



SPAIN

Capital: Madrid

Language: Spanish

Population: 47 million

Time Zone: EST plus 6 hours

Currency: Euro (€ or EUR)

Electricity: 220V. 50Hz

Fun Facts



- Spain was among the most powerful empires in the world during the 16th century.
- Soccer is the most popular spectator sport in Spain.
- The locals of Spain have lunch at 2:00 pm and dinner around 9:00 to 10:00 pm.
- Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain to find the New World.

Spain...a country with breathtaking landscapes, picturesque villages and towns, hilltop castles, Moorish palaces, and historic cities. Typical Spanish scenery includes mountains, vast plains, vineyards, and groves of citrus, almond, and olive trees. With a territory of 195,000 square miles, Spain is only slightly smaller than its northern neighbor, France, but has almost 20 million less inhabitants. Architecture from throughout the centuries is represented—from Gehry’s futuristic Guggenheim Museum in the north to the dramatic Moorish Alhambra palace (a carefully preserved heritage from the Phoenicians, Romans, and Moors) in the south.

The wealth of Spanish culture conjures up Cervantes’ 16th-century book *Don Quixote* and the internationally renowned operatic voices of Plácido Domingo, José Carreras, and Montserrat Caballé— not to mention the Iglesias family. Famous artists Velasquez, Goya, Picasso, and Dalí all hailed from Spain, and their works can be admired in the country’s magnificent museums. But the real essence of Spain is captured in the unique and passionate combination of voice and dance that is Flamenco, an experience not to be missed.

Spain has an international and varied cuisine; thanks to the long coastline, there is plentiful fresh fish and seafood, and dining venues range from the most sophisticated to the rustic bodega. *Paella* is its most famous dish, and excellent wines are produced throughout the country.

VISAS AND PASSPORTS



Visas to Spain are not required for U.S. citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, please check with your local consulate about requirements for travel to Spain. All passengers traveling internationally are required to have a passport. Please carry proper identification (your passport) on you and do not leave it in your suitcase or hotel room.

European law requires you to carry your passport with you at all times.

COUNTRY CODES



The country code for Spain is 34. When calling to Spain from overseas, dial your international access code (011 from the U.S./Canada) followed by the country code, area code, and phone number. Phone numbers in Spain are nine digits in length. Dialing from the U.S./Canada: 011 34#### #####.



CURRENCY

The official currency of Spain is the Euro.

Bank hours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Some banks may also open Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Euro *coins* differ according to country, but they can be used in any EU state. *Bank notes* are of uniform EU design (depicting European architectural styles throughout seven ages, from Classical to Modern times).

1 EURO (€) = 100 Cents (c)

- Banknote denominations: €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200, €500
- Coin denominations: 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, €1, €2

For the most current exchange rates, please go to our Web site at www.globusfamily.com/currency.

Credit cards are accepted in Spain, and you should have no problems using them in larger shops and restaurants. Visa and MasterCard are most accepted. Smaller shops may ask you to pay in cash or have a minimum amount required to use a credit card.



BUDGETING AND SHOPPING

The following budget guidelines are just approximate values or starting values for meals and are per person. Actual prices will vary widely by restaurant and city within a country but below are some averages as provided by our experienced personnel.

The approximate cost of a soft drink/mineral water/coffee is €2.50.

An average lunch consisting of a salad or sandwich and a soda or water starts at approximately €12.

A steak dinner at a mid-range restaurant with dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage starts at approximately €25-30.



TIPPING

For restaurant services where the service charge is already included, round up the bill by a few Euro (5% of the bill). Otherwise, 10-15% is a reasonable amount. Be aware that IVA (VAT) included on the check/bill is not a tip.

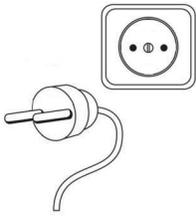
- For taxis, round up the fare to the nearest whole Euro. Taxi drivers charge extra per suitcase/bag.
- Restroom attendants expect a small gratuity. Therefore we recommend carrying small denomination coins with you.
- Tip hotel staff €1 for room service.



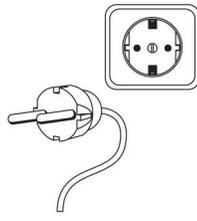
ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Voltage for outlets is 220V. North American voltage is generally 110V. Therefore, a converter may be necessary for your travels. Adapters will be necessary to adapt your plug into the outlet but may not convert the voltage, so both devices are necessary.

Spain uses a round, 2-prong plug that looks like:



Type C



Type F



TEMPERATURES

Spain's coastal regions experience hot, dry summers and mild, rainy winters. If you go inland or northward, however, expect some cooler temperatures. As you travel in this region, be sure to pack a comfortable raincoat in your tote and bring a light jacket in spring and autumn. Winter weather requires lots of layers and a heavier coat.

To help you plan, below are average low and high temperatures for Spain.

Month	Madrid	Barcelona	Cordoba	Seville
January	32/51°F	40/55°F	39/59°F	42/61°F
February	35/54°F	41/57°F	41/61°F	44/63°F
March	38/60°F	44/60°F	45/68°F	46/69°F
April	42/63°F	47/62°F	48/72°F	50/71°F
May	48/71°F	53/68°F	54/79°F	55/79°F
June	56/82°F	60/75°F	61/90°F	62/87°F
July	61/90°F	66/81°F	64/97°F	66/95°F
August	61/90°F	67/82°F	66/97°F	67/95°F
September	55/82°F	62/78°F	63/91°F	64/90°F
October	47/68°F	54/70°F	54/77°F	56/78°F
November	39/58°F	46/62°F	46/66°F	49/69°F
December	35/52°F	42/57°F	43/59°F	44/62°F

To convert to Celsius, subtract 32, then multiply by 5 and then divide by 9.



FOOD SPECIALTIES

Fresh fish and seafood, *Paella*, *Gazpacho* (cold soup of blended tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, garlic),

Empanadas (meat or fish turnovers), *Tortilla* (potato omelette), *Jamón Serrano* (cured ham), sheep's milk cheese, bean/lentil/ chickpea stews, locally grown olives, *Albóndigas* (meatballs in sauce), *Crema Catalana* (caramel custard dessert), fine wines, and sherry.

Opening times for restaurants: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm and from 8:30/9:00 pm to midnight or later (a few restaurants open at 8:00 pm).



A FEW WORDS OF THE LOCAL LANGUAGE

Spanish:
CONVERSATION

¡Hola! Hi!, ¡Buenos Dias! Good morning!, ¡Buenas Noches! Good evening!, **Me llamo** _____. My name is _____., ¿Cómo se llama usted? What is your name?, **Mucho gusto.** Pleased to meet you., ¿Cómo

está usted? How are you?, **Bien, gracias.** ¿Y usted? Fine, thanks. And you?, **Mas o menos** So-so, **¡Hasta luego!** See you later!, **Adiós.** Good-bye., **Por favor.** Please., **Vivo en _____** I live in _____, **(Muchas) gracias. (Muy amable.)** (Many) thanks. (Very kind.), **De nada.** You're welcome., **Lo siento.** I'm sorry., **¿Me permite?** May I?, **Disculpe.** Excuse me. (To get someone's attention.), **Con permiso.** Excuse me. (For leaving or passing through.), **Perdón.** Excuse me. (For sneezing, arriving late, etc.), **¡Salud!** Gesundheit! (When someone sneezes.) Cheers! (For toasting with drinks.), **¿Me pasa _____ por favor?** Could you please pass me _____?, **Sí.** Yes., **No.** No., **Gracias** Thank you, **No entiendo!** don't understand, **No hablo español** I don't speak Spanish, **¿Habla inglés?** Do you speak English?, **¿Dónde está el baño?** Where is the bathroom?, **Está cerca?** Is it near?, **Está lejos?** Is it far?, **Siga recto.** Go straight ahead., **Gire a la derecha.** Turn right., **Gire a la izquierda.** Turn left., **Nescito esto.** I would like this., **Una mesa para dos, por favor.** A table for two, please., **La carta, por favor.** The menu, please., **La lista de vinos, por favor.** The wine list, please., **primer plato** appetizers, **plato principal** main course, **postre** dessert, **Quisiera algo para beber.** I would like something to drink., **Un vaso de agua, por favor.** A glass of water, please., **Una Cerveza.** Beer, **Una Copa de vino tinto/blanco** Glass of red/white wine, **La cuenta, por favor.** The check, please., **Incluye la propina?** Is the tip included?, **Desayuno** Breakfast., **Comida** lunch, **Cena** dinner, **¡Buen provecho!** Enjoy the meal!, **¡Salud!** To your health!, **Está riquísima!** It's delicious!, **Plato.** plate, **Tenedor.** fork, **Cuchillo.** knife, **Cuchara.** spoon, **Servilleta.** napkin, **Hielo.** ice, **Sal.** salt, **Pimiento.** pepper, **Azúcar.** sugar, **Sopa.** soup, **Ensalada.** salad, **Pan.** bread, **Mantequilla.** butter, **Pollo.** Chicken, **Carne.** Beef, **Cerdo.** Pork, **Quisiera la carne poco cocida.** I like my steak rare., **Quisiera la carne a medio cocer.** I like my steak medium., **Quisiera la carne bien cocida.** I like my steak well done.

NUMBERS

Cero. Zero, **Uno. 1, Dos. 2, Tres. 3, Cuatro. 4, Cinco. 5, Seis. 6, Siete. 7, Ocho. 8, Nueve. 9, Diez. 10, Once. 11, Doce. 12, Trece 13, Catorce 14, Quince 15, Dieciseis 16, Diecisiete. 17, Dieciocho. 18, Diecinueve. 19, Veinte. 20, Cien. 100, Mil. 1000.**

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