allows expats to enjoy both essentials and luxuries without financial strain while offering a relaxed lifestyle with a better work-life balance.

SAFETY: Ranked seventh globally on Global Peace Index, Portugal is one of the safest and most stable countries, appealing to tourists, investors, and expats alike.

TOP-NOTCH HEALTHCARE: Portugal's healthcare system provides high-quality medical services. Expats can benefit from national health services or private health insurance.

VISA- FREE SCHENGEN ACCESS : American residents in Portugal can freely travel within the EU's Schengen Zone without needing additional visas, enhancing their travel flexibility.

STABLE INVESTMENT CLIMATE : Portugal is becoming a key European business hub, with a thriving start-up scene. This environment is favorable for foreign investors and retirees interested in real estate.

QUALITY EDUCATION: Families moving to Portugal can access excellent education. The country offers a range of international schools and universities.

RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE AND BEAUTIFUL WEATHER AND SCENERY: The country is steeped in history and captivating architecture. The warm, welcoming locals and diverse culture offer expats an enriching experience and sense of community. Portugal boasts mild winters, sunny summers, and stunning landscapes.

STEPS FOR MOVING TO PORTUGAL FROM THE USA

1. UNDERSTAND VISA REQUIREMENTS: While Americans can travel visa-free within the Schengen Area for up to 90 days, staying longer or moving permanently to Portugal requires a residence permit. Options include the Golden Visa, D2, D7, or D8 visas, each with specific eligibility and requirements.

2. APPLY FOR THE APPROPRIATE VISA: Assess your eligibility and gather necessary documents to apply for the visa that best fits your purpose, such as work, retirement, or investment.

3. OBTAIN A PORTUGUESE TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (NIF): This number is essential for handling financial and legal matters, such as opening bank accounts, signing leases, or starting a business. You can apply for a NIF in person at a local tax office or online before moving.

4. OPEN A PORTUGUESE BANK ACCOUNT: A local bank account helps simplify bill payments, avoid high international transfer fees, and ensure smoother transactions in daily life.

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