

Spain



Physical and Human Features

Spain is a country in Europe consisting of a large landmass on the Iberian peninsula as well as islands including the Balearic and Canary Islands. The Mediterranean Sea lies on its east coast and the Atlantic Ocean on its north, west and south coasts. Important architectural sites can be found throughout Spain including the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, the Alhambra in Granada and the Plaza de España found in Seville.



Food

A Mediterranean diet is popular in Spain and consists of fresh fruits and vegetables, a variety of seafood, cured hams and meat. There are many traditional and varied Spanish dishes from different areas of the country, all influenced by the local environment and surroundings. Some of these include paella, seafood, chorizo, pan con tomate and churros.

Other Information

An important part of Spanish culture is flamenco dancing. It started in the Andalusia region of Spain but it is now popular all over the world. Flamenco dancing is famous for its heel stamps, hand claps, castanets and guitars.



Wildlife and Vegetation

From the Pyrenees mountains in the north to the Strait of Gibraltar in the south, a host of different wildlife and vegetation can be found in the country. Fertile plains and water trapped by mountain ranges in the north-west of the country allow beech and oak trees to grow there. Animals such as the wolf, lynx and wild boar can be found and the country also acts as a resting spot between parts of Europe and Africa for migratory birds.



Quick Facts

Capital City: Madrid

Land Borders: Portugal, France and Andorra

Population: over 47.5 million (2023)

Official Language: Castilian Spanish

Climate: Temperate

