

WELCOME TO MORÓN AIR BASE



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Welcome Letter from Morón Air Base Key Spouses

BIENVENIDOS and WELCOME to Morón Air Base.

The Morón Air Base Key Spouses would like to extend a warm welcome to you as you join our Matador family! An assignment to Morón is a unique and incredible experience; both professionally and as a family. The 496th Air Base Squadron is a one-of-a-kind squadron comprised of Airmen from 36 Air Force career fields - bringing both depth and diversity to our squadron while enhancing our entire community. We can't wait for you to make long lasting memories with your family and new friends. A Morón AB assignment is both an adventure and opportunity for growth on many levels!

The squadron has a supportive and responsive Key Spouse Program that consists of several extensively trained Key Spouses who look forward to supporting you while you make your home here in Spain. We can offer information and resources that foster a smooth transition and assignment. You can count on us to provide a wide range of information regarding available services on and off Morón Air Base, installation and squadron events, as well as information about the local area.

Please know that this is a family-oriented squadron. We encourage our Active Duty members to bring their spouse and/or children to Right Start, Resiliency Events, and Roll Call. We understand that childcare can be difficult to find, so please, bring your little Matadors!

Notifications and event details are typically posted on the [496th Moron Air Base Key Spouse](#) and [496th Moron Air Base Airmen and Families](#) Facebook pages. Additionally, information is sent via email and WhatsApp. To receive information, please fill out the [Matador Spouse Contact Information Form](#) so we can add you to our Key Spouse Program communication roster. You are always welcome to contact the Key Spouse Team directly, or you can email us at 496abskeyspouse@gmail.com.

The Key Spouse Team is excited that you are here and ready to connect you with people, resources, and information. We are looking forward to personally meeting and welcoming you to the Matador family!

Warmest Regards,
Your Morón Air Base Key Spouse Team

AN INTRODUCTION TO SPAIN

Spanish Culture

Arriving in a new country is never easy. Every culture has its own traditions and expectations that, as a newcomer, will largely be foreign to you. Some will perhaps even surprise you. It is best to remember that to not just survive, but thrive, at your new overseas duty station has a lot to do with your attitude and acceptance of the local people and culture. If you keep an open mind and are flexible you will have an easier time acclimating to your new duty station.

The country of Spain is an interesting mix of old and new world. It affords a wealth of cultural experiences, but like any foreign country, it is not without its differences. It is best to understand a few cultural tips before setting foot outside the gate. First, Spaniards tend to be more conservative in their dress and more affectionate in their greetings than Americans are typically used to. Blending in means dressing a little nicer for an evening out and becoming familiar with local greetings. Spaniards are affectionate people, and it is not unusual to receive a kiss on each cheek from people you have never met before.

One of the things that many Americans struggle with when they first arrive is the pace of life that greets them in Spain. Used to the frenetic comings and goings in the United States, the laidback attitude that greets newcomers can be both unexpected and, at times, upsetting. You will eventually adjust but be aware that things have their own rhythm here. For instance, the Spanish system still honors “siesta hours,” which are generally between 2 and 5 p.m. each day. Between those hours, most businesses are closed except for restaurants, larger stores, shopping centers, and grocery stores. Most stores are closed on Sundays; some larger chain stores or malls will open on Sundays during the summer holiday season only.

The language of Spain is Castilian Spanish, or castellano. It is also worth mentioning that just like in the United States, Spain has differing accents and colloquialisms depending on where you are living or visiting. In Andalucía, although the language is Spanish, the accent is different from what you’ll find outside the region. So brush up on your high school Spanish or learn a few words before arriving, and prepare to learn new words and phrases to add to your linguistic experience.

In the end, the best advice is to be flexible and learn to laugh at yourself. Embrace it, enjoy it and be prepared to immerse yourself in the drama and color of Spain. For more information about Spain, please reach out to a Key Spouse.

Andalusian Climate

Generally, the summers are clear, dry and very hot. Temperatures of 100 to 120 degrees Fahrenheit are common, with almost no rain between April and September. Winters are cool and rainy; rarely does the temperature drop below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Occasional frosty mornings are followed by pleasant days with midday temperatures from 55 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Don't be fooled; coats are needed in the winter just as swimsuits and strong sunscreen are needed in the summer.

Local Area Information

There are two major military bases with a US presence in Andalucia, Spain. Aérea de Morón de la Frontera, also known as Morón Air Base and Base Naval de Rota, also known as Naval Station Rota. Morón Air Base is approximately 35 miles (56km) southeast of Sevilla, and about 72 miles (117km) from Naval Station Rota.

There are three main towns near Morón Air Base: Arahal, Morón de la Frontera, and Utrera. Arahal has approximately 20,000 inhabitants and is about a 20 minute drive from the Base. Morón de la Frontera has roughly 28,000 inhabitants and is about 20 minutes from the Base. Lastly, Utrera is much larger with 53,000 inhabitants, and is a 25 minute drive from the Base. Each town has grocery stores, shops, restaurants, and various services.

Learning the Language

Very little English is spoken in the towns surrounding Morón Air Base (we are in Spain after all), and you may find yourself wishing you knew a little Spanish. Fret not, there are multiple ways to improve your Spanish, whether you are a total beginner, or have been practicing the language for years.

- The Morón Air Base Library provides various books and resources to help you learn Spanish.
- University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) offers Spanish classes at Morón Air Base. For more information or to enroll, please contact moron-europe@umgc.edu.
- There are multiple language schools in Sevilla. One such school is Sevilla Habla! in Sevilla. (<https://sevillahabla.com/en/>) Most schools offer both in-person and online classes.
- You can also learn Spanish through apps such as Duolingo, Mondly, Memrise, Babbel, LingoDeer, Chatterbug, Busuu, and more.

Translation

The Google Translate app is a very useful tool to assist you with English-Spanish translations. It offers written words translation, website translation, speech translation, and more. Image translation is a popular feature, which identifies text in a picture and instantly translates the words.

Pro tip: The Google Translate app offers an “offline” feature, in the event you are without service. Be sure to download the “Spanish” option in the settings, so that you will always be able to translate anytime, anywhere.

UPON ARRIVAL

Lodging

The Air Force Inn, Morón Air Base, offers rooms and pet-friendly Temporary Lodging Facilities (TLF). To make reservations, call 1-888-AF-LODGE, or email hotel.frontera@us.af.mil to make a reservation. Please make your reservation no later than 30 days prior to arrival. Limited pet friendly rooms are available, please check for availability when making reservations.

Find additional information, to include pricing and amenities, in the links below:

<https://af.dodlodging.net/propertys/Moron-AB>
[Air Force Inns Digital Guest Book, Moron Air Base](#)

Furnishings Management Section

The Morón Air Base Furnishings Management Section (FMS) is your contact for all loaner furniture matters during your assignment here in Spain. Military personnel and DoD civilian personnel authorized Overseas Housing Allowance or Living Quarters Allowance, and shipment of their household goods, are entitled to temporary loaner furniture.

Loaner furniture support is authorized for a period of 90 days pending the arrival of your household goods. An extension due to loss, damage, or delay of household goods may be authorized; approval must be requested through the Housing Office. Outbound personnel are also authorized loaner furniture for a period of 90 days.

Additionally, there are items authorized during the entire length of your tour to include kitchen cabinets, washer and dryer, microwave, freezer, refrigerator, transformer, wardrobes,

and more. FMS has appliances equipped to accommodate 220V local standards. FMS will deliver/pickup only within the designated commuting area. For example, they will not deliver items to Sevilla.

For initial issues of authorized furniture, members must visit the FMS office in building 514 to arrange for desired items. Please keep in mind, you will need to notify FMS at least 3 days prior to delivery or pick-up to avoid unnecessary delays, and to facilitate scheduling.

Pass and ID

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You will need your military orders or NATO orders to get on base upon arriving in Spain. During your check-in process, the Pass and ID office will issue your Tarjeta Especial de Identificación (T.E.I.). This is your permanent base access card. You will use this ID to enter and exit Morón Air Base and Rota Naval Base.

Vehicle Pass

A vehicle pass is required for your vehicle to enter Morón Air Base and Naval Station Rota. To obtain a vehicle pass, you must present your Spanish registration, proof of insurance, your Inspección Técnica de Vehículos (ITV) document, and identification to Pass and ID. You will be issued a temporary pass until your official pass is ready. *Please make note of the expiry date on your vehicle pass, you will be denied entry if it has expired.*

Visitors

When you know that your family or a friend is coming to visit you at Morón Air Base, please provide the Pass & ID office with the following information at least three (3) days in advance:

- Full name(s) of the visitors and their passport numbers
- Nationality of family members (Outside EU or US Nationality may require longer processing times)
- Dates of visit
- Point of Contact (POC) for the visitor

If you have any questions, please contact the Pass and ID office:

496ABS.SF.PassandID@us.af.mil

Driver's License

Our presence and activities in Spain are primarily governed by international agreements, the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and the Agreement on Defense Cooperation between the US and Spain. In accordance with these international agreements, military, DoD civilians, and their families' members assigned to Spain on PCS orders must be in possession of a Spanish driver's license to either operate or register a vehicle in Spain.

When you arrive in Spain, you will be required to pass an open-book driver's test, which is taken at the Morón Air Base Library. Once you have passed the test, Pass and ID will issue you a temporary Spanish translation of your stateside driver's license, good for 45 days. It can take up to two months to get the Spanish license once the paper is submitted. As such, once your Spanish driver's license is processed, you will be issued a temporary letter with your European license information, good for 90 days. Pass and ID will contact you when your official European license has arrived for pick up. Keep these documents with you whenever you are driving.

There is no cost associated with the temporary or permanent Spanish license.

To obtain a Spanish driver's license, you must be 18 years of age or older, and possess a valid U.S. stateside driver's license. An international driver's permit, military driver's license or any type of temporary license is not acceptable to apply for a Spanish driver's license.

In accordance with Article 38 of the US-Spain Agreement, service members, government employees and family members without a valid stateside driver's license cannot obtain a driver's license on base. Family members in possession of a valid driver's license, but not yet 18 years of age, are not eligible for a Spanish driver's license and cannot drive.

Spain requires proof of two years minimum of motorcycle driving experience prior to issuing a full motorcycle license, so make sure that your stateside driver's license has been endorsed for motorcycle operations for two or more years or have written 24 evidence that you have had a motorcycle license for more than two years, prior to your transfer. If your U.S. driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement was issued less than two years ago, you will obtain a Spanish driver's license valid to operate motorcycles with no more than 500 cc.

Things to remember when driving in Spain:

- Respect all posted speed limits and be alert for posted signs.
- The maximum speed limit for any vehicle is 120 kph, with lower limits on certain roads. You should always respect speed limits in each case.

- Use of seatbelts is obligatory for all passengers in motor vehicles.
- Use of helmets is obligatory when riding motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles.
- Telephones may only be used with "hands free" systems while driving.
- Children under 3 years must be strapped into a suitable seat for their weight and height.
- A reflective jacket must be used when getting out of the car on the road or the hard shoulder.
- If your car is stopped on the road or hard shoulder, use of warning triangles is obligatory.
- In accordance with Spanish law, the maximum alcohol level permitted is 0.5 g/litre in the blood, and 0.25 mg/liter of air (breathalyzer).

Vehicles

A common question we get from inbound Airmen and Families is "Should I bring my car, or buy one in Spain?" Don't fret, we're here to answer some questions you might have about vehicles here in Spain.

There are a few ways to get a car here in Spain and we'll be honest, not all of them are easy. Something to keep in mind before arriving in Spain is that most cars on the Iberian Peninsula are manuals. Finding an automatic car can be difficult and very expensive. Additionally, parking in Spain can be a little, er, tight. Having an F350 is probably not the best choice for getting around Spain. SUVs, about the size of a RAV4, are not uncommon and a safe bet. Common vehicles in Spain include Ford, Seat, Renault, Volkswagen and Peugeot. Check with your sponsor to see if shipping, buying, or leasing a car makes the most sense for you.

Mopeds and motorcycles can be imported or purchased in Spain. However, to operate these vehicles, you will need to meet the requirements of both the AFI and Spanish regulations. If you are planning to import or purchase a moped or motorcycle, we highly recommend you contact Pass and ID to ensure you meet these requirements.

Automobile Insurance

Vehicle owners must have a third-party liability insurance policy with the following coverage to either operate or register a vehicle: bodily injury, liability minimum of €70,000,000 per accident and property damage minimum of €15,000,000 per accident. To prove compliance with Spanish compulsory insurance laws, personnel holding POV insurance acquired in or outside of Spain must have an International Certificate of Vehicle Insurance called "green card" - though it doesn't have to be printed on green paper.

If you wish to retain your current insurance, contact your agent before you move to Spain and request a green card. You can also buy POV insurance from legally established Spanish or U.S. companies in Spain after your arrival. It could cost between \$400 and \$1,000 for third party liability and as much as \$2,500 for full coverage, depending on the type of vehicle, age of driver, etc.

The green card is the only acceptable proof of compliance with Spanish compulsory insurance requirements. Therefore, the vehicle registration section will not accept any other document as proof of insurance for vehicle registration or re-registration purposes. Green cards are readily available from most international insurance agencies. They will email you the forms once you have established the policy with the required coverage.

Important things to know about SHIPPING/IMPORTING your Vehicle to Spain:

Personnel on permanent change of station (PCS) orders to Spain are entitled to import one vehicle within 6 months from his/her date of entry, free from all Spanish duties and taxes. If your spouse is also active duty military or a DOD civilian coming to Spain on separate PCS orders he/she is also entitled to import one POV to Spain under the same tax exempt conditions. On average, vehicles take approximately 2-3 months to ship from CONUS. It's best to ship your vehicle as early as possible.

Your vehicle must have a license plate, not a dealer plate, in order to ship it to Spain. If you are moving from another overseas installation and no longer possess your license plate you must request a new plate. If you purchased a new vehicle or previously relinquished your license plate you must obtain a license plate to drive the vehicle here in Spain. It can take 2 to 4 weeks for you to be issued a European license plate. Please contact your state's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to obtain a license plate prior to arriving in Spain.

Once your vehicle arrives in Spain from the US, you will need to drive to Cadiz to pick it up, approximately 90 minutes South of Morón Air Base. Vehicles arriving directly from the United States with a current state side registration and license plates are issued a 45-day import permit (referred to as a "conduce" by Spanish Customs), which will legalize the operation of the vehicle in Spain while a Spanish registration is processed. Vehicles with either expired "conduces," no registration documents, expired or invalid registrations, or expired plates will not be released to their owners, nor operated until the Spanish registration is obtained. Likewise, the vehicle will not be released to personnel without a Spanish translation of a valid stateside driver's license. Spanish translations are available through Pass and ID.

When picking up your vehicle, you must provide these documents: Release Letter (from Pass and ID), vehicle registration, proof of insurance, driver's license with Spanish translation, two copies of your PCS orders, and the Vehicle Processing Center (VPC) inspection. Only the sponsor is authorized to pick up the vehicle.

Personnel driving their POV to Spain in the execution of their PCS transfer from another European country must report to Pass and ID with their vehicle within 48 hours of their arrival at Morón Air Base, for the processing of their Spanish registration. Vehicles being transferred from another European country are considered an import. Each active duty member is allowed only one import to Spain.

Vehicle inspections, to comply with Spanish motor vehicle regulations, are required to register a motor vehicle in Spain. Vehicle inspections for both American and Spanish vehicles are conducted by appointment here at Morón Air Base. The American vehicles cannot have an Inspección Técnica de Vehículos (ITV) vehicle inspection done off base, but Spanish vehicles can have their ITV conducted at any of the ITV facilities throughout Spain.

Additionally, make sure your car is in great condition before shipping it to Spain, as getting maintenance can be difficult, and it can be challenging to find parts for American cars in Spain. Lastly, the importation of a vehicle with any modifications by other than the manufacturer is strictly prohibited. Aftermarket modifications to include additional brake lights, window tinting, and wheel size may result in hefty fines.

Important things to know about acquiring a Vehicle in Spain:

Members of the force and the civilian component may purchase and maintain one European Union manufactured vehicle with European or US specifications - acquired in Spain, free from Spanish Value Added Tax (VAT). Family members of eligible personnel, 18 years of age and over, in possession of a Spanish driver's license, may also own and maintain one European Union manufactured vehicle, acquired in Spain, free from the VAT. Here are a few ways to acquire a vehicle in Spain:

1. Buy a vehicle from a fellow Airman: Oftentimes when someone PCSs, they will sell their vehicle to an inbound family or Airman. This is done through word of mouth, or on the Facebook Page *Morón AB Yard Sale Page*. You can also keep an eye on the FB Page *Rota Car Lot*, which is another place to find a vehicle for sale from fellow military members. The benefit of buying/selling mil to mil is that there are no hassles, scams or fraud. Please note that you

cannot bring a European Spec vehicle back to CONUS unless it is 25+ years old. *None of these websites are affiliated or sponsored by Morón Air Base and are independently operated.*

2. Buy a vehicle from Military AutoSource Rota:

<https://militaryautosource.com/location/MAS-NAS-Rota>. There is an office at Naval Station Rota. Due to Spanish law, you can only acquire a car from Military AutoSource within the first six months of arriving in Spain. This can take time, so be sure to plan ahead.

3. Buy a vehicle Off-Base: You can also buy a car from a person or business unassociated with the Base. To do this, you will need a Spanish Driver's License and potentially an NIE Number (if purchased in the Cadiz Province). The NIE Number is issued by the National Police of Spain and in accordance with Spanish law is required for the purchase or sale of any real estate, vehicle, or boat within Spain. Please note that you cannot bring a European spec car back to CONUS. However, it is possible to find and purchase American spec cars in Spain. In general, vehicles are generally not maintained to the same standard you may have seen at other overseas locations (like Japan for instance). Keep that in mind when budgeting for a vehicle.

4. Lease a vehicle: Some members lease a car during their assignment here at Morón Air Base. It takes the hassle out of buying and selling a car in Spain. Benefits to leasing a car include roadside assistance, vehicle maintenance, and vehicle insurance. Please note that you may be required to pay for minor damages out-of-pocket (i.e., dents, scratches, broken side mirror, etc.) Currently, there is one business at Morón Air Base that offers this service: Rental Car Juan Antonio, +34 679 414 342. WhatsApp is the best way to communicate.

5. Rent a vehicle: Recommended ONLY for short amounts of time. Please note that this can be incredibly expensive long-term. It's best to shop around for a good rate. Morón Air Base has a Navy Exchange rental concessionaire, however, there are other rental companies in Utrera, Morón de la Frontera, Sevilla and near Naval Station Rota.

A few of the local auto shops are listed below:

- Vincente Mecanico (El Coronil) +34 955 836 129, +34 655 904 039 (cell)
- Taller HP Mechanics (Utrera) +34 955 544 736
- Mecatec, Luis (Morón de la Frontera) +34 637 188 461

Finance

Our finance team offers one-on-one services for your financial needs. Once you arrive, visit this office as soon as possible to complete your travel voucher. Completing this paperwork on time will help get you reimbursed in a timely manner. To contact the Finance Office, please email: 496ABS.FM.TaskerWorkflow@us.af.mil

The most common allowances you will receive while stationed at Morón Air Base are:

- **Cost of Living Allowance (COLA):** A non-taxable allowance designed to offset the higher overseas prices of non-housing goods and services. This allowance fluctuates based on local costs and the cost of goods in the United States.
- **Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA):** A payment to service members living in a private housing complex during overseas duty station. It is used to pay for rent and utilities. Utilities fees tend to fluctuate during the year depending on usage of AC/heating so be sure to save any money left over to cover those months that are more expensive.
- **Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA):** A one-time entitlement payment for move-in housing expenses.
- **Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA):** A payment used to reimburse a member for lodging and meals.

General tips:

- Make sure you keep a copy of all your receipts from your travel days to Morón Air Base
- Once you arrive, visit the CSS and Finance Office as soon as possible... don't delay!
- Make sure you have been detached from DTS at your previous base, this will facilitate the processing of future TDYs
- Monitor your GTC card statement
- If you encounter any significant delays during your trip, contact your SATO office as soon as possible

Preparing Financially

Relocating costs money, much of it up front. Though you will be reimbursed for many of these expenses, plan on saving between \$4,000-\$6,000 for the move. For many, that means starting a savings account early. Some anticipated costs are: traveling expenses to include hotel, rental car, meals, etc. Also consider the purchase of a vehicle (if required); insurance (most companies require a year's premium up front); car registration fees; renter's insurance.

For personnel planning to live off-base, you will need to save for deposit and rent. Your first payment to the landlord will usually include a deposit equal to one month's rent in addition to the first month's rent. The second month's rent may be due before OHA is processed. OHA will cover rental fees but not the deposit.

Housing

When arriving at Morón Air Base, you are required to go to the Housing Office within 2 work days of arrival for the Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) briefing and BEFORE entering into any agreement to lease community housing. It is imperative for our customers to understand that overseas tenant/landlord laws differ from those in the US, and as such, so do tenant/landlord rights and responsibilities. Contact the Housing Office prior to your arrival to confirm current base housing policies and on or off-base housing availability.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION: DO NOT enter a rental agreement, verbal or written, without consulting the Housing Office.

Most personnel who live off-base reside in the town of Morón de la Frontera in the neighborhood of La Ramira, as well as the city of Utrera. To see what houses are available, you may visit <https://www.homes.mil>. The Housing Office can show you additional residences that will become available in the near future once you arrive on station. To contact the Housing Office, please email: 496abs.ceh@us.af.mil. Additional information can be found at <https://www.housing.af.mil/Home/Units/Moron/>.

Lastly, moving to a new base can be daunting for so many reasons, but nothing is more unsettling than trying to find the best house for you and your family. To help reduce stress, the Key Spouses have compiled a list of things to keep in mind when living off-base in Spain, as well as a list of pros and cons for common neighborhoods both on and off-base.

Things to keep in mind when living off-base in Spain

- The refrigerators are much smaller than Americans are used to. If you like to buy in bulk, make sure to borrow a deep freezer from the Furniture Management Section.
- Clothing dryers are condenser dryers and tend to take longer to dry. Fortunately, southern Spain is very sunny; consider hanging clothes out to dry. Additionally, there is a laundromat on base should you wish to wash larger items.
- Not all Spanish homes have central HVAC. It is good practice to open windows once a day to allow proper ventilation.
- European houses tend to be smaller; plan to downsize. A king size bed may be a tight fit, especially in a townhouse or apartment.
- All appliances, TVs, appliances, electronics, etc. must be checked for voltage. If the item is dual voltage 110/220 volts, 50/60 Hz you can use it with a simple adapter plug. If the item is only 110 volts, 50 Hz you must use a transformer box.

- To help save money on utility bills and energy costs, unplug all transformers and turn off heating/air conditioning when you leave the house.
- Use [ESIOS electricidad · datos · transparencia](#) to determine energy costs real-time.
- Pools are lovely but can be very expensive. Please do your research before accepting a home with a pool.

La Ramira

La Ramira is a small neighborhood, approximately ten minutes from Morón Air Base. It has approximately 360 Spanish residents.

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large houses, bigger yard, swimming pool, plenty of parking • Many Americans live in the neighborhood • Short commute to Morón Air Base • It is a short drive to Morón de la Frontera for shopping (5 minutes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No grocery stores nearby, only one restaurant within walking distance • Power outages are not uncommon during summer months • Internet connection can be unreliable • The houses tend to have small appliances

Utrera

Utrera is a city with an estimated population of 50,000 people. The city has a lot of grocery stores, shopping and services. It also offers entertainment, such as a bowling alley and movie theater.

Pro	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More opportunities to interact with Spanish locals • Grocery stores are within walking distance • You have access to most online delivery services, such as Amazon Spain, as well as takeaway deliveries i.e. Glovo and Just Eats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longer commute to the base for work/school • Military families are spread out • Smaller homes. Most do not have a pool, garage or basement. Very little storage and small yards.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a train station with a line to Sevilla, and closer proximity to the Sevilla Airport • There are multiple parks to visit with children, as well as a dog park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to get to the base for families with one vehicle • Can be noisy if you are near the center of town
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Military Family Housing (on-base)

There are approximately 20 housing units on Morón Air Base. Services on base include the Fitness Center with pool, the NEXMart, Library, Club Andaluz, Gas station, Sevilla Elementary and Middle School, playgrounds, and more.

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All utilities and rent are included, no need to pay bills (except internet). • Short commute to work, many residents ride their bike. Great for families with one car • American power, American sized appliances, no need to use transformers • CE maintains the housing units if there are any problems • The yard is fenced for pets • Base housing internet is generally faster and more reliable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not a typical Spanish experience • Amazon Spain does not deliver to MFH, and food delivery needs to be picked up at the main gate • The lawns need to be maintained, but this can be done via a gardener, or on your own • There is limited public transportation • Houses do not have private pools

Kitchen Kits

The Morón Air Base Key Spouse Program provides loaner kitchen kits for incoming and outgoing Airmen and families without Household Goods. These kits include dishware, cookware, cutlery, cooking utensils and more. We also provide loaner TVs and appliances. Please contact us if you'd like to borrow or return items: 496abskeyspouse@gmail.com.

Civil Engineering Self Help

Located in building 207, CE Self-Help is a base facility established for use by all Military Family Housing occupants and designated primary/alternate building managers. Materials and tools borrowed from CE Self-Help are for minor maintenance and repair of government facilities or equipment, to include base homes.

All borrowed items must be signed for by authorized personnel. Dependents may sign for a sponsor. Items may be borrowed for up to 72 hours and must be returned in good/clean condition. Extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis. For example, Military Family Housing (MFH) residents may borrow garden implements for the duration of their residence. Items include gardening tools, lawn mower, leaf blower, shovels, etc. Hand and power tools are also available and will be issued with proper safety gear. HVAC filters and replacement light bulbs are available to MFH residents.

Lastly, CE Self Help provides loaner cable boxes and satellite dishes to both MFH residents and off-base residents; for those looking to stay connected via the Air Force Network (AFN).

Cell Phone/Service

Before moving to Spain, check with your current wireless network provider to verify they have international service; or a cheaper option may be to buy a SIM card upon arrival.

To use a SIM card, your cell phone must be “unlocked” by your US provider. You can find a SIM card at a wireless network retail store, convenience stores, and online. Wireless network providers in Spain include DigiMóvil, Vodafone, Movistar, Orange, and Yoigo, among others. To sign up for a Spanish SIM card, you’ll need to provide proof of identity, such as a passport. You’ll also need to complete a short registration process, which will take a few minutes.

Many wireless network providers in Spain offer a prepaid SIM card, or a long term contract. Most members choose the prepaid option for more flexibility. There are a few ways to reload your SIM card, to include online, via an App, at an ATM, in selected stores, and more. A popular App to recharge your mobile is [MobileRecharge](#).

Post Office

Our postal office works Monday through Friday, the hours vary. Work with your sponsor to set up a mailbox before your arrival. The only document required to set up a mailbox is a set of your Military Orders.

Upon arrival, check-in at the post office to receive the combination for your mailbox. The post office personnel will explain how to receive or deliver a package, put your mail on hold, and more. Please make sure to check your mail regularly.

Being overseas, there will be delays when receiving or sending packages. Additionally, there are limitations on the size and weight, when shipping and receiving. Please contact our postal office for more information.

Your Morón Air Base Address:

YOUR NAME

PSC 62 BOX ----

APO AE 09643 xxxx

“Valido” Stamp

When arriving in Spain, civilian components and dependents are required to receive a “valido” stamp with DEROS date during their in-processing phase. This stamp, along with the TEI card issued upon arrival, serves as proof of residence for the duration of your tour in Spain. The stamp is not required for military members, although it is highly recommended for traveling abroad.

The stamp is issued by National Police Immigrations agents located on base, in the Spanish Air Force ATOC facility located next to Base Ops (bldg. 1411). Hours vary, please contact our Host Nation Advisor, Ms. Alicia Petty, or your CCEA Team. Please ensure you take your passports and a copy of your orders.

Uniforms

The selection of uniforms, rank insignias and echelons at the Morón Air Base NEXMART is limited. We recommend you acquire them prior to arriving in Spain. Remember to pack service dress and consider shipping your mess dress (if you have one), as there will be special events requiring those uniforms.

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Renter's Insurance

The US Air Force DOES NOT insure your rental home, government property or your personal property.

Renter liability insurance is strongly recommended in order for members to protect their tenant rights. Consider buying commercial insurance to protect your personal property, damages to the rental unit, pet related incidents, etc. Some of the most commonly used companies in Spain include AXA SPain, Allianz, Liberty Seguros, MAPFRE, Spanish Insurance Solutions (SIS), Reale Seguros, and more. USAA also provides both renters and property insurance.

Consider buying commercial insurance to protect yourself in case of a major loss. Keep in mind, the landlord is not required to obtain insurance, but can hold you liable if major damage is caused by your negligence or willful misconduct. Specific questions should be directed to the insurance company (i.e. USAA) or the Staff Judge Advocate office. This is a personal choice but the ramifications of not having insurance can be devastating.

Paying Rent

Rent is paid in Euros, and the method of payment can be made in either cash, or bank transfer. The method of payment shall be agreed upon by the landlord and the renter. At the time of the payment, the landlord must provide the copy of the rental amount, as well as the receipts/bills for utilities, such as electricity, gas, and water.

Here's an example of rental payment options:

METHOD	AMOUNT	FEES	TOTAL COST	SAVINGS
Personal Check	1000€	Current exchange (1.05) + fee (0.3% or 4€ minimum)	\$1,055	\$43
ATM	1000€	Current exchange (\$1.05) + Reimbursable fee approx. 5€(\$5.26)	\$1,056	\$42
Wise App.	1000€	Current exchange + Using wire transfer (\$4.15)	\$1,061	\$37
Wise App.	1000€	Current exchange + Using debit card transfer (\$12.90)	\$1,070	\$28
NEX	1000€	NEX Current exchange + 2€ service	\$1,071	\$27
BBVA-Wire Transfer	1000€	5€ monthly +Exchange rate (1.05)+ USAA or Navy Federal fee(\$17)	\$1,073	\$25
Banco Santander-Wire Transfer	1000€	16€(\$17.39)monthly +Exchange rate (1.05)+ USAA or Navy Federal fee (\$17)	\$1,085	\$13
Wire Transfer USAA	1000€	Current exchange (\$1.05) + \$ 25 + \$20	\$1,096	\$2
Wise App.	1000€	Current exchange + Using credit card transfer (\$42.81)	\$1,098	\$0

Banks/Money Exchange

There are two banks at Morón Air Base. The Bank of Santander, and BBVA.

Additionally, there are two ATM locations. In building 106, there is a Santander Bank ATM machine next to Pass and ID and the Housing Office. This ATM provides bills of different denominations. In the Northeast corner of building 541, east of the gas station, there is a BBVA bank with an ATM machine. This machine only provides 50-euro bills.

Both ATMs are available 24/7. They are linked to CIRRUS and work with most debit cards. Both machines have an English option.

Additionally, the NEXMart on base offers a money exchange for those looking to exchange Euros to Dollars and vice versa. Hours are limited, and there is a fee.

Medical/Dental/Pharmacy

For more detailed information from the Morón Medical Aid Station team, please click here to review the [Welcome Letter](#).

Morón Medical Aid Station

There is a medical aid station at Morón Air Base that provides limited support to military members, such as sick call, short term prescriptions, and initial primary care. The Medical Aid Station is for military members only. There is no on-base hospital.

Tricare International SOS

Ensure that you and your family are enrolled in Tricare International SOS while overseas. Before making an appointment with a Spanish provider, CALL TRICARE ISOS FIRST!! Tricare ISOS will assist you with your medical needs and will send an "Authorization Letter" to your Spanish provider. This will prevent you from paying out-of-pocket for medical expenses. Also be sure to download the MyCare Overseas mobile app. This app provides 24/7 assistance, can help with appointments and referrals, medical translations, and more. For more information go to the [Tricare ISOS App](#) website.

TRICARE ISOS Customer Service Toll Free: +34 900 812 193 (call from any Spanish phone)

TRICARE ISOS Toll Free Medical Assistance: +34 800 900 551 (call from any Spanish phone)

TRICARE ISOS Website: www.tricare-overseas.com

Santa Angela de la Cruz Viamed Hospital in Sevilla

As members of the Morón Air Base community, we have an arrangement with Santa Angela de la Cruz Viamed Hospital in Sevilla. They have a Central International Patient Department that can assist members and families set up appointments, referrals, and translation services.

Prior to making an appointment, you must contact Tricare Overseas Customer Service to get your authorization. Tricare will send both you and the hospital a copy of the "Authorization Letter." Please ensure that they send your request to Santa Angela de la Cruz Viamed Hospital in Sevilla. The Central International Patient Department On-Call Mobile is (+34) 620-432-398, Email: imu@viamedsantaangeladelacruz.com

Rota U.S. Naval Hospital Rota

The hospital at Naval Station Rota offers medical services for military members and their families on a space-available basis, and appointments are subject to change at a moments notice. This option should only be used if local area providers cannot provide the care required. To set up an appointment call +34-956-82-3620.

Pharmacy

Morón Air Base does not have a pharmacy. However, there are plenty of pharmacies in nearby towns, easily recognized due to the green cross displayed outside their entrance. All towns in Spain are required to have a pharmacy open 24/7. Each pharmacy will have a list posted, stating where to find the 24/7 pharmacy for that day.

Dental

Twice a year, a dental team from Ramstein Air Base travels to Morón Air Base to provide dental cleanings, and to complete dental requirements for active-duty members.

Ensure you and your family are enrolled in a dental insurance plan to receive dental benefits. Currently, United Concordia is the insurance provider for the US Air Force. Before visiting a dentist, we recommend calling United Concordia to ensure your dental costs will be reimbursed. Keep in mind, virtually no local dentists accept United Concordia and you will almost certainly have to pay out-of-pocket. Be sure to keep the receipt and submit it to United Concordia for reimbursement.

Grocery Shopping

There is no commissary on base. However, Morón Air Base has a small NEXMART. The NEXMART is unique because it carries both Navy Exchange items (NEX) and Commissary items (DeCA). If the NEXMART doesn't have what you are looking for, they may be able to purchase the item in bulk for you, or start carrying it in-store if there is enough demand across the base population. Just ask the store manager to see what's possible!

Women Infants and Children (WIC) Overseas is a benefit available to overseas families, which includes drafts to be redeemed for nutritious foods. To obtain WIC drafts, please register at the WIC office located at Naval Base Rota. These drafts can be used at the Morón Air Base NEXMART.

Additionally, because the NEXMART is small and can't carry everything on its shelves, consider shopping via the Navy Exchange website and select "pick up at store." mynavyexchange.com offers free and fast shipping, so there is no need to drive to Rota. Orders usually take 5-7 days, and the NEXMART will contact you when it is ready for pick-up.

Finally, there are many grocery stores off-base that carry all the essentials, although perhaps not all the brands you are used to. Mercadona, Family Cash, Aldi, Lidl, Supermercados Dias, and Supermercado Maxico are grocery stores in the surrounding towns.

Public Transportation

Morón Air Base does not have public transportation. Therefore, you will need to make personal arrangements for a rental car or taxi service. Keep in mind, individuals are not authorized to

walk from the Main Gate after dusk. The bus service that transports contracted employees may offer “space available” seats to surrounding towns.

Car Rental and Taxi Service

All cities in Andalusia have full taxi services offering urban and inter-urban transport at any time of the day or night. You can find taxis in different areas of the city and at the main communications hubs (stations, airports, shopping centers, etc.). You can also order taxis by phone. Helpful Apps include Cabify and Uber.

Morón Taxi	Morón de la Frontera	95 485 0665
Avis	Sevilla Airport San Pablo	95 444 9192
	Santa Justa Train Station	95 453 7861
Europcar	Sevilla	902 105 005
Hertz	Sevilla Airport San Pablo	95 451 4720 / 95 444 9126
	Santa Justa Train Station	95 453 8335
NEX Car Rental	Morón Air Base	+34 680 411 298
Sevilla Car	Sevilla	95 422 2587 / 95 422 4678

Airports

Sevilla Airport, <https://www.sevilla-airport.com/en/>
40 minutes from Morón Air Base

Jerez Airport, <https://jerezairport.net/>
60 minutes from Morón Air Base

Malaga Airport, <https://www.airport-malaga.com/>
110 minutes from Morón Air Base

Train Stations

Utrera Train Station

Sevilla Santa Justa Train Station (main station)

The Moovit App or the Trainline App is useful for transit schedules, tickets, real-time arrivals, directions, maps, etc. Renfe is also a great site for booking travel in Spain via train.

<https://www.renfe.com/es/en>. Use Renfe’s website to book high-speed train tickets (AVE), mid-distance train tickets (media distancia), Avant train tickets, and regular train tickets between cities. You can also buy your tickets at the train station.

Gas Stations

There is a gas station at Morón Air Base operated by the NEXMART. It offers unleaded gas only. Hours of operation vary. If you require diesel, you will need to purchase diesel off-base.

You can apply for a Repsol Card through the NEXMART which allows you to purchase gasoline/diesel off-base at a non-taxed, reduced price. Applications are available at the Gas Station and NEXMART.

Gas Stations in Spain

There are a number of gas stations in and around Spain. Generally, they carry Gasolina 95, Gasolina 98, Gasóleo A, and Gasóleo Premium/Extra/Super/Ultra. Please note that gas off-base is typically more expensive, and some gas stations have attendants and some do not. To purchase gas or diesel, ask an attendant, or go to the cashier for assistance.

Types of fuel include:

Gasolina 95 - This is standard lead-free fuel for all petrol cars

Gasolina 98 - This is higher octane lead-free fuel, and is not always available

Gasóleo A - This is standard diesel

Gasóleo Premium/Extra/Super/Ultra - This is high grade diesel

Laundromat/Dry Cleaners

There is a laundromat located on-base with American-Standard washers and dryers, next to the library. Washers and dryers require quarters which can be purchased/exchanged at the NEXMART or Dunkin Donuts.

There is no dry cleaner on-base, however, there are dry cleaners located in surrounding towns. Local dry cleaners include:

Tintorería Encarni, Arahal, +34 610 42 21 87

Limpieza En Seco Nena, Utrera, +34 954 86 41 77

Quality Sec, Utrera, +34 954 86 00 43

Lavandería Chari SL, Morón de la Frontera, +34 954 85 06 52

Recycling

Spain has a well-developed system for recycling used materials like paper, plastic and soda cans. You can easily find receptacles for recycling almost anywhere in Spain. Generally you will find green, yellow and blue receptacles. Here's a description of what goes where:

The **Green Recycle Bin** is for glass containers. To include glass bottles, and jars. REMOVE lids, caps and tops from glass bottles, jars, etc. Lids, caps and tops go in the yellow container. Do not put light bulbs, mirrors, or broken glass in this bin.

The **Yellow Recycle Bin** is for packing material. To include plastic bottles, milk cartons, metal cans, soda cans, etc. These items must not contain any food or organic residue. If possible, please compact all containers prior to placing them in the receptacle. You can also place plastic bags in the yellow recycle bin, however, you can limit your use of plastic bags by purchasing and using reusable bags at the grocery store.

The **Blue Recycle Bin** is for all types of paper to include cardboard. Please remove staples, paperclips, tape, etc. Break down cardboard boxes. Do not dispose of paper towels, toilet paper, or napkins in this bin.

Also keep an eye out for a **Tall Green Recycle Bin** for clothing and shoes. Often it will be labeled with "calzados y ropas." To find a container, go to <https://www.humana-spain.org/>.

Lastly, the **Orange/Brown Recycle Bin** is for domestic grease and oil. These bins are less common, but are for recycling used cooking oil, *reciclado de aceite usado de cocina*. Simply fill a plastic bottle with used oil and deposit the bottle in the orange/brown bin.

Civilian Employment

Please note that without a visa, American citizens cannot work off-base, due to Spanish labor laws and the U.S.-Spain Agreement on Defense Cooperation (ADC). Additionally, only American Citizens can apply for on-base employment.

Job Opportunities at Morón Air Base

- [KBR](#)
- [NAF](#)
- [NEXMART](#)
- [DODEA School](#)
- [USAJobs.com](#)

USAJobs.gov is the federal government's official one-stop source for federal jobs and employment information. Applicants are strongly encouraged to create an account to store appointment and preference documents so they will be readily available at all times. Military spouses and family members may apply for employment up to 30 days before their anticipated arrival overseas.

Home-Based Business (HBB)

Should you wish to start a home-based business here in Spain, please follow these guidelines:

- All home-based businesses must be registered with the Legal Team. Email: 65abg.jalegaloffice@us.af.mil.
- Income from HBBs is taxable under Spanish law. Note: Spanish law may not require businesses to register with Spanish Social Security if income is less than 9,080.40 €/year.
- Military Mail Facilities cannot be used to import goods for resale. Note: Agency type sales are permitted.
- Goods sourced from the NEXMART cannot be sold to non-TEI card holders.
- Food-Based HBBs may have additional requirements regarding food safety and liability disclosure.
- All approved businesses will confine their activities to Morón Air Base. For questions or concerns, please connect with our Legal Team.

For more information, please reach out to our Morón Air Base Host Nation Advisor (HNA).

MAB FACILITIES/RESOURCES

Emergency Services

- Emergencies on-base dial 9-1-1 from your DSN number
- Emergencies in Spain or within the Eurozone dial from any phone 1-1-2
- Morón AB Operator Comm: +34-955-84-1110 , DSN: 314-722-1110

Entertainment and Recreation

[Force Support](#)

Please note that there is no Outdoor Recreation or ITT at Morón Air Base.

Morón Air Base Force Support hosts a number of events throughout the year, to include excursions in and around Andalucia. Please check their Facebook page for current events. Force Support also provides rental facilities and equipment, such as bicycles, yard games, tables and chairs, bouncy houses, and more. Be sure to contact Force Support for a list of what is available to rent with prices.

Bowling Alley

UNDER RENOVATION - CLOSED. Expected to re-open winter 2022-2023.

Fitness Center

The Morón Air Base Fitness Center offers a variety of equipment ranging from treadmill machines to free weight systems. It boasts a cardio room, weightlifting room, saunas, racquetball court, softball field, two tennis courts, an outdoor volleyball and basketball court, and more. The Fitness Center is open 7 days per week. After hours access is only available to the main gym. The base also has a seasonal pool, open from Memorial Day thru Labor Day (opening days may vary).

A friendly staff is on hand to help you get “Fit to Fight” by providing incentive programs on a monthly basis, as well as an equipment orientation for beginners. The Fitness Center also provides weekly classes, such as spin class, yoga, and HIIT training.

If you are in need of equipment, the gym also lends out basketballs, volleyballs, tennis racquets and more. To contact the gym, please email: 496ABSFSVS.FitnessCenterStaff@us.af.mil.

Library

The [Morón Air Base Library](#) is located in building 320 and offers various events for adults and children alike, to include a Summer Reading Program. Please contact the library for a calendar of upcoming events.

There is also a great selection of adult and children’s books, as well as audiobooks and ebooks. Furthermore, it offers a large selection of free books, great for service members and families on-the-go, no need to return.

Lastly, the Library provides services such as free-wifi, printing, scanning, and computer access.

Movie Theater

UNDER RENOVATION - CLOSED

Restaurants

- The Dining Facility (DFAC) is located in building 115. It offers a cafeteria service with a monthly menu. Airmen and families are welcome. Both euros and dollars are accepted.
- Dunkin' Donuts is operated by the NEXMART and is located in Building 320. Both euros and dollars are accepted.
- El Escondite, "The Club," offers sit-down dining, bar, and takeaway service. You can view the menu and order takeaway at <http://www.escondite-takeaway.com>.
- Subway is operated by the NEXMART and is located in Building 320. Both euros and dollars are accepted.
- There are multiple Spanish Cantinas on-base offering typical Spanish tapas, plates, beverages, and more. They only take euros.

Host Nation Advisor

Morón Air Base has a Host Nation Advisor that provides support to our community in Spanish law matters, consulate services and other related topics. In addition, Mrs. Alicia Petty Leal can help you process your Número de Identidad de Extranjero (N.I.E.). The NIE is required for vehicle purchases, to sign a MoviStar contract, to establish a Spanish bank account and to enroll a student in a Spanish local high school (13 years and older).

Contact your sponsor before reaching out to Mrs. Petty Leal for any questions about the local area or otherwise. As stated previously, she is our point of contact with the Consular Agency of the United States in Seville.

Contact Information for our Host Nation Advisor: alicia.petty_leal.es@us.af.mil.

Legal Services/Notary

There are no legal services at Morón Air Base. However, the goal is for the 65th Air Base Group Legal Team to visit Morón Air Base once a quarter. They can assist with wills, power of attorneys, notaries, personal and/or civil legal matters, and more. To contact the legal team, please email: 65abg.jalegaloffice@us.af.mil or call DSN 314-535-3546.

The First Sergeant is also available to notarize documents as required.

Religious Services

The Morón Air Base chapel offers various religious services as well as several ongoing classes for spiritual growth. Additionally, our Chapel Team offers 100% confidential counseling and sponsors numerous programs for our community throughout the year. Some of these events include marriage enrichment retreats, family retreats, single retreats, cultural engagement trips and holiday programs. Contact information for our Chapel Team: +34 955 848 310 or follow them on Facebook [@moronairbasechapel](#).

Military and Family Life Counseling Program (MFLC)

The Military and Family Life Counseling Program supports service members, their families with non-medical counseling worldwide. Trained to work with the military community, military and family life counselors deliver valuable face-to-face counseling services, briefings and presentations to the military community both on and off the installation.

Confidential non-medical counseling addresses issues such as improving relationships at home and work, stress management, adjustment difficulties, parenting, and grief or loss. It does not address active suicidal or homicidal thoughts, sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, alcohol and substance abuse, or serious mental health conditions.

For more information about the MFLC program, please contact a Key Spouse, or the First Sergeant.

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/confidential-help/non-medical-counseling/military-and-family-life-counseling/the-military-and-family-life-counseling-program/>

Key Spouse Program

The Key Spouse Program is here to support Airmen and families during their assignment here at Morón Air Base. This program is designed to enhance readiness, resiliency and to establish a sense of community here in Spain. Key Spouses are Commander appointed and are trained to serve as a resource to the Command Team in an effort to create a link between families and the Morón Air Base leadership.

We offer various ways of staying in touch with families. *Email!* We send out emails about upcoming events, Morón Air Base information/resources and messages from the Commander. *Text!* We also provide a text option, to connect you with an individual Key Spouse, and to get you information faster. *Both!* Want all the information via both email and texts? No problem! To sign up, please fill out our [Spouse Contact Information Form](#).

You are welcome to contact the Key Spouse Team directly. Your messages may be sent via email, or via Facebook.

496abskeyspouse@gmail.com
[@496MoronKeySpouse](#)

Military and Family Readiness Center (MFRC)

There is no MFRC at Morón Air Base. However, resources are available via the 86th Airlift Wing located in Ramstein, Germany. The Military & Family Readiness Center offers services to personnel and their families through thirteen core programs offering workshops, special events, and one-on-one consultations. Each staff member works as a Community Readiness Consultant and can provide services in the center or via outreach.

The MFRC's core programs are Exceptional Family Member Program, Air Force Wounded Warrior Program, Key Spouse, Personal & Family Readiness, Personal & Family Life Education, Personal Financial Management, Employment Assistance, and Career Focus, Relocation Assistance, Transition Assistance Program, Volunteer Resources, Information and Referral, and the Air Force Aid Society. For more information, please visit their website.

<https://86fss.com/afrc/>

Online Resources

Useful Websites

[Military OneSource](#)

[American Red Cross Services for Military and Veteran Families](#)

[Blue Star Families](#)

[496 ABS Website](#)

[Welcome to US Naval Station Rota Spain](#)

[Ramstein Air Base Website](#)

Useful Apps

Facebook

WhatsApp

Google Maps

Waze

Google translate

Unit Plus

TripAdvisor

Wise

SpTH

Airbnb

Omio

MyCare Overseas

AF Connect

Military OneSource

Safe Helpline

Citymapper

Glovo

Uber Eats

N26

AlertCops

SmartTraveler

USAA

NavyFederal

ServiceCreditUnion

Social Media

Here is a list of official and unofficial social media resources related to Morón Air Base.

Morón AB Official Page:

[496th Air Base Squadron](#)

Force Support Related Pages:

[Morón Force Support](#)

[Morón AB Library](#)

[Morón Fitness Center](#)

Morón Spouse Related Pages:

[Morón Key Spouses](#)

[496 AB Spouses' Club](#)

[Morón Living Magazine](#)

Morón AB Community Related Pages:

[Morón AB Community Support](#) (open to MAB and surrounding community)

[496th ABS Airmen and Families](#) (open to MAB Airmen and Families only)

[Morón AB Chapel](#)

[Morón AB Yard Sale](#)

[Morón AB Top 3 Association](#)

Morón AB School Related Pages:

[Sevilla Elementary/Middle School and PTO](#)

[Sevilla Elementary/Middle School](#)

University of Maryland, Global Campus

UMGC Europe is a non-profit regionally accredited university that offers students the opportunity to complete coursework in a variety of different degree programs. UMGCEurope offers five certificate programs, nine associate degree programs, twenty-one bachelor's degree programs, and five graduate degree programs.

Furthermore, UMGCEurope maximizes the use of military training, providing the fastest path to earning an associate degree. Students located in Europe also have the opportunity to enroll in UMGCEurope stateside classes and degree programs. Here at Morón Air Base, they offer limited

face-to-face classes several times throughout the academic year. Students are also welcome to participate in the many online classes that UMGC offers in Europe, Asia, or stateside.

Face-to-face Spanish classes are offered at Morón Air Base, and both Active Duty Military members and their family members can enroll.

For more information please contact moron-europe@umgc.edu

Private Organizations

Private Organizations currently active at Morón Air Base:

- AFSA
- Booster Club
- Rising 6
- Spouses Club
- Top 3
- USO

FAMILY

Schools

Seville Elementary and Middle School (SEMS), located on Morón Air Base, provides services for children grades K-8. Students grades 9-12 can attend high school at Naval Station Rota, approximately a one-and-a-half-hour drive from Morón Air Base. There is also the option for your child(ren), to attend a Spanish school. The School Liaison Officer (SLO) will be able to help with the application process. Please note that there is no Child Development Center or Youth Services at Morón Air Base.

Sevilla Elementary and Middle School (SEMS) is located on Morón Air Base for grades K-8. For enrollment information please refer to their website. <https://www.dodea.edu/sevillaems/>

Rota Middle High School offers services for students in grades 6-12 at Naval Station Rota. For enrollment information, please refer to their website. <https://www.dodea.edu/RotaMHS/>

There are multiple options for Spanish Schools, including Day Care, Private School, Publicly Funded Private School “charter school”, Public School, and International School. Spanish

schools are in high demand; to ensure access, it is recommended to enroll your child as soon as the school registration process begins. Pre-enrollment takes place in March (April for daycare).

You will need these documents:

- Child's birth certificate and passport (copy)
- Parent's passports (copy)
- Child's vaccination records
- Proof of residence

If considering a Spanish Private School for your child(ren) please keep in mind, private schools set their own admission policy; they have the freedom to establish the criteria they consider to be pertinent. When applying for admission, families will be asked to present their child's educational records and a school report (if applicable). Additionally, the child will take an admission test prior to being enrolled. Private school options in the area:

- Trilingual *Spanish - English – French* school "Laude El Altillo" (67 min. away from Morón Air Base). Accredited by WASC (Western Association of School and College)
- British International boarding school "Sage College" (72 min. away from Morón Air Base). Accredited by the British Curriculum (English National Curriculum)
- Bilingual school "Colegio Internacional Europa" (56 min. away from Morón Air Base). Accredited by the Spanish Curriculum
- British International School "St. George" (67 min. away from Morón Air Base). Accredited by the British Curriculum (English National Curriculum)

Academic Equivalents:

SPAIN		U.S.A
1º INFANTIL	3 years old	
2º INFANTIL	4 years old	
3º INFANTIL	5 years old	KINDERGARTEN
1º PRIMARIA	6 years old	1 st grade ELEMENTARY
2º PRIMARIA	7 years old	2 nd grade ELEMENTARY
3º PRIMARIA	8 years old	3 rd grade ELEMENTARY
4º PRIMARIA	9 years old	4 th grade ELEMENTARY
5º PRIMARIA	10 years old	5 th grade ELEMENTARY
6º PRIMARIA	11 years old	6 TH grade MIDDLE

1º SECUNDARIA	12 years old	7 th grade MIDDLE
2º SECUNDARIA	13 years old	8 TH grade MIDDLE
3º SECUNDARIA	14 years old	9 th grade HIGH SCHOOL
4º SECUNDARIA	15 years old	10 th grade HIGH SCHOOL
1º BACHILLERATO	16 years old	11 th grade HIGH SCHOOL
2º BACHILLERATO	17 years old	12 th grade HIGH SCHOOL
UNIVERSIDAD	18-22 years old	COLLEGE

Home schooling is also an option, and the School Liaison assists families by gathering and sharing information on homeschool issues, policies and information from the DODEA system.

Families wishing to homeschool or participate in the Spanish school system are highly encouraged to register with the School Liaison Office. Please contact Mrs. Macarena Cano as soon as you have Military Orders for Morón Air Base. Her email is: macarena.cano_vazquez.es@us.af.mil.

Childcare

Please note that there is no Child Development Center or Youth Services at Morón Air Base. However, our School Liaison Officer can assist you with finding childcare in the local Spanish community. This can be a timely process, so please contact Mrs. Macarena Cano as soon as you have Military Orders for Morón Air Base. Her email is: macarena.cano_vazquez.es@us.af.mil.

School Liaison Officer (SLO)

The School Liaison Office, or SLO, is the vital link between parents, schools, and the installation. The SLO assists with registration process, Spanish school information, communication between teachers and parents, and inbound/outbound process during PCS moves. The SLO also provides information about local daycares, pre-schools, summer camps, and after school activities. If you have a child dependent, regardless of age, please check in with the SLO upon arrival.

Important information for parents to consider before PCSing to Morón Air Base:

- Morón Air Base is a Geographically Separated Unit (GSU) with no Child Development Center, or Youth Services.
- If you are a single parent or dual military with school-age children, you may need to re-evaluate your volunteer status for this assignment and/or accompanied status.
- Extracurricular activities and summer camps are offered in the local area. Transportation is not included.
- SEMS cannot currently support students on IEP or with any special needs

Pets

You and your family are welcome to bring pets to Spain but there are things to consider regarding types, number and sizes of pets.

If living in on-base housing, you are limited to a maximum of two pets (defined as dogs and/or cats) with no limit on size. All base housing units are fully fenced, but pet owners cannot leave their pets outdoors full-time out of consideration for their neighbors. Dog run enclosures are prohibited in housing areas.

Most Spanish landlords will impose similar limits on pets and may impose size or weight limits. Regardless of the number, if one lives on or off base, all pets must have a 15-digit microchip. Each pet must be registered into the Spanish database RAIA and obtain a European Pet Passport within three months of arriving in Spain or within 15 days of obtaining a new animal.

All service member-owned pets must be kept current on vaccinations. Spanish law requires annual vaccines for dogs and cats. If your pet has been administered a three-year vaccine in the States, it must have a booster shot every year to be in compliance with local regulations. Prior to bringing a pet to Spain, it is highly advisable to research costs associated with shipping a pet back to the United States or other international destination from Spain when the time comes for your PCS. Summer months prove to be an extremely difficult time to ship pets via the Air Mobility Command flight. It's also worth noting that the AMC does have pet weight restrictions (includes the pet plus the kennel). Check out their website at <http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/> for more information.

Be advised that the Air Force does not pay to ship your pets. Individuals moving to Spain are responsible for the cost of shipping their pet. This expense is NOT reimbursable or a tax write-off. In addition, commercial airline regulations have become increasingly stringent with

regard to pet travel to include barring specific breeds for part of the year due to hot and cold weather. The average cost to ship a pet utilizing a pet shipping company is approximately \$4,000. Keep these factors in mind when considering a pet while in Spain.

During your stay in Spain, you will be required to comply with Spanish law regarding care of animals. This includes purchasing a European Union pet passport and registering your pet's microchip with the Spanish tracking system, which can be done at any Spanish veterinary clinic for a nominal fee. You are required to keep a proof of vaccination and microchip with you at all times when walking your dog off-base. Other requirements, such as muzzling and leash, may only apply based on where you live or travel within Spain with your dog.

Southern Spain enjoys a temperate climate year-round. Consequently, there are some parasites that flourish in this region that you may not be aware of back in the States. One disease of particular concern is Leishmaniasis. This potentially fatal disease is transmitted by sand flies and if your pet is infected they cannot return to the United States. In order to provide optimal protection for your dog, Rota Branch VTF recommends monthly use of preventative products for sand flies, ticks, fleas, heartworms and intestinal parasites year-round in Spain. These preventative medications can be purchased at a veterinary clinic.

Morón Air Base does not have a pet boarding kennel on base. There are limited facilities available in the surrounding area off-base. Be aware that it can be difficult to find a kennel that can accommodate large dogs for boarding. It is important to locate an acceptable facility and secure your reservation well in advance if you require boarding for your pet.

Exotic Pets

Non-domestic pets or exotic pets are not authorized in Family Housing. They include, but are not limited to snakes and other reptiles, chickens, ducks, monkeys, ferrets, rats, and tarantulas. Hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, and fish tanks are allowed. If renting on the economy, check with the landlord.

Dangerous Dogs

Certain breeds of dogs are considered "dangerous animals" under Spanish Law 50/99. This label applies to all dogs of the breed, regardless of past behavior or temperament. Dangerous dogs in Spain include the following breeds and cross breeds: Pit Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull

Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Rottweiler, Doberman Pinscher, Argentino Dogo, Fila Brasileiro, Tosa Inu and Akita Inu.

Any other dog that demonstrates an aggressive character or has been involved in an attack against people or other animals and/or is designated as potentially dangerous by COMNAVACTS, designee, or appropriate Spanish government officials, is also considered a “dangerous animal.”

All members of the force or civilian component stationed in Spain who maintain a potentially dangerous animal, regardless of whether they live on- or off-base, must comply with Spanish registration procedures. The following rules summarize the Spanish law as it pertains to owners of dangerous animals:

(1) License. All owners of potentially dangerous dogs must obtain a license for such an animal from the local city hall within 30 days of arriving in Spain. Failure to obtain a license within the time prescribed will result in the impoundment of the animal and its potential destruction. A license will be valid for a period of five years. Owners of potentially dangerous animals residing on base shall present a copy of their license to Security. In order to obtain a license, the applicant owner must complete the following requirements:

- a. The applicant must be over 18 years old.**
- b. The applicant must not have been convicted of a crime or have been administratively sanctioned for past violations mentioned in pertinent Spanish law.**
- c. Have the requisite physical strength to control the animal when walked; dangerous dogs must be leashed and muzzled at all times while in public.**
- d. Pass a psychological examination from a qualified provider (several civilian clinics in Rota provide this service).**
- e. Obtain civil liability insurance. Once registered, the owner will need to carry the animal's identity card and registration documents on their person at all times when the pet is in public.**

Requirements for Pet Entry to Spain

As soon you know you're moving to Spain, start preparing your pet for entry requirements. Travel to Spain is primarily accomplished using commercial carriers including the weekly flight from Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia to Rota. Ensure your transportation office knows you're shipping pets to Spain, so they may help make reservations for you with your airline or

direct you to the place to make reservations. Airlines charge fees for shipping pets and this expense is not reimbursable.

Additionally, know that several airlines impose pet embargoes and will not accept pets when temperature limits are exceeded during any part of your itinerary. Please work closely with your transportation office to avoid any problems while traveling with your pet. Ultimately, travel arrangements for your pet are your responsibility.

Specific requirements for pets (defined as dogs and cats only) entering Spain include:

- Pets must be at least four months of age when entering Spain.
- Animals must be identifiable with a 15-digit microchip (ISO 11784/5). Tattoos are not a sufficient form of identification.
- All vaccinations must be given after the microchip has been implanted and should be given to your pet at least 30 days or more prior to moving.
- Each pet must have a certificate of health for the European Union, signed by any veterinarian accredited by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, under the Veterinary National Accreditation Program. Once completed, the certificate must be endorsed by an official veterinarian employed by the Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Veterinarians employed by the U.S. military are considered official veterinarians, and a certificate signed by a military veterinarian does not need APHIS endorsement.
- The health certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of issue.
- There is no quarantine requirement for entry into Spain.
- Check with your local veterinarian and the veterinarian in the country you're moving to prior to your arrival.

Living in Spain with your Pet

In Spain, it is not uncommon to see people walking about with their pets while running errands. Many restaurants have outdoor seating and will allow you to grab a bite to eat with your pet in tow, so long as they are well behaved and do not disrupt other guests. Dogs in Spain are generally very well behaved, and as a result, you will often see dogs walking off-leash down the street as if they too are running "errands." So, if you happen to see a dog walking by himself, he is most likely not a stray; his owner has probably stopped to chat with a neighbor.

Unfortunately, this results in many poos and pees on the sidewalk, so be sure to look where you step. It is also common for people to interact with your pet without asking for permission first. If you have a nervous dog, consider learning some polite phrases in Spanish to warn them.

Lastly, there are several veterinarians and kennels near Morón Air Base. Additionally, many local pet stores offer various pet food brands, toys, and additional accessories you may need during your assignment here in Spain. Please find more information below.

Kennels, Veterinarians, and Groomers

<u>Kennel</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Price</u>
Residencia Canina la Ventosilla	Utrera	+34 678 59 89 36	13 euro/day
Residencia Huellas D'Aldebaran	Utrera	+34 645 81 78 87	Call to inquire
Residencia Oasis	Sevilla	+34 667 70 88 55	12 euro/day
Califato	Alcala de Guadaira	+34 955 68 37 89	Call to inquire
Centro Canino de Villa Vereda	Sevilla	+34 955 72 47 86	Call to inquire

<u>Veterinarian</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Clínica Veterinaria Ángela de la Cruz	C. San José, 6, 41530 Morón de la Frontera, Sevilla	+34 660 08 09 76
Clínica Veterinaria Cruz Verde	C. Cruz Verde, 11, 41530 Morón de la Frontera, Sevilla	+34 954 85 08 38
Clínica Veterinaria Medical Dog	C. Doña Marcela, 5, 41710 Utrera, Sevilla	+34 955 86 40 49
Clínica Veterinaria Vázquez Ferrete	Cjón. de Capachuelos, 73, Local 1, 41710 Utrera, Sevilla	+34 954 86 37 92

Hnas. Muñoz Jiménez	C. Dr. Ramón Cruz Auñón, 3, 41530 Morón de la Frontera, Sevilla	+34 955 85 37 46
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Veterín Centro Veterinario	C. Exposición, 32, 41927 Mairena del Aljarafe, Sevilla	+34 955 88 72 55
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<u>Groomer</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Mascotas Morón	C. Bosque, 33, 41530 Morón de la Frontera, Sevilla	+34 658 57 06 67
SuperDog	C. Alvarez Quintero, 28, 41710 Utrera, Sevilla	+34 625 87 69 66

Pet Emergency Information

There is nothing scarier than waking up in the middle of the night to find your beloved pet unwell. Your first step is to take them to the veterinarian, but where? Your normal veterinarian may not be open or offer emergency services, which is why you need to make note of these details below.

In case of an emergency situation, a 24 hour veterinary clinic is located in Sevilla. Be sure to call them before you begin driving to let them know that you are on your way, and they will meet you and your pet at the clinic.

Contact info:

[VITALCAN Centro Veterinario](#)

E-mail: info@vitalcan.es

Telephone: +34 954 029 200

Emergency Telephone: +34 695 228 289

Address: Calle Factores 8, Local nº 24, Barriada de San Jerónimo (Sevilla)

Death of a Pet in Spain

Nobody wants to say goodbye to their pet, but eventually we are forced to. Whether it's due to old age or health issues, losing a pet can be a challenging situation. Fortunately, www.adiosmascota.es can help you arrange a farewell for your beloved pet. They offer cremation services, and pick-up and drop-off services.

Any commercial establishments in this guide are for your convenience. This guide is not intended to be exhaustive, nor does it constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the United States Air Force, or the Key Spouse Program. The exclusion of any establishment is not considered a discredit, or a deterrent toward utilization.

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