

Spain

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Spain due to terrorism and civil unrest.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[34] (91) 587-2200; US Embassy in Madrid, Calle de Serrano, 75, 28006 Madrid, Spain; askACS@state.gov;

<https://es.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

34

Local Emergency Phone

112

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Temperate; clear, hot summers in interior, more moderate and cloudy along coast; cloudy, cold winters in interior, partly cloudy and cool along coast

Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



Type C



Type F

Major Languages

Castilian Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, atheist, agnostic, other, non-believer

Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October; note: Spain has 2 time zones, including the Canary Islands (UTC 0)

Potable Water

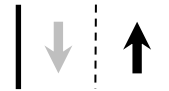
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International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Alhambra & Generalife Gardens; Barcelona's Sagrada Familia & Gaudi Sites; Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba; Prado & Paseo del Artes; San Lorenzo de El Escorial; Guggenheim Museum Bilbao; Alcazar of Seville; Royal Palace in Madrid; Coa Valley & Siega Verde; Cave of Altamira; Routes of Santiago de Compostela; Valley of the Fallen

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, tennis, cycling, golf, handball

Cultural Practices

Light breakfast starts between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., with pastries selling out around 10 a.m. You can indulge in *la hora del vermut* for a sip of sweet Spanish vermouth at around 12:30 p.m. and then lunch around 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dinner tapas are typically enjoyed around 9pm; sit-down full meal often starts at 10 p.m.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is determined by the time and place you are dining. Leaving 1 euro per person is fine for a daytime meal, but leave 10% for an evening meal. Tip room service 1-2 euro and leave 2-3 euros for hotel housekeeping at the end of your stay.

Souvenirs

Espadrille shoes, Cava sparkling wine, liquor, leather goods, Caganer figurines, mortar and pestle sets, Gaudi-inspired decorated items

Traditional Cuisine

Paella — a one-pot dish consisting of saffron-flavored rice simmered in a broth of garlic, tomatoes, freshly cooked vegetables, and meat and/or seafood

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