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50Gentle, No-Pressure Habits For Expats And Immigrants

These are not to-do list items.

They're invitations. Pick one when you're ready or make up your own.



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DAY	TASK	DONE
01	Start your day with sunlight on your face	
02	Create a soft morning routine	
03	Journal one page each morning	
04	Visit a local market	
05	Light a candle in the evening	
06	Walk the same neighborhood route each day	
07	Learn five new words in the local language	
08	Cook something from your home country	
09	Make a playlist that feels like comfort	
10	Smile at the bakery staff	
11	Eat your meals away from your screens	
12	Water your plants with care	
13	Send a voice note to someone you love	
14	Carry a book everywhere	
15	Create a cozy corner in your home	
16	Explore one new street each week	
17	Sit in a public square and people-watch	
18	Practice saying "hello" in the local language	
19	Write down one beautiful thing you noticed today	
20	Try a new pastry or treat once a week	



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21	Collect something small — like postcards or stamps	
22	Take photos just for yourself	
23	Create a little evening ritual (tea, music, silence)	
24	Go one full day without rushing	
25	Stretch in the morning before you do anything else	
26	Visit a park or green space weekly	
27	Keep a "tiny joys" list	
28	Write letters you never send	
29	Sit outside with no phone for 10 minutes	
30	Find a café where you feel safe and cozy	
31	Go to a local museum or exhibit	
32	Rearrange your space to feel more like you	
33	Start a low-pressure photo project	
34	Follow local creators or artists online	
35	Bake something simple	
36	Practice grounding breathwork	
37	Learn to say "thank you" beautifully	
38	Buy fresh flowers when you can	
39	Let yourself nap without guilt	
40	Join a local class or workshop — just once	
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Write in your own unique ideas in the blank spaces below..

DAY	TASK	DONE
41	Notice the smells and sounds around you	
42	Watch the sunset at least once a week	
43	Write out a list of things you've already survived	
44	Keep a notebook of useful local tips	
45	Make eye contact and say good morning	
46	Practice gentle movement: yoga, stretching, dancing alone	
47	Light incense or essential oils	
48	Take yourself on a slow solo date	
49	Create a ritual for homesick days	
50	Celebrate small wins (even getting groceries counts)	
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