



SPANISH CULTURE

- Population: 48 million people live in Spain (2019)
- Capital: Madrid, with 3.3 million inhabitants, is Spain's biggest city.
- Religion: mainly Christians (Roman Catholics 94%)
- Government: Parliamentary Monarchy

CURRENCY



The currency used in Spain is the Euro (€) which makes it easier for many people who live in Europe to go to Spain because they do not have to exchange their money. However, before this, the currency was the Spanish peseta which was only used in Spain and Andorra. This meant that if you wanted to visit Spain you would have to go to the bank and change your money for the Spanish currency.

SPANISH FLAG



The Spanish flag or the "Bandera de España" is also nicknamed "La Rojigualda" in Spanish, which means "red and yellow". The flag was designed by a man called Antonio Valdés and is made up of three horizontal bands of colour.

WHERE IS SPAIN?



Spain lies in Southern Europe, a flight to Madrid take roughly 2.5 hours from London/England, 7 hours from New York/USA. Spain borders the countries Portugal, Andorra, France, Gibraltar. Spain is separated from Africa by the Straits of Gibraltar.

SPANISH FACTS

- The Spanish people have their own royal family, who lives in the royal place, the 'Zaruela Palace', outside of Madrid.
- Many Spanish people are soccer fans. The top soccer clubs are: Real Madrid and Barça (FC Barcelona).
- Spain is known for its flamenco dance. In Andalusia, in many towns and villages people dance the flamenco for special festivities.
- The Spanish are also known for their great festivals, such as the 'Tomatina' and the 'Running of the Bulls'. The 'Tomatina' festival in the small town of Buñol, to the west of Valencia, is the world's biggest food fight, as the people throw tomatoes at each other. The festival takes place every year in August, but the event only takes one hour, as the people throw tomatoes at each other.

SPANISH LANGUAGE

Spanish is the world's second-most spoken native language. Spanish is spoken in Spain and in various South American countries, among them Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela. Which language is spoken in Spain? Castilian Spanish is spoken in all 17 regions, but other languages and dialects are spoken in various regions of the country. Castilian Spanish is recognised as 'typical' Spanish and is spoken across the country of Spain.



SPANISH WORDS

Here are some useful Spanish words:

- Buenos días: Good day
- ¡Hola! Hello
- ¿Qué tal? How are you?
- adiós: bye bye
- gracias: thank you
- Te quiero: I love you

SPANISH FOOD



The Spanish main dishes contain potatoes, rice, fish, meat, beans, chickpeas and fruit. Two typical dishes are: Paella, a rice dish with seafood or meat such as rabbit, chicken and snails, popular especially in Valencia and chocolate con Churros, hot and very thick chocolate drink with sweet fried pastry. A popular weekend breakfast in Madrid.

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

What is the currency used in Spain?

What colours are used in the Spanish flag?

What foods are typically found in Spanish dishes?

How might you say 'good day' in Spain?

How many regions speak Castilian Spanish?

What type of dancing is Spain famous for?

What are the borders of Spain?

Where is Spain?