

Living in the USA: a real story from a recent expat

Moving to the USA can be difficult, time-consuming and expensive, but Barry Le Roux has made the US his home. Here's how.

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"The question of how easy a move to the States would be, ran through my mind in early 2015 when our Board of Directors nominated me to head up our US startup in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. I had heard many stories about how difficult (nearly impossible) it was to get a working visa for the US, but I knew I had to give it my best attempt.

My name is Barry Le Roux. I am the Managing Director of MTech SA (Pty) Ltd. and now also the Director of Business Development for MTech USA Inc. I am 38-years-old and married with two young children. We led a very luxurious life in South Africa but we felt it was time for our family to move abroad to improve our sons' standard of living in the future.

We knew this would be a huge transition for us: we were planning a move to a country where we had no friends or family. My research was, therefore, extensive. I looked up statistics on the best states for young families, the best schools, places with the lowest crime rate, the lowest tax areas – everything that I needed to know that would make the move successful and as stress-free as possible for my family. After much research and deliberation, we decided that St. Johns County was the best option for our family.

I chatted with a friend I had grown up with in South Africa who had been living in the US for 15 years and he told me about a South African immigration attorney named Grant Kaplan who had helped countless South African families and businessmen to relocate to the US.

I was immediately impressed with the service I received and was made to feel comfortable and confident after speaking to Suzi Burin, Grant Kaplan's executive assistant. Suzi showed immense empathy and was able to relate to my situation and give me reassurance that the decision I was making was the right one. And it was. We have successfully and very happily transitioned to the US, and although it was never an easy process saying goodbye to family and friends, we feel as though we have made the best decision for our family."

Grant Kaplan is an Immigration lawyer based in Florida who has helped thousands of families and business people make the move into the States. The Law Offices of Grant Kaplan provide a full immigration service for all visa categories. Tel +1 561 347 8440 or email grant@gkaplanlaw.com

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