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***WELCOME TO  
MORÓN AIR BASE, SPAIN,***

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## **Welcome to Morón Air Base, Spain!**

Morón Air Base is approximately 8 miles northwest of Morón de la Frontera. Morón Air Base is a Spanish Air Force installation with a Colonel as the base commander. Our squadron commander is Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin L. Carroll. He also serves as the installation United States Forces Commander.

We are a very small community and take pride in providing the best customer service to our Team Morón members. We all know this can be a stressful time for everyone. As this is a very small community, it is necessary for all our Team Morón members to volunteer and help promote events on base. Additionally, if you are bringing a spouse and/or family, please ask your sponsor to put you in contact with the [496 Key Spouse](#) for additional family information. They will augment your sponsor to be certain your family has all the information they desire before and after you arrive.

We recommend you go to the local library and get familiar with the Spanish language as the Spanish speak little to no English. Most non-Spanish speaking Americans find the culture frustrating as they are unable to communicate with the local Spaniards. However, the Spanish are very friendly and will try to help you, but English is not a second language spoken in the surrounding communities.

### **Vehicle Shipments and Driving**

Our traffic management office (TMO) inbound representatives, [496 ABS/LGTTH Personal Property](#), will contact you and your servicing transportation function to ensure you have a smooth transition from your last duty station to Spain. We have full confidence that this will be the best move you've experienced in your Air Force career.

If you wish to bring a vehicle with you, consider shipping it as **early as possible**. Your entitlement to ship a vehicle expires 12 months prior to your DEROS. If your vehicle's projected arrival date is after this date, the vehicle will be shipped at owner expense. Additionally, renting vehicles in Spain is expensive, even for a small vehicle (smaller than a Ford Fiesta). For larger families, there aren't many options and the added cost for a large rental vehicle can be staggering to your budget. The Navy Exchange hosts a rental concessionaire on Morón, plus there are rental agencies in Morón de la Frontera, Seville (approximately 45 minutes away) and near Naval Station Rota (approximately 1 1/2 hours away). However, there are special requirements concerning rental vehicles entering Morón Air Base. Our Vehicle Registration and Spanish [Pass & ID representative](#) can provide the information.

It is very important to ensure your vehicle is in very good running condition prior to shipping. We do not have an automotive mechanic shop on base, nor an auto hobby shop. If you own a Ford with an automatic transmission, we recommend you get it inspected prior to arriving as the local off-base mechanics are not experienced in overhauling automatic transmissions. The better Ford dealership is in Seville (45 minutes away from base). It is often difficult and more expensive off-base to purchase parts for a vehicle with US specifications. Most

likely you will order your parts through Rota's AutoPort or online. There are local dealerships for GMC, Chryslers, Mazda and Nissan. Let your sponsor know what type and size of vehicle you are shipping to find out the available support in the local area. If you have a European specification vehicle, you will be able to get your vehicle serviced relatively easy, assuming you either speak Spanish or can find a translator. Once you have your part, off-base mechanics are very reasonable. In accordance with the SOFA, members may import only ONE tax free vehicle into Spain. You may not ship one vehicle and drive one vehicle into Spain as this is not permitted. You may buy a vehicle tax free (European specs) from a local dealer or at Rota (Pentagon Car Sales, Volvo, etc.). Additionally, if you did not ship a vehicle, you may purchase a vehicle from another military member, if available, after your arrival. Further questions about vehicle ownership and registration may be directed to our [Pass & ID representative](#).

Driving in Spain is interesting, to say the least. If you are coming from the States and have never been to Europe, the road signs and aggressive drivers offer a challenge, but you will soon get acclimated. You need a valid (not expired) state driver's license and overseas insurance. You can download the **Spanish Driver's License Study Material** from the [496 ABS AF Portal page](#). The test will be provided during your scheduled **Right Start** appointment. Dependents may take the test at the base library. Again, our [Pass & ID representative](#) can provide information on the requirements.

If you are a motorcycle rider, please keep in mind USAFE requires refresher training every 3 years. This training is not available at Morón AB, but can be accomplished at NS Rota. Also, helmets must meet certification requirements of ECE 22.05 for both the rider and the passenger. Additional guidance is available in [AFI 91-207 USAFESUP1](#). If you choose to ship a motorcycle, this will count as your one tax free vehicle import authorization mentioned above.

You may want to consider buying a vehicle in country if you don't have one small enough or of low value to bring with you. Consider that many towns have extremely narrow roads and off base it is common for individuals to park their vehicle very tightly and they may not care if they dent their vehicle or yours. Those factors, coupled with the difficulty of repairing many vehicles brought from the states, lead some people just to wait and purchase one when they get here. There are usually a few vehicles here at Morón for sale and NS Rota has a lemon lot as well as a base paper with ads for used car sales. Your sponsor may be able to help you decide which option is best for you. Avoid shipping oversized vehicles!

## **Housing**

If you are an E-3 or below, you will live on base in the dormitory where you will be assigned a room and share the shower/toilet and kitchen area with a suitemate. If you are on a 24-month accompanied tour, you have the option of living on or off base. Please visit the following websites to obtain more information about housing both on and off base. [www.housing.af.mil](http://www.housing.af.mil) and [www.homes.mil](http://www.homes.mil). If you are on a 15-month unaccompanied tour and you are an E-4 and above, you will live off base. Our [Base Housing representatives](#) will help you find suitable leases in the surrounding areas. It's very important to fill out your housing application, DD form 1746 and have your housing office forward it to our family housing representatives. The closest areas surrounding the base are: La Ramira, Morón de la Frontera and Utrera. La Ramira is a subdivision with chalets, reminiscent of a country environment, and

most homes have outdoor swimming pools. It has been reported that some homes in La Ramira have poor Internet connections and cell phone reception is poor depending on which provider you choose. Morón de la Frontera and Utrera are cities with European-style accommodation. Most rentals in these cities are townhouses with very little or no yards. Some rental units are duplexes and there are a few chalets. Most homes in these cities are within walking distance to shops and cafés. Parking could be an issue depending on the size of your vehicle.

If available, you might consider living on base. Homes have been renovated and are quite nice with ceramic tile floors, full size appliances, central heat and air, abundant lighting, decent sized kitchen and the 110 outlets that we use in the States. The housing area is small with just 20 houses and 2 playgrounds in the center. On-base living provides convenient access to all base facilities with or without a car as everything is within easy walking or biking distance. The base offers two, three and four-bedroom homes with a carport and patio. Further questions may be directed to the base housing representatives at 722-8156. While awaiting permanent housing you will be drawing a TLA (Temporary Living Allowance). Every 10 days you will be required to pay your hotel bill and take the receipt to the Housing Office for reimbursement. Be advised that your TLA may be stopped if you are not actively searching for housing.

### **Household Goods Shipment**

You are authorized your full JFTR allowance if you are serving an **accompanied** tour (E-1 and above or if you're an E-4 and above and will be residing off base). E-1 through E-3 serving on an **unaccompanied** tour and will be residing in the dorms are only **allowed 10% of full JFTR for HHG or 500 lbs.** for unaccompanied baggage. However, pay attention to the size and quantity of items you ship: the chalets and town houses are smaller than what is available in the United States, typically around 1200-1600 sq ft. For most off-base houses, cabinets are considered furniture and not usually part of the house structure. In the newer houses, you will find some cabinets but not many, so if you have a large knick-knacks collection it is recommend you place it in non-temporary storage through TMO. If you have very bulky or large furniture and don't need it, we recommend you also place it in non-temporary storage. Most of the houses have marble or tile floors, so you will want to bring carpets or large area rugs for the winter months. Although power off base is 220 volts, you may bring your 110-volt appliances as the furniture management office (FMO) provides two converters for the length of your tour and you can purchase more at NS Rota or online after you arrive. Some electrical devices/appliances with clocks will run slower than normal due to the electricity here being generated 50 cycles, not 60 cycles as in the U.S. The step-down power converters provided do not change the cycle rate. Do not bring large electrical appliances (e.g., washer, dryer, refrigerator) as they are provided by FMO. Storing these items would be difficult due to the limited space in typical Spanish homes. There are no temporary storage facilities available in Spain. Follow the link to review the [FMO brochure](#) for items that will be provided to you while you are awaiting your household goods. Additionally, European appliances are considerably smaller than their American counterparts. Larger American pans may not fit in the European ovens and most comforters/larger rugs will not fit into European washers/dryers.

## Pets

If you are bringing pets, contact your base veterinarian immediately to clarify requirements. Be aware that Spain has a list of "potentially dangerous dogs" which complicates (but does not preclude) bringing them here. The website <http://www.mapausa.org/Viaje/Animal/Nocomercial/danger.htm> has a brief explanation regarding types of dogs and requirements to have them off base. The on base houses do not have fences, but have a project to install them in the near future.

Be sure TMO knows what pets you intend to bring so they may book your flights accordingly. If PCSing in the summer, please note many commercial airlines will not take cargo area pets during these months. It's also been reported many times that flying the Spanish airlines with pets is extremely frustrating and expensive. Your TMO representative can explain what the Air Force reimburses and what is out of your pocket.

If you will not be immediately going into your permanent home, call lodging well in advance and try to reserve a pet friendly TLF room on base. If you don't get in, ask your sponsor to help you find another pet owner or local boarding kennel to temporarily care for your pets while you house hunt.

Veterinary care can be obtained in neighboring towns (easier if you speak Spanish) or through the clinic at NS Rota. Be sure to hand carry your pet's records with you and have a couple copies of the papers your vet gives you in case asked for them along the way. Suggest you bring 3 or more months worth of flea & tick medicine, heartworm prevention, etc., to get you through until you can find a vet that pleases you.

## Financial Support

We have very limited financial support at Morón. Our two finance specialists provide liaison support to you, but Ramstein's Finance Office executes your finance transactions. It is imperative to complete your travel voucher within **48-hours** of arrival so your pay entitlements are started. Additionally, our banking capability is provided by an off-base bank and support fluctuates depending on the Spanish schedules and holidays. Bring your ATM card and ***checkbook*** with you. Call your bank to ensure your ATM card will work in Spain and request an increase to the maximum amount allowed so you have a back-up plan to acquire cash (Euros) to pay your rent. It is recommended you arrive with at least a couple months' rent in Euros. Typical rent is between 600 – 800 Euros per month. Some individuals withdraw Euros from ATMs to pay rent and utilities. If your banking institution charges for ATM withdrawals, you may wish to contact them to request a waiver for ATM transactions. Further questions may be forwarded to [496 ABS/FM](#).

## Shopping

For your shopping pleasure, we have a small Navy Exchange (NEX) on base. We refer to it as the NEX Mart. The NEX Mart has a reasonable selection of items from food to linen given its limited space. Additionally, the NEX also offers a laundromat that will accommodate large items like comforters. You may wish to drive to the commissary and larger NEX at Rota once you arrive. The Rota NEX, [Navy Exchange](#), is similar to AAFES. The driving instructions to Rota are available once you arrive. Once acclimated, you will tend to shop for your fresh fruits, vegetables, bread, seafood, meat, etc., in the local markets like SUPERSOL, EROSKI, el JAMON, or MERCADONA.

The NEX at Rota has a sufficient clothing department, but the choices are limited. It will serve your basic needs, but isn't anything to get excited about. You might consider bringing extra clothing with you especially if you're particular about brands or styles. Also consider bringing clothing for your children to grow into if you can do so within your allowed shipment weight. There are a couple shopping malls and shopping districts nearby where you can find clothing and shoe stores but be prepared to learn the local sizing charts before getting the right fit. You can also find a variety of cheap clothing and shoes at the neighborhood markets.

For **uniforms**, we recommend you **acquire them prior to getting here**. The NEX has some ABU items and a few echelons and rank insignias. NEX at Rota has an alterations shop. Additionally, you may be able to find dependents that provide alteration services locally. Bring your blues with you, especially your Service Dress and Mess Dress as we have special events requiring these uniforms. Additionally, it is recommended you carry a uniform in your hand carried luggage. It is not uncommon for your checked luggage to get lost in transit.

## Schools

We have an elementary/middle school on base. Seville Elementary/Middle School offers services for children in grades K-8. Due to the small population at Morón AB, the school has four combined classrooms: K-1; 2-3; 4-5; 6-8. For enrollment information, go to [Seville Elementary / Middle School](#). Your high school children will either be bussed (3 - 4 hours round-trip per school day) to David G. Farragut High School at NS Rota ([DFG High School](#)), attend local Spanish Public Schools or enroll in Home School/Correspondence courses which are reimbursed up to \$5K/year. All options have pros and cons...you will have to weigh which suits your family's needs best. For more information, please contact the [School Liaison Officer](#) (SLO) at DSN 722-8044 or visit SLO's [AF Portal page](#).

## Medical Support



We have a medical aid station on base that provides limited support to military members only. The two Independent Duty Medical Technicians provide liaison support for the military member to facilitate appointments through the NS Rota Clinic or TRICARE International SOS

providers. To learn more about this system, click on [Tricare International SOS](#). As your family members in-process through the medical aid station, their information will be updated in the medical system. The NS Rota Clinic accepts family members on a space available basis. TRICARE International SOS is the primary option for medical support to family members. More information is available on the [TRICARE Global Remote Overseas Fact Sheet](#).

## **Services**

The base Fitness and Sports center is equipped with cardio and weight machines, saunas in the locker rooms, a racquetball court and a gym. Bowling, library, movies, summer outdoor pool, outdoor track, lounge/meeting room and a community center are available on base. The dining facility is open for all assigned to the US Forces to include DoD/MoD civilians, contractors and dependents. There is also a NAF contracted restaurant and snack bar at the Club. The club, library, and hotel offer wireless internet and have computers on site for email use by those in transit. The Lodging reservation desk is open 24 hours to assist incoming personnel. You may contact the [Services Director](#) for additional information.

## **Chapel Programs**

We also have a chapel that offers religious services as well as several ongoing classes for spiritual growth. In addition, they offer 100% confidential counseling, sponsor numerous programs for all members of the Matadors throughout the year such as, marriage enrichment retreats, family retreats, singles retreats, cultural engagement trips, and holiday programs. The Chapel is always looking for volunteers to support and enhance its services. Please contact the [Chapel](#) for additional information.

### **Catholic Mass**

1130 –Friday—Base Chapel

1700 – Saturday—Base Chapel

### **Protestant Services**

1100 – Sunday—Base Chapel

**Worship Opportunities vetted by the Base Chapel**

LDS Service

1030 – Sunday (located in Dos Hermanas) Contact chapel for more information.

For other faith groups, contact the chapel for support/accomodations.

### **Deployments**

Although we are an FOB and support transient forces conducting contingency operations, our funded manpower positions are postured in the AEF buckets. You may deploy while you are assigned to Morón; therefore, you are required to have all of your mobility training current. Your chemical warfare, explosive ordinance recognition and weapons qualification training must be current one month prior to your RNLTD. We simply do not have the capability to provide the training on station. Questions can be forwarded to the [Unit Deployment Manager](#). If you are assigned to a geographically separated unit or FOB with expired training, you need to coordinate through your supervisor to your HQ Functional Manager to coordinate training enroute to this new duty station.

### **General Information**

Remember to bring all your training records/documentation with you to include your ancillary and upgrade training records. Questions can be forwarded to the [Unit Training Manager](#). Additionally, ensure your PT test is current.

We've seen a trend where folks arrive without up-to-date EPRs, OPRs and decorations. We do not have an MPF on station. Our support is provided by Ramstein's MPF. It is incumbent upon you to take an active role in ensuring your records are current. Please hand carry your PCS records package and do not place it in your checked baggage. It is not uncommon for your checked luggage to get lost in transit.

Your dependents will receive no fee passports to use for official travel to Morón AB. We recommend you apply for a tourist passport for yourself and your dependents if you plan on traveling within Spain and other countries in Europe. It takes 2 – 4 months to receive your passports if you apply for them from here through the CSS or Madrid Embassy. Before your arrival you may apply at your nearest post office or court house, but apply early as processing times may be lengthy.

Don't forget to pick-up some change of address cards prior to your departure from your last duty station. The following information will help you.

- Provide a copy of your orders to your sponsor. Your sponsor will obtain your PSC box for you. Your personal address will be PSC 62 Box **XXXX**  
APO AE 09643
- Your official assigned address: 496 ABS/XX  
Unit 6585  
APO AE 09643-6585



- Your official phone number: DSN 314-722-XXXX  
Commercial: +34 95 584 XXXX
- Morón AB Operator: DSN 722-8111/Commercial +34 95 584 8111

Once you have orders and your SATO reservation, you may contact your sponsor for airport pick-up. To make hotel arrangements, contact the [Hotel Frontera](#) for your reservations.

Again, welcome to Morón Air Base. Please contact your sponsor with additional questions. Have a safe trip to Spain.